

Kimberly Train

QUESTIONS: Please provide a brief bio telling us about your connection to Kahshe Lake and any experiences you have had that will help you be an effective director.

In 2020 we purchased our water access cottage on Kahshe Lake after falling in love with the Lake earlier that summer by renting on it for the first time. Each year, as soon as the ice breaks, we spend every weekend on Kahshe, and move in for the summer months. Time on Kahshe is spent entertaining family and friends, DIY tinkering on cottage upkeep and (fortunately) being able to work remote. We love the beauty of the lake, it's comfortable down to earth vibe, and have been so impressed with the community, the fun events and level of communication since joining the KLRA. We voted in the most recent municipal election (after researching the candidates to see what each stood for) and participated in the garbage and safe water survey to have a voice in issues that effect our lake.

Over the last the last fifteen years, I've been volunteering at the Committee Leadership level in Toronto CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women), an organization whose mission is to empower women to excel, influence and lead in the commercial real estate sector. I'm proud to have spent seven of those years as a Board Member, most recently as the President.

I'm just finishing my Presidential three-year term with Toronto CREW and would like to become more involved at the Lake. At Toronto CREW I've been hands on involved in budgeting, fundraising, event programming and helping set its strategic direction. I have a background in project management, procurement and number crunching.

Are you a voting member or a non-voting Friends of Kahshe Lake member in good standing of the Kahshe Lake Ratepayers Association?

I am a voting member and am in good standing with the KLRA.

Please tell us why do you want to be elected as a director of the KLRA?

Being a relatively new owner of a water access cottage, we share in a unique sub-set of challenges that other similar property owners have. Water access is just different than traditional road access. I believe that joining the KLRA will allow me to be a part of the community and have a voice at the table with issues that effect our lake at large, and to speak up for others with water access. I think the best way to insert yourself in the conversation is to volunteer and to get involved.

Please share with us your skills or areas of expertise that you feel benefit the KLRA.

My job requires me to facilitate steering committees, manage budgets, lead teams, collaborate with vendors and site teams, project manage bids for services, and negotiate contracts to improve service quality. I have leveraged these skills in the past for the other board positions I have held resulting in committee outcomes that have experienced growth of organizational membership, improved programming engagement in event attendance and met fundraising targets. As part of the Board and Governance Committee I reviewed and signed off on annual financial statements for the organization and debated governance issues.