



CPIC

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COMMITTEE



**CPIC Elections 2021-2022
Community Representative Application**

APPLICATION FORM FOR CPIC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

Please submit the completed application form via email to CPIC.chair@tcdsb.org and manuela.sequeira@tcdsb.org no later than November 12th, 2021.

Surname: Miranda-Radbord **First Name** Cameron

Home Address: [REDACTED]

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1. List the community organization(s) in which you are currently a member:

I am a member of:

- City Youth Council of Toronto (Chair)
- Board of Regents, Victoria University (Member)
- Scarborough Vaccine Accessibility Clinics (Coordinator)
- Wishing Well Lions Club of Scarborough (Music Festival Coordinator)

Within the TCDSB community, I am a member of:

- TCDSB 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee (Member)
- Toronto Catholic School Parents Facebook Group (Administrator)

2. Provide a brief outline of the vision and mission of each organization:

The City Youth Council of Toronto (CYC) is a not-for-profit, elected civic education and advocacy group for young people. Over its nearly ten years of existence, over 10,000 youth have participated in the CYC's programs, learning more about how our municipal government works and making lifelong connections with other passionate students.

The Board of Regents of Victoria University, a federated college of the University of Toronto, is the University's highest governing body. It is responsible for managing over \$600 million in assets and providing high-level oversight of the University's policy, properties, and staff.

The Scarborough Vaccine Accessibility Clinics offered safe, accommodating opportunities for Torontonians with disabilities, especially teenagers, to get COVID-19 vaccines. In the summer, many folks with disabilities struggled to get vaccinated in environments that were friendly to them - for example, some children with autism couldn't receive their vaccines at traditional clinics. Scarborough Vaccine Accessibility Clinics allowed them and their families to get vaccinated.

The Wishing Well Lions Club organizes an annual classical music festival, Music Scarborough, for young musicians in the community. In the last five years, the festival has brought in over \$10,000 for the club to redistribute to the local community through food banks and other charitable programs. In 2010, the festival won the Scarborough Urban Heroes Award.

3. Provide a brief description of your role within each organization(s):

As Chair of the City Youth Council of Toronto, I work closely with elected representatives to ensure the voices of young people are heard. Since 2018, when I took over leadership of the organization, I have organized a town hall with Mayor Tory, met regularly with members of City Council, and pushed for policy changes that matter to youth. I also organize the CYC's experiential education program, where I've helped hundreds of participants grow their understanding of our civic democracy. I've given presentations to other community organizations like the North York Community House, served as the keynote speaker for the 2019 Model City Hall conference, and represented the CYC on Global News, CBC, and CTV.

On the Board of Regents of Victoria University, I sit as a member elected by students and a member of the Property Committee. I review confidential budget and policy information important to the education of the University's 8,200 students, many of whom live in residence at the University. The Board of Regents fulfills a role at Victoria College similar to the role that the Board of Trustees fill at the TCDSB.

I founded the Scarborough Vaccine Accessibility Clinics with a coalition of community partners including Reena, Safehaven, and Surrey Place, which all support children and adults with autism. I coordinated the fundraising and logistics of the clinic and, with the office of the local MPP, promoted it and other vaccination opportunities to over 30,000 seniors through phone banking.

I coordinate the Music Scarborough festival, working with parents, teachers, and students to provide affordable and fun music education. I significantly lowered the costs of the festival to some of the lowest in the country and provided thousands of dollars of scholarships, making the festival accessible to students regardless of their economic background.

