



2024 Board Nomination Package

John Gilchrist



John Gilchrist



PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Running my own financial planning practice as well as sitting on many volunteer boards over the years has given me a unique perspective and ability to help. I enjoy being part of the community and helping to make it stronger.

SKILLS

- Estate Planning
- Attention to Detail
- Investment Advice
- Critical Thinking
- Employee Benefits Planning
- Client Needs Assessment
- Long-Term Care Planning
- Certified Financial Planner

WORK EXPERIENCE

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER 02/1994 to CURRENT

Cornerstone Financial Group | Alberta

- Improving clients financial planning strategies by conducting thorough assessments and identifying areas for growth.
- Developing comprehensive financial plans for clients, addressing investment management, insurance needs, tax planning, and retirement goals.
- Building strong relationships with clients through regular communication and personalized service, resulting in increased client retention rates.
- Collaborating with a team of professionals to develop tailored wealth management solutions for high-net-worth individuals.
- Working with businesses to create comprehensive benefit plans.
- Identifying and resolving business owners succession plans.

CHAIR, ECONOMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL, PARKLAND COUNTY 04/2016 to 04/2023

Parkland County | Parkland County, AB

- Worked with county admin to provide insight and advice on attracting new investment and businesses to the county.
- Advised on streamlining business attracting strategies.
- Intermediary between business and admin.
- Helped identify council's future policies.
- Reported progress and findings to council.
- Fostered relationships with stakeholders, promoting collaboration and partnership opportunities.

PRESIDENT/BOARD MEMBER 06/2009 to 06/2016

Spruce Grove Saints Jr. A Hockey Club | Spruce Grove, AB

- Worked with a board of directors to create a successful JR A hockey team
- Worked on ways to increase fan base and community awareness.

PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBER

01/2004 to 01/2009

Stony Plain And District Chamber Of Commerce. | Stony Plain, AB

- Inspired innovation by creating an environment that encouraged creative thinking and problem-solving capabilities.
- Influenced key stakeholders through effective communication strategies that garnered support for critical projects.
- Shaped solutions and approaches by leveraging trends in customer marketplaces and industries.
- Worked with community stakeholders to provide a positive environment for business.

EDUCATION

Business

04/1992

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Edmonton, Alberta

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ran and operated a successful Financial planning business for 30 years.
Been part of many boards mentioned above as well as: Stony Plain Minor Hockey
Ducks Unlimited
Advocis Membership chair

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I have always been involved with the community and like giving back where I can.

John Gilchrist

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

02 22 2024

Attn: Dan Tomkins
Chair Nominating Committee
West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd.
Box 2187
Stony Plain, AB
T7Z 1X7

Dear Dan:

Please find enclosed my resume and police record check for the purpose of joining the Board of Directors for West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd. Over the years I have been involved in many different types of boards and activities within my community. Having grown up and raised my own family in Parkland County, community participation is important to me. What attracts me to be part of West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd is to be part of many of the great changes I see happening with the Co-op. I am excited about the services I have used such as the growing propane business to the broader community leadership in activities such as the annual Farmers' Days Parade.

I have always been impressed with any dealings I have had with the Co-op and feel it is run like a family business with personal touches. I am impressed with the professionalism of the team members I have dealt with from the front desk people to those that have come out to the house to replace or read a meter.

I feel that I can bring a unique perspective to helping the Board and the Co-op to reach our strategic goals. You will find me to be thoughtful, straight forward, and a positive leader with innovative ideas to bring to the table. I enjoy discussions on new ideas and taking action to help bring them to fruition.

Looking forward to working with you.

Yours truly,

John Gilchrist

[REDACTED]