



FRASER VALLEY
CONSERVANCY

Volunteer Opportunity: Board Member

We are currently seeking volunteer board members to be nominated at our upcoming Annual General Meeting on May 27th, 2026. Our board of directors is critical in supporting our organization's strategic mission and goals.

Experience in governance, fundraising, finance, legal and real estate is beneficial.

Please read on for more details and how to apply at the end.

About the Fraser Valley Conservancy:

We are the Fraser Valley's only local land trust. Our vision is to protect and enhance nature for future generations.

We focus on environmental conservation and community education, working together with communities to protect and steward our shared land.

Our work impacts people, places, and species across the Fraser Valley.

Together with our supporters, volunteers, and partners, we are creating results:

- 6 properties protected forever
- 4000+ trees and shrubs planted in 2023
- 15 species at risk recovering in our programs
- 80+ nature stewards protecting habitat on their properties

We conserve areas with important ecological values by supporting communities and landowners through our stewardship programs.

We have strong ties to the City of Abbotsford and the Abbotsford Community Foundation who helped form our organization in 1998. We build on our relationships with the City of Chilliwack, the City of Mission, the Fraser Valley Regional District, and other like-minded Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations.

We are deeply committed to meaningful relationships with First Nations in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

[Learn more about our Guiding Principles here.](#)





The job:

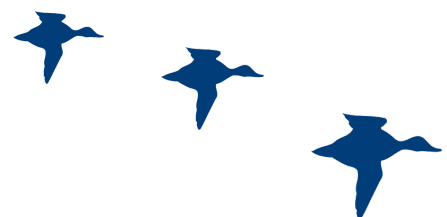
- We are looking for professionals, from any background, to contribute their knowledge, expertise, and networking skills as volunteer board members.
- Help us fulfill our vision of being a leader in conservation through partnerships, education, and action.
- Guide the strategic aspects of our mission to protect and enhance nature in the Fraser Valley for future generations.
- Ensure our organization is running in an effective and financially sound manner.
- Participate in decisions on acquiring land.
- Represent the FVC at public events and support our fundraising initiatives.

Why it's helpful:

- Your perspective and experience will bring unique ideas and connections to the organization.
- You will be helping to protect the biodiversity of the Fraser Valley by contributing to our strategic planning process.
- You will help ensure our organization is successful and sustainable.

Benefits:

- Be part of an experienced, dynamic, innovative, and fun team dedicated to making a difference in our world.
- Learn about the process behind our work and plans for the future.
- Your ideas for protecting our valley will be heard and considered.





Responsibilities:

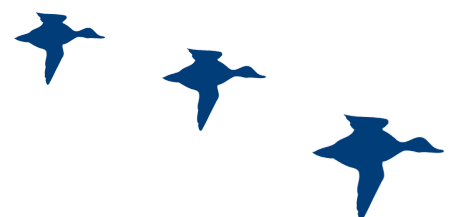
- Attend monthly board meetings for a two-year term
- Review previous meeting minutes, draft agenda, and circulated reading material, prior to the meeting
- Participate in meeting discussion - we follow a simplified version of Robert's Rules of Order and encourage open discussion and questions from all members in a casual environment. If the content of the meeting warrants, a more formal meeting protocol is implemented.
- Follow-up on assigned action items before the next meeting.
- Correspond with board members outside of meetings via email and MSTeams.
- Optional participation in one of the committees (Fundraising, Finance, Habitat Protection, Human Resources)

Requirements:

- Strong ties to the community and/or professional networks and a passion for promoting the work we do.
- No previous board experience is required.
- You must be a current member of the FVC to sit on the board.
- You will be required to sign our volunteer agreement and support our values when representing the FVC.
- We currently have several biologist board members, therefore preference will be given to candidates from other professions.

Training:

- You will receive a board orientation, including a guidance document and our bylaws, which outline background information, board member roles, and responsibilities.
- You will be connected to and trained in our internal communication network.
- You will be mentored and supported by experienced board members.





Location:

- Meetings are mostly currently conducted online.
- Occasional in-person meetings usually take place in Abbotsford.

Commitment/Length/Timing:

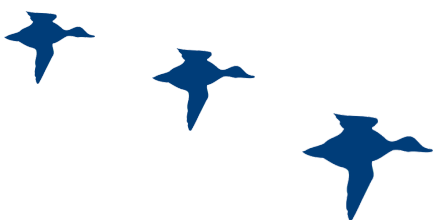
- The board meets monthly, usually on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening.
- The meetings are two hours in length with some pre-reading required.
- The general expectation is to contribute a minimum of 4 hours of time per month.
- You will be asked to participate in events that support our work and/or fundraising at least twice per year.
- New board members are nominated at our Annual General Meeting and voted in by our membership. If there is a vacancy mid-term, a new board member may be appointed by the existing board members.

How to Apply:

If you are passionate about conservation and you have skills that you want to share, we invite you to apply to join our Board of Directors.

Please write us an e-mail outlining why you would like to be considered for a board position and highlight the skills you can bring to our team.

E-mail your submission and questions to: board@fraservalleyconservancy.ca



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