

Adam Stuart – Chair

Adam Stuart has 11 years experience and is the Director of Automotive at Canadian Tire. During his time with the company, he has led Kanata to become the #1 volume AutoService centre within Canada for 2015, 2016. Adam holds a B.A.Sc in Chemical Engineering from the University of Ottawa. He is a Member of the Ontario Drive Clean Focus Group Board and a previous member of the Ontario Apprenticeship Board. He is also involved with the Beckwith Township Council fundraising committee.

Sean O’Leary – Vice Chair

Sean O’Leary is a small business operator and owner of a luxury furniture store called MYHome Furniture which is located in the Kanata Signature Centre. For Fifteen years Sean has been successfully managing the furniture store and looking after all of the financial details for the store. Prior to opening MYHome Furniture *Sean* and his wife Tamara owned and operated Home Reflections in the Kanata Centrum beginning in 2008. Sean had an early interest in both Sales and Management and was one of the youngest Sales Managers ever in the Surgenor Group of Companies. Sean also attended Algonquin College in Ottawa where he studied Accounting and went on to graduate From ITI where he studied computer science and intelligent management.

Sean is also a dedicated father of three children Paige, Grace and Ronan and has been married for 16 Years. In his spare time Sean runs and manages his son’s AAA spring hockey team known as the Ottawa Little Sens.

Recently Sean has taken an active stance in supporting the parents of children with substance abuse problems. Inspired by his own family’s recent struggles Sean has founded a parent group called We the Parents. Countless people have come to Sean for guidance and advice on this timely topic. City Councillors, The Mayor of Ottawa and local provincial and federal politicians have all met with Sean and they are working closely together to try and solve this crisis which has invaded our community and is affecting many of our children and their families.

Neil Hight – Secretary

Neil Hight is the General Manager of Fat Tuesday’s/Velvet Room and is a teacher at Algonquin College. He has worked in restaurants for over 20 years across Ontario. Although Neil has never sat on a board, he has been involved with BIA’s in Barrhaven, Kingston, Ottawa (Promenade, Market, Glebe). His experience in education (over 6 years) also keeps him involved in community efforts.

Neil grew up in Kanata and with the exception of three years spent working out of town has been in the city his entire life. When not working over the years, he has raised money for the United Way, Ottawa Hospital Foundation, Special Olympics and many other charities. He is a firm believer that giving back to the community is critical as we would not have business without a healthy community surrounding us.

Faye Potter – Treasurer

Faye Potter is the Branch Manager of RBC in Kanata. She has 18 years with the company. In addition, Faye owns and operates a dairy farm in City of Ottawa. She is also a Director on the Carp agricultural society – home of the best little fair in Canada.

Kirk Sauriol – Board Member

Kirk Sauriol has been serving in business since 1997. He has worked at Nortel Networks, Athletes World, Future Shop and Staples. He has been with the Staples family for about 17 years now and has had the luxury of working in almost every Staples store in Ottawa and the outlying region. That said, he considers the Staples Kanata to be his home store now.

Staples is passionate about partnering in business with the community and in helping businesses succeed by making more happen. Kirk is passionate about helping in the community.

Kirk has 2 boys aged 9 and 11 (Gavin and Isaac). He tries to spend as much time outdoors as possible, camping, fishing and playing sports. He also coaches football with their touch league as well as with Football Prospect Canada.

Paul Lynds – Board Member

Paul Lynds started at the Brick in Vancouver in 1995 and transferred to Ottawa in 2005. He is married to Marla Wax and they have two sons Parker and Hayden, both actively involved in sports football and basketball. Paul has been the recipient of 'store of the year' as well as many other achievements from the Brick.

David Brown – Board Member

David Brown has been the owner and operator of Mucho Burrito in Kanata Centrum for 6 six years. Mucho Burrito is a Quick Service Restaurant that serves fresh Mexican food. The store has maintained the number one ranking of all the Mucho Burrito franchises in the country. David was nominated to be the Regional Representative for the Ottawa franchisees and currently sits as the Representative on the committee. David is passionate about supporting the community through various sponsorships. Through the restaurant, he also supports job placement programs for individuals with special needs. David has worked and lived in the community for 16 years and knows the community well.

David is married to Krista Brown who works side by side with David. They have 2 children; Easton 8 years of age and Sinley 5 years of age. David is an engaged dad who enjoys coaching soft ball.