

My name is Shayna Maislin and I am running for a position on the Aurora Senior Centre's Board of Directors.

Retired for the last three years, I feel blessed to have enjoyed a varied career spanning 5 decades. Beginning right after graduating from McGill University and moving to Toronto, I started my professional life as a French language teacher for the North York Board of Education.

A new avenue opened up for me and I dove into a new venture with Bell Canada, a company I remained with for 22 years. During my tenure, I worked in several positions, including *Marketing, Public Affairs* and finally retiring from management of the *Special Needs Centre* which enabled me to learn about making telecommunications accessible for the elderly and disabled. I'm proud to say, I was recognized with the *Vice President's Service Star Award* for exemplary service to customers. I also sat on the board of the Bell Employee Fund For Community Service. This enabled me to learn about many Board duties primarily as the fundraising chairman for our Gala which occurred yearly.

After taking an early retirement package, I chose to open my own specialised consulting firm focused on bringing telecommunication products for those with hearing, vision, speech and mobility challenges to an accessible market. 23 years later it was time for me to retire once again.

Even though I have accomplished a great deal in my life, my greatest accomplishment is our family. My husband Ron and I have been married for 55 years. We have 2 children, who have given us 4 beautiful grandchildren.

Just after retiring we came into the Aurora Seniors Centre for an open house. It did not take long to feel the warmth of the volunteers and see all the activities that were offered. We joined immediately participating in several classes and Mahjong. As an Energetic individual I knew I could offer more by Volunteering. I took on several volunteer tasks in the past year.

Since joining, the Fundraising Committee has been my greatest joy. I get to work with a team of incredibly smart and passionate volunteers. We are also very lucky to also have the best Town of Aurora Staff who help us at the Centre every day. It is such an honour and pleasure to work beside them.

I do believe I can add value to the current board with the following Skills :

Organisational ,Commitment, Computer Literacy, Ethical Leadership Confidence and Quick learner, but most importantly I have a Team First Attitude.

I will promote the Seniors Centre and be a part of enhancing and growing our ASC for the future.