

## **Nominations for ROWONTARIO Board of Director**

### **Position – Treasurer**

#### **Candidate Statement – Pippa Hobbes**



I enjoy many forms of fitness, sport and outdoor activity, but my favorite is rowing. I don't recall where I got the idea to sign up for Learn-to-Row, but I did just that in 1998 at the Argonaut Rowing Club. I fell in love with the sport, and the fellowship and camaraderie that it brings. I have been a member at Argos ever since. From LTR I joined some recreational crews, then competed for several seasons in masters coxed fours. Like many others I then migrated to smaller boats, rowing doubles, and now primarily enjoy my single scull as a recreational rower. For me, rowing has it all, a fantastic workout, the opportunity to be outdoors on the water, and a wonderful community in which I have made so many friends.

I am also a Certified Professional Accountant (CPA, CMA), with 30+ years of experience. I have worked in various industries over the years, but most recently at KPMG (an accounting and professional services firm) from which I recently retired.

As a candidate for the ROWONTARIO board, I offer the skills and knowledge gained from my 30 years as a finance and accounting professional. In addition to my financial knowledge and background, I have extensive administrative skills, and knowledge of governance and oversight issues. I believe these skills would be an asset to help support ROWONTARIO's new strategic plan.

I have served on the board at the Argonaut Rowing Club, where I was the Treasurer for two terms. During those years I learned a great deal about what it takes to run a rowing club. It's not just about the glory of crossing the finish line, there are countless things that need to be done behind the scenes to bring it all together. During my tenure as treasurer, we turned the club's finances around, and we were able to pay off a large outstanding debt and thus put the focus back on rowing.

I also volunteer at CIRC, and recently the Invictus Games (Indoor Rowing). I have also served on my HOA/Condo board, as treasurer.

Being recently retired, I am beginning a new chapter, which I think dovetails nicely with the new leadership and strategic plan for ROWONTARIO. There is lots to be done, and I welcome the opportunity to give back to the sport that I love.