



BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

This year there are three (3) vacancies on the WFCU Credit Union Board of Directors. Each vacancy is for a three-year term.



Rick Martinello

Mr. Martinello is the President of Summit Floor & Wall Coverings Ltd. located in Windsor, Ontario. He has served on the Board of Directors of WFCU Credit Union since 1993. He currently holds the positions of 1st Vice Chair on the Board of Directors, Chair of the WFCU Credit Union Governance Committee and Chair of the WFCU Real Estate Board of Directors.

Mr. Martinello holds a finance degree through the University of Notre Dame and is a graduate of the Credit Union Executives

Society (CUES) Governance Leadership Institute. He has received graduate status of the Credit Union Director Achievement program (CUDA) and is a recipient of the Directors Forum Long-Term Service Award.

Mr. Martinello volunteers with numerous organizations including the Windsor Good Fellows, Windsor and Riverside Minor Hockey, and has been recognized by St. Clair College for his accomplishments as a past guest lecturer in the Continuing Education Program.



Martin D. Gillis

Mr. Gillis worked in the automotive industry as a skilled tradesman for over 40 years before retiring in December 2007. He has been Chair of the Board of Directors since 1991, has served in the credit union system for over 48 years and currently sits on the Audit and Governance Committees, as well as a member on the WFCU Real Estate Board of Directors.

Mr. Gillis was inducted into the Credit Union Executives Society (CUES) Volunteer Hall of Fame, and in 2012 was honoured as the Recipient of the CUES Director of the Year. He was also honoured with a Long-Term Service Award through the Directors Forum.

Mr. Gillis is the Recipient of the Designation of Certified Credit Union Director (CCD) and completed the Advanced Leadership Program for credit union Directors through the Credit Union Executives Society (CUES). He is also a graduate of the Credit Union Director Achievement Program (CUDA).

Mr. Gillis is a lifetime member of the Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation, and a past member of the Credit Union Central of Ontario Board of Directors (Central 1), the Ontario Credit Union Directors Forum Board and a participant in the Canadian Co-operative Association's Leadership Program.



Kathleen Thomas

Ms. Thomas holds a Masters of Business Administration Certificate from the University of Windsor Centre for Executive Education and certifications in Human Resources and Governance.

Recently retired as Executive Director for the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County, she has over 40 years of experience in the non-profit and private sectors in Windsor and Essex County. From managing multi-million-dollar budgets to overseeing key financial components such as risk, audits and annual business plan development, Ms. Thomas brings a strong financial background to the WFCU Board.

Over the years, Ms. Thomas has demonstrated an overwhelming commitment to numerous philanthropic organizations in the areas of diversity, culture, crisis management, women's well-being and countless others which have enriched Windsor and Essex County. She has also held various positions working as an Assistant to Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliament.

Ms. Thomas has attained vast experience as a member of countless Boards and Committees locally, provincially, nationally and internationally. Her extensive volunteerism earned her multiple awards and accreditations, including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal.

The WFCU Credit Union Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors is recommending Rick Martinello, Martin D. Gillis and Kathleen Thomas to fill the three (3) three-year term vacancies on the Board.