



# Open Call - Board of Directors

**Opportunity: Board of Directors (2 positions)**

**Position Type: Volunteer**

**Posted: November 20, 2024**

## **ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW**

Scarborough Food Security Initiative (Feed Scarborough) is a community driven and led charity in South Scarborough focused on Food Insecurity and Poverty in the region. Born out of the 2020 pandemic, Feed Scarborough has three levels of approach to Food Insecurity. The “Urgent Need approach (We run 4 Food Banks, Mobile Soup Kitchens and Covid Vaccine awareness Programmes), The “Long Term Sustainable” approach (We run business incubation programme for our clients, Culinary and Hospitality training programme for Youth, Community Gardens and training on growing sustainable food), The “Systemic” approach (We realize that we can never solve the food insecurity problem without significant policy change. Food is a Human Right in Canada, and we need our governments to uphold the commitment that Canada made over 50 years ago. Currently we serve over 7500 community members every week through our programmes.

## **POSITION OVERVIEW**

The Board of Directors provides strategic leadership, establishes policy, and oversees the governance and financial performance of Scarborough Food Security Initiative. In addition to regular business, in the coming year our board will help tackle exciting initiatives such as:

- Collaborating and setting the ongoing Strategic Guiding Principles and priorities
- Participating in public community consultations as part of the Strategic Planning process
- Long-term planning and visioning beyond 2025

## **ROLE DESCRIPTION AND COMMITMENT**

Play a key role in shaping the future of Scarborough Food Security Initiative. It is an exciting time at Scarborough Food Security Initiative as the organization continues to grow, evolve and service the growing population of the region. As a member of the Board of Directors, your experience, professional expertise, and passion will allow Scarborough Food Security Initiative to reach the next level.

The required commitment for the Director positions are as follows:

- The ability to serve for a minimum of two (2) years
- Attend regular board meetings via video conference
- Serve on the Board and one or more of its sub-committees
- Act as an Ambassador for Scarborough Food Security Initiative as you represent and advocate for community.
- Contribute to the financial and fiscal health of the organization



The Nomination Committee is particularly interested in candidates with experience or expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Law (Charity and not-for-profit)
- Fundraising Development
- Sponsorship
- Governance
- Finance and Accounting
- New Comer Settlement Experience

**Areas of Representation Needed:**

- Diverse, intercultural representations from across Canada
- Seasoned Experts / Professionals
- Youth (experiential role)

**Qualifications**

- A strong commitment to Scarborough Food Security Initiative's Mission, Vision, and Values
- A demonstrated passion for food security and the root causes.
- Excellent communication and collaboration skills
- Previous not-for-profit board experience is an asset
- Ability to devote the time necessary to perform the responsibilities of a Board member

**To Apply**

- To be formally considered for our Board of Directors, please submit your application by: December 06, 2024
- Please submit an application letter / expression of interest and your résumé/CV via email to board (at) FeedsScarborough (dot) com\*\* with the subject "Call for Nominations".
- In the application letter please include your intentions for becoming a member of the Board of Directors of Scarborough Food Security Initiative including your hopes and vision of the direction of Scarborough Food Security Initiative
- Applications will be reviewed by the Nominations Committee. Interviews will be scheduled in the third week of December.
- Successful candidates will be invited to stand for nomination by the membership at the Annual General Meeting in Summer 2025. However applicants will be invited to join the board as active participants as early as January 2025.

We thank all applicants in advance, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

For more information about the role and the nomination process, please contact Clifford Gomes, Chair of the Board, at board (at) feedsScarborough (dot) com.

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