

Why CSCF Plants Trees?

The Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation honours volunteers who have completed terms of office on our Board of Directors by planting a tree in our community.

This started with the foundation's fundraising efforts for the revitalization of Kennedy Park. Over the project's five-year span 23 trees were planted - six in honour of

CSCF board members Joe Barton, Marion Fennell, Jim Kelleher, Don Pearson, and Cathy Redden, and the balance of the trees were purchased and donated by community members.

In 2019, an additional eight trees were purchased by the Community Foundation. One tree was replaced in Kennedy Park, six trees were planted on the south

side of the tennis courts and one tree was planted at the Community Foundation office, again, to honour long-serving board members.

This year we were finally able to present the following board members with their trees and we asked them to reflect on the Nelson Henderson quote, as well as their time on our board.

Nelson Henderson paraphrased a Greek proverb when he wrote: "The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit."



Patrick Muldoon
5 years
(2014 - 2019)

"When I was an elementary school teacher, I often encouraged students to 'do something today that will make tomorrow a little better'. Sometimes that meant improving yourself and sometimes it was about doing something that would help others. I was drawn to the CSCF because the foundation is built on that same spirit to support community capacity. The playgrounds, the arts and sporting opportunities, plant the seeds of community in our youngest children. The summer job opportunities for teens have focused youthful enthusiasm and blossomed into lifelong passions. These investments make our community a place for everyone to thrive, contribute and enjoy. The CSCF will continue to plant the seeds of positive growth for the future.

As a board member at the CSCF, I was honoured to help plan and support projects that made a difference in my community. It helped me define the importance of working together toward a healthier, more inclusive and forward-thinking vision for our community. I'd encourage anyone to get involved with the foundation!

Russ Christianson
7 years
(2005 - 2012)

Regarding Henderson's quote: "Planting trees is always a good thing to do for our health and the health of the natural world, and hopefully the trees we plant will benefit future generations. I really appreciate the CSCF planting a ginkgo tree on my behalf, because around the same time that we were starting the community foundation, I planted a ginkgo tree on our farm as a commemoration for my father".

"As the founding President of the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation (CSCF) in 2000, I am so pleased that the CSCF is fulfilling its original purpose: to steward the funds from the sale of the public utility, partner with other organizations, and improve the quality of life for everyone in our community."

Mina Murphy
6 years
(2009 - 2015)

"The quote reminds me of another - "The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago!"

We arrived in Campbellford 45 years ago for 1 year! A career in education and three children later I experienced the growth of my family in this community. Summer swimming at Lions Beach and at the local outdoor pool, soccer and various other activities were a constant reminder that, while fun and family oriented, our community needed more. For the families of yesterday, today and tomorrow it was time to expand recreation activities. Through the efforts of the Capital Campaign in 2014, we raised funds for better recreation and leisure facilities, more modern space for recreational activities, including the opening of the Hastings Field House in 2015!

As a board member and past president of the Community Foundation, I am glad to have been part of an organization that is making sure that grant funds are available to charities for important initiatives that provide quality of life for members of our community today. The community foundation will be here forever, providing grants to inspire a true legacy of projects, like the Campbellford Recreation & Wellness Centre.

Kira Mees
8 years
(2002 - 2006 & 2012 - 2016)

"I think of this quote often in my community development work because it helps me to focus on the fact that while sometimes things take time, it's worth the effort in the end.

Being a CSCF board member was my first experience in the non-profit sector and it changed my professional trajectory. I learned so much and made amazing community connections. We are lucky for the foresight that created the endowment which will continue to make philanthropic investments in the community for generations to come."

Heidi Schaeffer
5 years
(2012 - 2017)

This quote reminds me of the way Indigenous elders sometimes introduce themselves. Starting by acknowledging and honouring their ancestors and living in connection with everything, and always including the seven generations yet to come.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the community foundation board. It was an opportunity to be part of a wonderful and committed group. Our role was to listen to needs and grow collaboration and positive change. To be community leaders for a respectful, caring, connected and flourishing Campbellford/Seymour.

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The Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation Investment In The Refurbished Pickleball and Tennis Courts in Campbellford

In 2017 the Municipality of Trent Hills received a \$35,000 grant to upgrade two surfaces and the fencing at the Campbellford tennis courts. The funding support was through the Ontario 150 Community Capital Program. Ontario was celebrating its 150th anniversary as a province by improving and renovating community spaces and delivering better facilities for families in the community.

The Municipality also received a \$4,000 grant from the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation towards this project to replace the poles and nets.

This is an example of how important partnership funding is to support projects in our community. The project collaboration was extended to include the planting of the six trees bordering the upgraded courts.



PLANT A TREE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Did you know that the Municipality of Trent Hills has a tree donation program? You can choose a location, such as a local park or trail, and the type of tree, and donate it in memory or honour of a loved one, or with a message encouraging others to enjoy the park or trail. Visit the municipal website for more information - www.trenthills.ca - and click on the Recreation and Culture tab.



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