



2022 Corporate Governance Report

www.nelsoncu.com

BOARD COMPOSITION AND ROLE OF A DIRECTOR:

Nelson & District Credit Union is governed by a nine-person Board of Directors that represents all members. The essence of a Board's role is that of stewardship; exercising oversight in assuring business conduct is prudent and in the best interest of the members. In summary the Board's duties include providing direction, establishing long term corporate objectives, approving corporate strategies and plans, allocating resources through the budget process and approving financial statements and major financial decisions. The Board also determines policies and monitors progress of the Credit Union by reviewing the operations. It is the Board's responsibility to appoint, guide and evaluate the Chief Executive Officer.

In today's environment with socioeconomic and technological change at an accelerated pace, the role of a Director with a Credit Union, has become more demanding and complex. Stakeholders (including members and regulators) expect and demand more from Directors, putting additional pressure on the need for their qualifications and ongoing education.

Your Board is accountable to the members while acting in the best interests of the Credit Union as a whole. Members elect their Board of Directors annually, and each member has one vote regardless of the number of shares owned. This is one of the cooperative principles. Directors are elected for a three-year term. The various committees, described below, are formed from the Directors of the Board.

Each Director receives an honorarium based on a resolution approved by the Credit Union membership.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

At NDCU, we aim to foster an inclusive and equitable culture, where our differences are celebrated and viewed as the strength that drives our collective impact and success.

Our goal is to honour and support our current and future members.

By seeking out diverse perspectives, we reinforce our commitment to cooperative values, rooted in our mission to serve our members and advance our communities.

COMMITTEES:

To assist in the execution of its responsibilities, the Board has delegated specific responsibilities to standing committees. The committees make recommendations to the Board and regularly report out on their meetings. Board members may serve on more than one committee and each committee has a minimum of three Directors.

As per the Financial Institutions Act (FIA), the Board elects the Audit Committee, Conduct Review Committee and the Investment & Lending Committee. The Board appoints all other committees.

Audit Committee:

Responsible for oversight of the financial statements, internal and external audits, and regulatory compliance. The Audit Committee meets quarterly. The Audit Committee meets with both the internal and external auditors without management present.

Conduct Review Committee:

Oversees all "related party" transactions (transactions involving employees, board members, and related family members), and ensuring that no special terms or considerations were awarded them because of their related status as per regulatory requirements of the FIA. It deals with Director, Credit Union or third-party conflicts of interest.

Investment and Lending Committee:

Provides oversight of risk management activities related to investment risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, structural risk and capital management. This includes review of the policies, limits and reporting with respect to each of those risk areas. The Committee is responsible for ensuring that NDCU's lending is in agreement with our Investment & Lending Policy, which is reviewed by BCFSA, our provincial regulators.

Executive Committee:

Responsible for acting as liaison between Board and CEO, this Committee consists of the Board Chair, the Vice-Chair, and the 2nd Vice-Chair. The Committee reviews and makes recommendations on the compensation of the CEO, and manages the process of evaluating the performance of the CEO.

Governance Committee:

Responsible for ensuring NDCU's compliance with the many levels of government regulators that oversee Credit Unions in Canada, and ensuring that NDCU's Rules are kept up-to-date and reflective of changing times and our members' values. As well, the Committee monitors current and evolving governance practices, including Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and Information Technology (IT) risk.

Nominations Committee:

Responsible for identifying upcoming vacancies in the Board of Directors, advertising locally for suitable candidates to join the Board and arranging for elections when necessary, they also organize our Annual General Meeting. This includes ensuring that the Credit Union fulfills the process of electing persons to the Board of Directors consistent with legislative requirements and the Rules as set by members. Directors standing for re-election are not eligible to act on this Committee.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Directors may sit on Ad Hoc Committees. NDCU Ad Hoc Committees for 2022 were:

- Member Engagement & Diversity Committee
- Liaison to Community First Health Co-Op

Subsidiary Companies of NDCU:

Allard Insurance Agencies Ltd. (AIA) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NDCU. The Board of NDCU is the Board for AIA, and the Chair of NDCU also chairs AIA. AIA holds NDCU's investments in Kootenay Insurance Services Ltd. and 0948859 BC Ltd. (MoneyWorks), owns real estate, and collects rent. AIA is achieving its mandate and complying with the Governance Guidelines set by NDCU.

