

Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton (SACE) **Application to the Board of Directors**

The Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton (SACE) is seeking individuals interested in serving as volunteer members of the SACE Board of Directors, to help fulfill the goals of our mission and core beliefs. Equity, diversity, and inclusion are values of SACE. SACE welcomes applications from qualified individuals from all backgrounds.

SACE respectfully operates on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional gathering place for diverse Indigenous peoples including the Cree, Blackfoot, Métis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Inuit, and many others whose histories, languages, and cultures continue to influence our vibrant community.

Our Vision

- People impacted by sexual violence are believed and offered caring guidance to heal, and the attitudes and behaviours that contribute to a community free of sexual violence are developed and sustained.

Our Mission

- The Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton (SACE) exists to support people impacted by sexual violence and engage communities to promote respect and uphold a culture of consent.

Our Core Beliefs

- People can heal;
- People are the experts on their own experiences and needs, and healing looks different for each individual;
- Sexual violence is any form of non-consensual sexual behaviour, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, sex trafficking, and sexual violence facilitated through technology;
- People who experience sexual violence are never at fault;
- People who experience sexual violence should be believed and supported;
- Sexual violence is an abuse of power and trust;
- People who experience sexual violence should have access to inclusive, professional services regardless of age, race, gender, culture, language, religion, sexual orientation, or ability;
- Financial barriers should not prevent people from receiving specialized support services;
- True sexual violence prevention and support involves acknowledging the intersecting oppressions and privileges that shape a person's experience;
- Sexual violence is a societal issue that communities have a responsibility to address, and it is through the combined efforts of community members that cultural change will be fostered and sustained. Volunteers, leaders, and funders are integral to creating this community of support.

Eligibility

- In order to be considered for a board position, the applicant must be at minimum 18 years of age, not be employed by SACE, and hold views that align with the SACE vision, mission, and core beliefs.

Role of a SACE Board Member

- Be fully oriented and familiar with core plans, strategies, and documents of the organization;
- Prepare for, attend, and actively participate at regularly scheduled Board meetings, committee meetings, and other strategically necessary meetings;
- Provide timely confirmation of attendance or non-attendance at all meetings;
- Take responsibility for following up on meetings that could not be attended with the intent of ensuring currency of understanding of these activities and information;
- Commit to contributing to the successful execution of the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan including the identified roles and accountabilities of Board members and specific committees;
- Participate in an annual evaluation of personal attendance, active participation, and general engagement with the Board, committees, and SACE activities;
- Participate in the annual Board and CEO evaluation process;
- Attend and support SACE activities and events held throughout the year hosted by SACE;
- Act as an ambassador and enthusiastic advocate for SACE ensuring our role is clear and understood; is heard and acknowledged; and our positions are influential in provoking change.

Commitment

- Board Directors are appointed for a three-year term with an opportunity for additional terms as per the SACE bylaws. Each year the commitment entails four to six Board meetings (approximately 2 to 3 hours in length), four to six Committee meetings, as well as a potential annual planning session.

If you are interested in being considered for a member of the SACE Board of Directors, please complete this form and submit it by email to boardsecretary@sace.ca along with a current résumé.

Applicant Name	
Applicant Phone Number	
Applicant Email Address	

Please answer the following two questions to the best of your ability:

Why are you interested in serving as a volunteer Board member with SACE?

Please outline your relevant experience that would contribute to the Board of Directors role at SACE?

I hereby certify that all information included in this application is true and complete. I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered, and that providing false information is grounds for disqualification or dismissal.

Signature

Date