

## **SLATE OF RECOMMENDED BOARD CANDIDATES 2023:**

### **Chris van Sickle**

Chris is an avid road, gravel, and commuting cyclist. He's passionate about active transportation and its role in creating healthier, friendlier, greener, and less car-dependent communities. He's balanced the last 25 years in the IT world managing business networks and developing database applications against the demands of touring as a keyboard player in various semi-successful bands. If he's not out riding, he's either sitting at the piano or his computer desk wondering if his bike misses him.

### **Joel Satre**

Joel is a lifelong Peninsula resident and UVic alum. He has a keen interest in local governance, social justice and sustainability. Joel can be found riding throughout the Victoria region, exploring the abundant natural sites and cafes the area has to offer.

### **Linda Ginenthal**

Linda grew up in New York City relying on its rich and varied transportation options for getting around. She was the architect of Portland Oregon's "*Open Streets*" program and led the award-winning *SmartTrips*, encouragement program to change the way people travel for their everyday trips. Now retired, she is loving the walkable, bikeable Victoria and wants to use her organizing skills to shift hearts and minds and spur action.

### **Emmy Blouin**

Emmy has numerous years in fundraising, board governance, sport management and event management; experience in fund development for Indigenous-led organizations, national non-profits and higher education. In every professional field, Emmy's focus remains on community development. She is an avid cyclist, whether it be on the asphalt, dirt or gravel and a strong proponent for active transportation

## **Ramesh Rai**

Ramesh Rai is a dedicated military veteran with a passion for leadership, diversity, and service. Ramesh is committed to bringing values of personal courage, selfless service, and a sense of duty to the boardroom, while maximizing outcomes through diverse perspectives and innovative ideas. Rasmesh served in the Indian Air force for 39 years, ending his career there as Commander in chief of Training. Ramesh lives in Langford.

## **L. John Alexander**

L. John Alexander has been a lawyer in Victoria since 1982, with a specialization in municipal and regulatory law. He has significant experience in governance and advising not-for-profits. John acted as the Chair of Sport BC between 2009 and 2011, having previously been Director as well as sitting on the Governance Committee. He has been President of Island Swimming Association, and is a Life Member and Previous President at Victoria City Rowing Club. John has over 20 years' experience in pro-bono legal work involving drafting and implementing constitutions and bylaws for amateur sport bodies. He is a competitive Masters athlete in rowing, competing nationally and internationally and is a semi-competitive cyclist and cycle commuter. John joined the Capital Bike board in 2021 and serves as the Governance chair.

## **Rebecca Freedman**

Rebecca Freedman is Director of Legislation for the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship. She has a background in community-based social marketing. Through previous roles with the Provincial Government, Rebecca successfully built and supported the implementation of community programs and campaigns across B.C. to address air quality and community food waste. Rebecca is a dedicated cycling commuter and has raised her daughters to love biking, first riding on the back of her cargo bike, and now confidently riding their own bikes to school everyday. Rebecca has been on the Board of the Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society since September 2018.

## **Edward Pullman**

Ed served on the Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition from 2010 until the merger with Capital Bike in 2019. He has been involved with many advocacy efforts, events, rides, outreach, fundraising, and membership. Ed is very excited for Capital Bike's efforts to grow and transform into an organization that catalyzes mass cycling in our region, with its countless benefits. He resides in the Gorge Tillicum neighborhood with his wife Lyanne, two children Arlo and Eugene, and two cats Arthur and Calvin.