Affiliated Companies of NDCU:

Directors may sit on the Boards of NDCU Affiliated Companies. NDCU Affiliated Companies for 2022 were:

- Kootenay Insurance Services Ltd.
- 0948859 BC Ltd. (MoneyWorks)
- Kootenay Risk Services Ltd.

Other Appointments:

In 2022, Directors were appointed to sit on the Boards of:

- Peer Group 3 Kootenay Region Credit Unions
- Upper Columbia Co-op Council

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE POLICY

The members of Nelson & District Credit Union (NDCU) determine from time to time the aggregate remuneration paid to the Directors of NDCU. The members of NDCU resolved in 2014 that the aggregate remuneration paid for honorariums and per diems to the Directors shall not exceed \$100,000 per annum. This amount shall be allocated and distributed to the Directors at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

When Directors are on Credit Union business they are expected to act in good faith and in the best interest of the Credit Union and its members at all times and exercise due care and diligence when incurring and submitting expenses.

Director Compensation:

Director Compensation falls into the following three categories:

- (i) Monthly Honorarium
- (ii) Per Diem Compensation
- (iii) Travel Time Allowance

Director Expenses:

Directors are reimbursed for expenses including travel, accommodation, meals, childcare, eldercare, personal care and a daily per diem while performing their duties for the Credit Union.

Director Education and Development:

To ensure that Directors keep pace with the ongoing change and complexity of business and industry, the Board of Directors embraces the concept of continuous learning and Director development. The Board of Directors is committed to development activities to ensure that the highest standards of performance are met.

As required by the Credit Union Incorporation Act of British Columbia, new Directors complete the required courses within the first 12 months of becoming a Director. Additionally, the Credit Union Director Achievement Program (CUDA) offers elective courses for Directors if they choose to pursue further educational opportunities. CUDA contains three levels of programs. Once Directors complete all three levels, they receive their CUDA Program Certificate and may choose whether they want to write a comprehensive accreditation exam to receive the Accredited Canadian Credit Union Director (ACCUD) credential designation. Your Board has two Directors with the ACCUD designation.

In addition to the CUDA offered courses/programs, Directors are required to seek out and participate in continuous development and learning opportunities relevant to their role, which can include internal education and external webinars and education courses.

Summary of Director Compensation & Expenses January 2022 – December 2022:

DIRECTOR	STIPEND & PER DIEM (includes travel time)	EXPENSES (includes education & travel)	TOTAL
Laureen Barker	\$2,000.	\$0.	\$2 <i>,</i> 000.
Andy Chute	\$6,270.	\$952.	\$7,222.
Zoe Creighton	\$6,900	\$1,102.	\$8,002.
Hannah DeBoer-Smith (August – December)	\$2,435.	\$553.	\$2 <i>,</i> 988.
Karina Farr	\$9 <i>,</i> 420.	\$815.	\$10,235.
John Kortram	\$7,145.	\$448.	\$7,593.
Colin McClure	\$8 <i>,</i> 400.	\$260.	\$8 <i>,</i> 660.
Michael Ramsey, Board Chair from April 27 - December	\$12,560.	\$13,323.	\$25 <i>,</i> 883.
Cameron Stokes	\$7,155.	\$2,170.	\$9 <i>,</i> 325.
Lorne Westnedge, Board Chair from January – April 27	\$9,060	\$1,248	\$10,308.
Total Compensation	\$71,345.	\$20,871.	\$92 ,2 16.

Summary of Director Meeting Attendance

January 2022 – December 2022

DIRECTOR	BOARD MEETINGS	COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Laureen Barker	4 of 4	7 of 8
Andy Chute	9 of 12	27 of 31
Zoe Creighton	10 of 12	16 of 21
Hannah DeBoer-Smith (August – December)	1 of 2	1 of 2
Karina Farr	12 of 12	31 of 31
John Kortram	10 of 12	14 of 18
Colin McClure	12 of 12	11 of 11
Michael Ramsey, Board Chair from April 27 - December	11 of 12	31 of 36
Cameron Stokes	12 of 12	20 of 20
Lorne Westnedge, Board Chair from January – April 27	12 of 12	36 of 39

