

## Danforth East Community Association's Board Member Application Form

The Danforth East Community Association (DECA) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to build a strong, vibrant and inclusive neighbourhood, and to empower residents of our neighbourhood through community involvement.

### **DECA's Guiding Principles**

DECA will organize itself around the following guiding principles — namely, that DECA:

- is non-partisan;
- is respectful and inclusive of our diverse communities and recognizes this requires ongoing effort, dialogue and assessment;
- actively works to foster a sense of community through local events and activities;
- partners with and supports local businesses and organizations;
- makes efforts to meaningfully participate in planning that affects our community; and,
- encourages a vibrant neighbourhood that values inclusivity, diversity, and environmental responsibility, recognizing we are settlers on the land DECA operates on.

This application must be completed and returned to DECA via email ([info@deca.to](mailto:info@deca.to)) fourteen (14) days prior to DECA's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Applicants for a Board position must reside within DECA's catchment area. DECA's proposed borders as of our 2024 Annual General meeting (subject to approval) are:

- Main Street (east)
- Cosburn (north)
- Greenwood (west)
- the train tracks (south).

**By completing this application, you confirm that you live within this catchment area.**

Applicants for a Board position must be a DECA Member. Membership is 'pay what you can,' and for a 1-year period.

Individuals can register for DECA membership here: <https://deca.to/become-a-member/>.

**By completing this application, you confirm you are a member of DECA.**

Applicants to the DECA Board must be at least 18 years of age.

**By completing this application, you confirm that you are at least 18 years old.**

In reviewing applications, DECA Board members will strive to review without bias to gender, race, nationality, disability, sexual preference, religion, or belief. They will also consider DECA's guiding principles, any past support of or volunteer experience with DECA, and whether the applicant:

- has, or appears to have a conflict of interest;
- has publicly misrepresented DECA and/or DECA's events or community involvement (including via social media);
- engaged in any behaviour or actions that are disrespectful to any Board or DECA member(s), and/or are not in keeping with DECA's guiding principles.

DECA appreciates all expressions of interest. Candidates selected for nomination to the Board will receive written confirmation of whether their application for Board membership will be put forward at a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the AGM.

DECA's constitution mandates that at least one week (7 days) prior to the AGM, DECA will post on its website a list of candidates eligible for election to the Board for membership review, with a brief description and summary of why the individual wants to join the board.

**By completing this application, you agree to let DECA publish your response to question number seven (7) on DECA's website for the purposes of advising DECA's membership about eligible candidates for the DECA Board in the next upcoming election.**

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1. Name:
  2. Pronouns:
  3. Phone Number:
  4. Email address:
  5. Briefly outline any previous volunteer work you have completed in the DECA catchment, or elsewhere:
  6. Are you currently serving on a Board of Directors for another organization? If so, please list the organization and your role:
  7. Tell us a bit about yourself and why you want to join the DECA Board (please keep this answer to 250 words):
  8. Feel free to share anything else you'd like us to know!