4. Briefly outline the reasons why you are interested in being a community representative on CPIC. Please refer to the following criteria when responding:

[CPIC By-Laws](#)

Community Representatives

4.3.1 A maximum of three (3) persons appointed from time to time yearly (based on Committee Operating Year) by the Parent Members of the Committee

4.3.2 Eligibly Criteria

An organization proposing to appoint an individual must meet ALL of the following:

- 4.3.2.1 Be connected with an established and recognized community organization the purpose of which is aligned with CPIC's mandate and vision.*
- 4.3.2.2 Represent a clear geographic or component of the community at large.*
- 4.3.2.3 Be aligned to the TCDSB and Catholic values.*
- 4.3.2.4 Bring added expertise and/or perspective to the Committee's discussions.*
- 4.3.3 May not be a sitting Board of Trustee member or employee/contractor of the TCDSB.*

It goes without saying that the past two years have been a time of great turmoil for parents and students in the Board. I know how hard the months of online learning were - how anxiety-inducing it was to drop kids off for days of school in masks, behind barriers, and physically distanced from their classmates.

For me, the past two years have been a lesson that we need *Catholic* schools more than ever. Our values - love, compassion, kindness - are too often forgotten. It has been an honour to help promote these values within the Board and outside of it, and I would be thrilled to bring my unique experience in management and advocacy to CPIC.

For almost two years, I've been privileged to collaborate with parents on a variety of fronts. We've created an online gathering space of over 7000 people in the Toronto Catholic School Parent Group, where I'm an administrator. We've set up vaccination clinics both in Scarborough and in two TCDSB schools, Michael Power and St. Marcellus. We've pushed for anti-bullying measures in establishing the 2SLGBTQ+ advisory committee, of which I'm a founding member - proving that Catholic schools are firmly in the 21st century.

In my career outside the Board, I have extensive experience in education. I worked for former Education Minister Mitzie Hunter at Queens' Park, where I advised her on issues ranging from the Ontario Autism Program to protecting Ontario's green space. I currently serve on the Board of Regents of Victoria University, a federated college of over 8,000 students at the University of Toronto. I'm the Chair of the City Youth Council of Toronto which, in addition to advocating for Toronto's over 300,000 young people, runs an experiential civic learning program that has educated students for nearly ten years.

I'm particularly passionate about special education, disability inclusion, and accessibility. The Scarborough Vaccine Accessibility Clinics, which I ran over the summer, provided a unique and desperately needed space for teenagers and adults with autism to get vaccinated.

My work has given me unique connections to decision-makers that I think would be valuable to CPIC. Beyond my work with MPP Hunter in her office and Mayor Tory at the City Youth Council, I have deep networks I can utilize to affect change on the municipal and provincial levels. I also have deep connections to local communities, especially in Scarborough, where I run a well-attended annual classical music event.

I want to help CPIC continue the crucial work it does by acting as a liaison, both to the Scarborough community I know so well and to the bureaucracies that are often so challenging to navigate. It would be an honour to keep working with parents to bring even more positive change to the Board.

5. Would your personal and/or professional experiences place you in a *Conflict of Interest* as identified in the [CPIC By-Laws](#), Reg. 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, in regard to being a member in this committee:

3.5 **Conflict of Interest: Compensation** -Includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favours that are substantial in nature.

3.6 **Conflict of Interest: Financial Interest** - Any Member has a "financial interest" if the Member has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment or family in

1. a) An existing or potential ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Committee has a transaction, contract, or other arrangement,
2. b) A compensation arrangement with the Committee or with any entity or individual with which the Committee has a transaction, contract, or other arrangement
3. c) An existing or potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Committee is negotiating a transaction, contract, or other arrangement
4. d) An existing or potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity whose business or operation has been or will be directly affected by a decision or action of the Committee.

3.7 **Conflict of Interest: Interested Member** - Any Member of the Committee who has a Financial Interest, as defined above, or who serves as a Director or Officer of any entity with which the Committee has a transaction, contract, or other arrangement.

Yes: No:

Please explain:

Not applicable.

6. Provide any additional comments to be considered regarding your participation on this committee.

Trustee Markus de Domenico and Trustee Ida Li Preti have kindly agreed to act as references and can speak to my experience within and commitment to the Board. Trustee de Domenico can be reached at markus.dedomenico@tcdsb.org and Trustee Li Preti can be reached at Ida.LiPreti@tcdsb.org.

Cameron Miranda-Radbord
Full Name



Signature

11/12/2021
Date