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

	Name:	Laureen Barker
GEN	Background & Experience:	After 12 years Laureen has stepped down from the board of NDCU.
		A long-time supporter of the Co-op model, Laureen has been an active Member of Co-op Boards for the past 40 years.
		Laureen completed her ACCUD (Accredited Credit Union Director) Certification in her second year on the NDCU Board.
		Currently, Laureen works as an Owner and Manager of Gaia Rising Metaphysical, a retail shop on Baker Street in Nelson. She also sits as a Director on the Board of KCDS (Kootenay Career Development Society) where her experience in Board governance and retail operations is a valuable contribution.
	Position:	Director At Large
	Director Since:	2010
	Current Term:	2019 - 2022
	2022	• Executive Committee, 1st Vice Chair (January – April)
	Committees:	Governance Committee (January – April)
		Audit Committee (January – April)
	Credit Union Director	Level A completed
	Achievement Program	Level B completed
	(CUDA)	Level C completed
		Accredited Canadian Credit Union Director (ACCUD)
	2022 Education &	None
	Conference Attendance	
	Other Relevant Board	Kootenay Career Development Society (KCDS)
	Appointments:	

Name:	Andy Chute
Background & Experience:	Andy became a member of Nelson & District Credit Union in 2001 when the Credit Union would provide lending to his new Internet business while the banks would not. A proud Credit Union member and advocate for 20 years, Andy has previously served on the board of NDCU from 2005 until 2017 with many years on the Credit Union's executive committee and two-years as chair.
	Andy works as a senior software engineer for a local retreat centre management and marketplace, Retreat Guru, where he is responsible for designing, architecting, and building complex systems for enterprise clients.
Position:	Director - Nelson Area Representative
Director Since:	Appointed - October 2020 Previous NDCU Director 2005 – 2018
Current Term:	2021 - 2024
2022 Committees:	 Ad Hoc Member Engagement & Diversity Committee, Chair (January – December) Audit Committee (January – December) Governance Committee (January – December) Investment & Lending Committee (January – December)
Credit Union Director Achievement Program (CUDA)	Level A completed Level C completed
2022 Education & Conference Attendance	CCUA: Governing IT, The Directors Role (Level CE), January 2022 CCUA: Flag the Money for Board Directors and Senior Executives, February 2022 CCUA: BC Lobbying, An Introduction, December 2022 Kootenay Credit Union Peer Group 3 Fall Meeting
Other Relevant Board Appointments:	None

Name:	Zoë Creighton
Background & Experience:	 Zoë has lived in the Nelson area since 1991 and became a member of NDCU shortly after her arrival. She moved from her hometown of Montreal, via Vancouver, where she received a BA in East Asian Studies, with a focus on Japanese Language. A committed champion of the co-op model, she currently works as the Co-op Development Lead of the BC Co-op Association, Coordinator of the Upper Columbia Co-op Council, and as a co-op development consultant supporting emerging and existing co-ops throughout the province. Zoë has served on the boards of the BC Co-op Association, the Kootenay Country Store Co-operative, and Kootenay Co-op Radio, which she helped found in 1998, and is particularly interested in supporting boards in areas of effective governance, generative discussion, and inclusive decision-making.
Position:	Director Nelson Area Penrecentative
Director Since:	Director – Nelson Area Representative
Current Term:	2021 2022 - 2025
2022	Conduct Review Committee, Chair (January – April)
Committees:	 Governance Committee (January – December) Ad Hoc Member Engagement & Diversity Committee (January – December) Investment & Lending Committee (January – December)
Credit Union	Level A completed
Director	
Achievement	
Program (CUDA)	
2022 Education &	CCUA: Flag the Money for Board Directors and Senior Executives,
Conference	February 2022
Attendance	• CUDA eClass: Foundations of Governance in Theory and Action, August 2022
	 CUDA: ESG Oversight and Climate Competency for Boards, October 2022 CCUA: BC Lobbying, An Introduction, December 2022 Kootenay Credit Union Peer Group 3 Spring Meeting & AGM Kootenay Credit Union Peer Group 3 Fall Meeting
Other Relevant	None
Board	
Appointments:	

