

## **Collingwood Neighbourhood House** **Board Nominees 2022-2023**

### **Greg Allen**

Greg is a lawyer with a broad-based practice at a litigation boutique in downtown Vancouver. He currently serves as the President of a small local non-profit which provides grants to organizations that research and combat childhood illnesses. Greg moved to Renfrew-Collingwood in 2012 with his family, from the wilds of Port Moody, and has enjoyed exploring the hidden charms of his new neighbourhood and its community. He and his partner have three young children who spend their weekdays learning and playing with the superheroes who work at CNH's early learning and care centres.



### **Manoranjan (Mano) Rasiah**

Mano has had a long career in the banking industry. He also brings a broad multicultural world view gained from his work experience spanning over banks in Sri Lanka, Dubai and Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates and Canada. He has resided and raised his children in Renfrew-Collingwood. He has also actively volunteered in cultural, community and non-profit societies in BC. In 2018, he joined the CNH Board of Directors to contribute his skills and financial expertise. Along with English, Mano speaks fluent Tamil and basic Sinhalese.



### **Michelle Buchholz**

Michelle Buchholz is a proud Wet'suwet'en woman and is a member of the Witset (Moricetown) Band and was raised in Smithers, BC. She is a member of the Gitumden clan and the Cassyex house. Michelle is a consultant and has her own company called Cassyex Consulting working as a graphic facilitator and recorder, qualitative researcher and policy analyst. She has worked with various clients including the provincial and federal government, First Nation communities and organizations, universities, health authorities, consulting groups, youth groups, etc. Her passion is working with Indigenous communities to raise Indigenous people up, with an emphasis on the health and wellness of Indigenous peoples. Michelle holds a Master of Public Policy degree from SFU and completed her capstone project on developing policies to address anti-Indigenous racism in health care.



### **Henry Lau**

Henry is a second-generation immigrant of Chinese descent and is deeply grateful to call the vibrant Renfrew-Collingwood community his home. From learning he shouldn't be picking the flowers off the tomato plants in his school gardening days, to figuring out how to store a festival's worth of lanterns underneath a swimming pool, the community has been a constant teacher that has helped him grow into a thoughtful community builder. Over the years, Henry has developed a passion for community arts, food security, and the social determinants of health. Most recently, he worked as a registered dietitian in public health with a focus on resource development and food security. He is currently completing his graduate degree in community and regional planning at UBC. In his spare time, Henry enjoys running as far as his knees will take him, dabbling in baking, and spending time with his and his partner's two cats.



### **Linda Mim**

Linda has been a part of the Renfrew- Collingwood neighbourhood for just over one year. She is passionate about addressing inequities and discrimination against marginalized groups at a systemic level. She has previously advocated for the right to education for Indigenous students in BC, worked on global health issues in Switzerland, and supported students in a township school in South Africa. She is excited to bring her skills and experience in community development and addressing anti-racism to the Board. Her hobbies include cooking, exercise, and participating in community events.



### **Puneet Mall (Youth)**

Puneet grew up in the Renfrew-Collingwood Neighbourhood. She recently graduated from Windermere Secondary School and plans to pursue a career in the field of Education. Puneet started attending CNH at a young age and has spent countless hours creating memories and friendships at youth centre drop-ins, Night Hoops basketball, field trips, and many other youth programs -they've all helped her find many ways to volunteer and stay involved in her community. Puneet joined the CNH Board of Directors in 2021. Giving back to her community has been one of her biggest goals, and being a part of the Board has helped her reach that goal. When Puneet isn't volunteering, she likes to spend her time staying healthy by going on hikes, spending hours in the gym, playing sports, cooking, and of course spending time with her loved ones.



*Please note: As permitted through CNH's By-Laws, Puneet is not up for election at the AGM but she will serve as the Youth Representative on CNH's Board, following her selection by CNH youth.*