Name:	Hannah DeBoer-Smith
Background & Experience:	Hannah DeBoer-Smith has been a member of the NDCU since the age of five, which spurred a lifelong love of cooperatives. She has been involved in other local cooperative institutions like Kootenay Coop Radio and Kootenay Coop Store from a young age and has gone on to support the creation and development of cooperatives in the area. She has a varied education, from Fine Woodworking to a recently completed BA in Public Administration and Community Development with a focus on food systems and currently works as a program coordinator at The Nelson Community Food Centre. She has also worked as a farmer, art educator, is a musician and visual artist. Hannah has sat on the Kootenay Coop Radio Board and CFUR Radio Society board both as a director at large and is currently Board chair of Creative Exchange Cooperative
Position:	Creative Exchange Cooperative. Director – At Large Representative
Director Since:	Appointed - 2022
Current Term:	2022
2022 Committees:	 Governance Committee (September – December) Investment & Lending Committee, Chair (September - December) Ad Hoc Member Engagement & Diversity Committee (September – December)
Credit Union Director Achievement Program (CUDA)	• None
2022 Education & Conference Attendance Other Relevant Board	 CUDA: ESG Oversight and Climate Competency for Boards, October 2022 Kootenay Credit Union Peer Group 3 Fall Meeting Creative Exchange Cooperative
 Appointments:	

Name:	Karina Farr
Background & Experience:	Karina has been involved with and working for co-ops and Credit Unions in BC, Alberta, and Manitoba for the past 18 years. Her focus in this work has been on values-based banking and Corporate Social Responsibility strategy, policy, and implementation. Her education includes a BA in Environmental Studies and Writing from the University of Victoria, and an MBA from the University of Alberta. Karina is currently raising a young family in Rossland where she's lived for eight years.
Position:	Director – Rossland Representative Area
Director Since:	2015
Current Term:	2021 - 2024
2022	• Executive Committee, 1 st Vice Chair (April – December)
Committees:	 Ad Hoc Member Engagement & Diversity Committee, (January - April) Governance Committee, Chair (January – December) Nominations Committee, Chair (January – December) Conduct Review Committee (January – December)
Credit Union Director Achievement Program (CUDA)	Level A completed Level B completed Level C completed Accredited Canadian Credit Union Director (ACCUD)
2022 Education & Conference Attendance	 CUDA eClass: Foundations of Governance in Theory and Action, January 2022 CCUA: Flag the Money for Board Directors and Senior Executives, February 2022 CUDA: ESG Oversight and Climate Competency for Boards, October 2022 CCUA: BC Lobbying, An Introduction, December 2022 Kootenay Credit Union Peer Group 3 Fall Meeting, October 2022
Other Relevant	Upper Columbia Co-op Council (January – December)
Board	Rossland Art Centre Society
Appointments:	Rossland Community Pottery Society

Name:	John Kortram
Background & Experience:	John is a lifetime CU member and shares the commitment to serving the best interests of our employees, members, and communities. He is guided by a strong moral compass and has well developed governance competencies based on education, experience, and beliefs.
	Since his immigration in 2011, John has been a business owner in Nelson and now serves a third term on both the board of NDCU and the board of Central 1 Credit Union. John also has a seat on the board of KIS. Back in the Netherlands he served on the board of the Dutch Trade Association for Business Travel Agents and sat on the Council of a regional High School foundation.
	John has a B. Econ and MSc Business Science. His professional career in international business included various senior executive positions. He believes in life-long education to stay abreast of the increasingly challenging and rapidly changing environment.
Position:	Director – Nelson Representative Area
Director Since:	2014
Current Term:	2020 – 2023
2022	• Executive Committee, 2 nd Vice Chair (January – April)
Committees:	 Investment & Lending Committee (January – December)
	Audit Committee (April – December)
Credit Union	CUDA Level A, B and C completed. Accredited Canadian Credit Union
Director	Director (ACCUD)
Achievement	CUES Certified Credit Union Director (CCD)
Program (CUDA)	John holds Certificates of Corporate Governance (Wagner Institute)
Leadership Inst.	and of Co-operative Management (St Mary's University), Good
Program -CUES 2022 Education &	Governance Matters (CCSC USask)
Conference	 CCUA: Flag the Money for Board Directors and Senior Executives, February 2022
Attendance	 Central 1: Open Banking
Attendance	 Central 1: Open Banking Central 1: Enterprise Risk Assessment
	 Kootenay Credit Union Peer Group 3 Spring Meeting & AGM, April 2022
	Central 1: Member Forum, May 2022
	CCUA: National Conference for Canada's Credit Unions, May 2022
	CCUA: Reconciliation Awareness and its Importance to Credit Unions, September 2022
	Central 1: Momentum Summit Conference, October 2022
	CUDA: ESG Oversight & Climate Competency for Boards, Oct 2022
	Kootenay Credit Union Peer Group 3 Fall Meeting, October 2022
Other Relevant	Kootenay Insurance Services.
Board	Central 1 Credit Union on Committees:
Appointments:	Conduct Review and Corporate Governance
	Risk Review and Investment & Loan
	Nominations & Election Committee until April 2022, Chair

Name:	Colin McClure
Background & Experience:	Colin has been voted in as a Director at NDCU since 2007. During his years as a Director at NDCU he has been on the Executive Committee, I&L Committee, Conduct Review committee, Nominations Committee and has been the Chair of the Audit Committee for the past 14 years. He is detail oriented with strong organizational, analytical and communication skills. His work experience coupled with his professional education have refined his knowledge in the areas of complex financial analysis and reporting, long and short-term strategic planning and budget development. Colin is a Chartered Professional Accountant with over 19 years of
	progressive financial management experience. Currently he is the CAO/CFO for the City of Trail, a position he has held for the past 9 months, previously he worked as the CFO for the City of Nelson for 10 years.
Position:	Director – Nelson Representative Area
Director Since:	2007
Current Term:	2022 - 2025
2022	Audit Committee, Chair (January – December)
Committees:	Nominations Committee (April - December)
Credit Union	Level A completed
Director	Level B 3/4 modules completed
Achievement	Level C completed
Program (CUDA)	
2022 Education &	• Kootenay Credit Union Peer Group 3 Fall Meeting, October 2022
Conference	
Attendance	
Other Relevant	None
Board	
Appointments:	

Name:	Michael Ramsey
Background & Experience:	Michael has been a Credit Union member for 40 plus years. He spent his entire professional career with IBM Canada in a variety of technical and senior management roles. He retired to the Kootenays in 2004. He serves as a member of the Rossland Heritage Commission, spent many years as a Rotarian and is a Kootenay Sports Coordinator for the BC 55 Plus Games.
Position:	Director – Rossland Representative Area
Director Since:	2018
Current Term:	2022 - 2025
2022 Committees:	 Chair, Board of Directors (April - December) Executive Committee, Chair (April - December) Ex Officio of All Committees (April – December) Investment & Lending Committee, Chair(January - April) Conduct Review Committee (January – April) Governance Committee (January – April)
Credit Union	Level A completed
Director	Level B partial completion
Achievement Program (CUDA)	Level C completed
2022 Education & Conference Attendance	 CCUA: Flag the Money for Board Directors and Senior Executives, February 2022 Kootenay Credit Union Peer Group 3 Spring Meeting & AGM, April 2022 CCUA: National Conference for Canada's Credit Unions, May 2022 Governance Solutions: The Art & Science of Being a Chair, September 2022 Central 1: Momentum Summit Conference, October 2022 CUDA: ESG Oversight and Climate Competency for Boards, October 2022 Kootenay Credit Union Peer Group 3 Fall Meeting, October 2022
Other Relevant Board Appointments:	 Director -0948859 BC Ltd. (MoneyWorks) Director Kootenay Risk Services Ltd. Rossland Museum and Discovery Centre Rossland Rotary Rossland Public Library Association Board Kootenay Sports Coordinator - BC 55 Plus Games

Name:	Cameron Stokes
Background & Experience:	Cam worked as a Mining Engineer and Project Engineer at various locations in Western Canada before shifting into finance. He spent a short time as an accountant prior to opening and operating an investment company in Prince George. Cam and his family moved to the East Shore five years ago and became involved in several local Societies. Through this experience he quickly learned of the support and community involvement exhibited by the Nelson & District Credit Union and became a proud member. Cam's education includes a BSc Civil Engineering (University of Alberta) and Dip Finance (College of New Caledonia).
Position:	Director – East Shore Representative Area
Director Since: Current Term:	2021
2022 Committees:	 2022 - 2025 Investment & Lending Committee Chair (April – December) Investment & Lending Committee (January - April)
	 Audit Committee (January – December) Conduct Review Committee (January - April) Nominations Committee (April – December) Ad Hoc Member Engagement & Diversity Committee (January – December)
Credit Union Director Achievement Program (CUDA)	Level A completed Level B completed Level C completed
2022Education & Conference Attendance	 CUDA: Risk Oversight eClass, January 2022 CUDA: Board Performance, Development and Evaluation, January 2022 CUDA: Strategy: Planning and Oversight eClass, January 2022 CCUA: Flag the Money for Board Directors and Senior Executives 2022, February 2022 CUDA: HR Governance eClass, March 2022 CUDA: Governing Credit Risk eClass, June 2022 CUDA: ESG Oversight and Climate Competency for Boards, October 2022 Kootenay Credit Union Peer Group 3 Fall Meeting, October 2022
Other Relevant Board Appointments:	None

Name:	Lorne Westnedge
Background & Experience:	Lorne's history of credit union involvement dates back to 1971. He was employed at Nanaimo District Credit Union for 6 years, prior to his move to Nelson and the role of Assistant Manager/Loan Manager for over 15 years. At the end of 1992 he left the employ of NDCU to begin a 28-year career as a Realtor in Nelson, from which he retired at the end of 2020. Lorne was first elected to the NDCU Board in 1994 and has served for 20 years, in stages, since then. Lorne holds a Certificate in Co-Operative Management and another in Member Centric Governance & Management from St. Mary's University. He is an active community participant, currently serving as past president of the Nelson Daybreak Rotary Club and has been selected to be the Rotary District 5080 Governor in 2024-25. He is a member of his church's Board of Elders and on the Provincial Advisory Board for his church. He plays guitar on the church worship team, and also in a community group that plays for local seniors.
Position:	Director At Large
Director Since:	2012
Current Term:	2020 – 2023
2022 Committees:	 Chair, Board of Directors (January – April)
	 Executive Committee , Second Vice-Chair (April – December) Ex Officio of All Committees (January – April) Conduct Review Committee Chair (April – December) Investment & Lending Committee (April – December) Governance Committee (April – December) Ad Hoc Liaison to Community First Health Co-op (January – December)
Credit Union	Level A completed
Director	Level B completed
Achievement	Level C completed
Program (CUDA) 2022 Education & Conference Attendance	 Governance Solutions:4 Steps to CEO Evaluation, January 2022 Central 1: Governance member Engagement Capital Call and Double Majority Vote, January 2022 Governance Solutions: Keeping Score – Measuring Corporate Success, February 2022 NDCU Board & BCFSA: Overview of Approvals Process (Amalgamations), February 2022 Governance Solutions: How Boards Oversee ESG, March 2022 Kootenay Credit Union Peer Group 3 Spring Meeting & AGM, April 2022 Central 1 AGM, May 2022 Governance Solutions: Board Members Behaving Badly, May 2022 Governance Solutions: Never Fail Strategies for Keeping the Board out of the Kitchen, July 2022

	 Rotary Learning Center: Preventing & Addressing Harassment, August 2022 Rotary Learning Center: Micro Aggressions, August 2022 Governance Solutions: What Makes Effective Boards, August 2022 Central 1: Strategic Insights for Measuring Better Member Engagement, August 2022 Governance Solutions: 4 Tips for Creating Healthy CEO/Chair Relationships, August 2022 Rotary Learning Center: Leading Change, September 2022 Rotary Learning Center: DEI Intermediate, September 2022 Kootenay Credit Union Peer Group 3 Fall Meeting, October 2022 CUDA: ESG Oversight and Climate Competency for Boards, October 2022 CCUA: Privacy Reform and How to Mitigate Risk, November 2022 NDCU Strategic Planning Session, November 2022 CCUA: Annual Economic, Policy & Social Outlook, December 2022
	 CCUA: Annual Economic, Policy & Social Outlook, December 2022 KnowBe4 Training, December 2022
Other Relevant	Peer Group 3 Kootenay Region Credit Unions (January- December)
Board	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Appointments:	

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Contributing to the growth and vitality of our communities is a core value of Nelson & District Credit union. Our Community Investment Program was created at the direction of the Board of Directors in order to help our communities thrive.

Through this program, we provide support and funding to a wide array of community groups, non-profits, and charities in the communities we serve in the areas of:

- Education
- Community Life
- Economic Development
- Social Responsibility
- Health & Wellness
- Sports & Recreation
- Arts, Culture, & Heritage

Budget:

The budget for Community Investment is set annually based on prior years' results; over the past three years, our Community Investment disbursals represents 10% of our net operating income.

In 2022, the Community Investment budget was \$145,000 and funds were allocated amongst sectors as follows for a cumulative total of \$144,622:

- Social Responsibility 21%
- Education 9%
- Economic Development 14%
- Art, Culture & Heritage 15%
- Sports & Recreation 16%
- Health & Wellness 10%
- Community Life 15%

Specific allocations can be found in our 2022 Community Giving report.

Approval process:

There is a rigorous application process for the Community Investment Program. Approval is based on a number of factors, with impact and need carrying substantial weight. Donations over \$20,000 are presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

DIVIDEND POLICY

Our Dividend Policy ensures that a portion of our profits are shared with our members. Dividends are paid on the year-end balance in the share account. Dividends are only paid provided Capital Adequacy exceeds 10.0% and Retained Earnings and Contributed Surplus must constitute at least 65% of the Capital.

The goal of NDCU is to declare an annual Dividend for Equity shares Classes A, B, & C equal to or better that the best return for the year on our highest yielding term deposit. Class D shares are paid a lower dividend as they are guaranteed by the Province of BC.

For 2022, Dividends were paid as follows:

Class A	5.6%
Class B	5.6%
Class C	No Shares Outstanding

Class D 4.6%

CEO PROFILE

	Name:	Thomas A. Murray
and the second	Background &	Tom has been employed by NDCU for over 18 years. Prior to starting
	Experience:	his Credit Union career, Tom worked in the fields of Management
35 9		Consulting and Economic Development. He is the past Chair of the
		Osprey Community Foundation as well as the Columbia Basin Trust
		Economic Sector Steering Committee. He holds an MBA from the
		University of Washington with a concentration in Finance, and a
		Bachelor's degree in Economics from Stanford University.
	Other Relevant Board	Kootenay Insurance Services Limited
	Appointments:	0948859 BC Limited (MoneyWorks)
		Kootenay Risk Services (Vice-Chair)

NDCU CEO COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Directors of NDCU formulates the Compensation Philosophy for their CEO. This philosophy motivates the delivery on strategic and business goals, as well as on our mission, vision, values, and desired behaviors. It aims to compensate in a manner that is fair, consistent, and reflective of the external market while providing recognition for achieving strategic business goals of NDCU and for the CEO's effective contribution to achieving these.

The CEO Compensation Philosophy also provides a framework within which compensation decisions for Senior Management are taken. Above all, the philosophy constitutes a framework supporting the fiduciary role the Board of Directors has in protecting the interests of the members of NDCU.

The Board believes that the best interests of members are served if the CEO's annual compensation is paid as a combination of a guaranteed base salary and a performance related variable component. This performance is based on achieving both organizational and individual objectives by the CEO.

For the guaranteed base salary, we use the benchmark of the 50th percentile of CEO base compensation of similar sized Credit Unions operating in British Columbia. The base salary is reviewed annually. At the time of review, the Board can take into consideration, the performance of NDCU, market studies, and the CEO's professional development at their discretion.

Pension

The CEO participates in a Defined Benefit Pension Plan, contributions to the Pension Plan are shared between NDCU and the CEO, which is the same structure for employees.

Severance

If the employment is terminated with cause, no notice, salary, benefits or bonus are owed. If the employment is terminated without cause, there is a severance package (comprising of base salary, incentives and benefits) owed to the CEO. The severance amount is based on the total years of service completed to a maximum pay of 24 months.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

The CEO is supported by the following Executive Leadership Team:

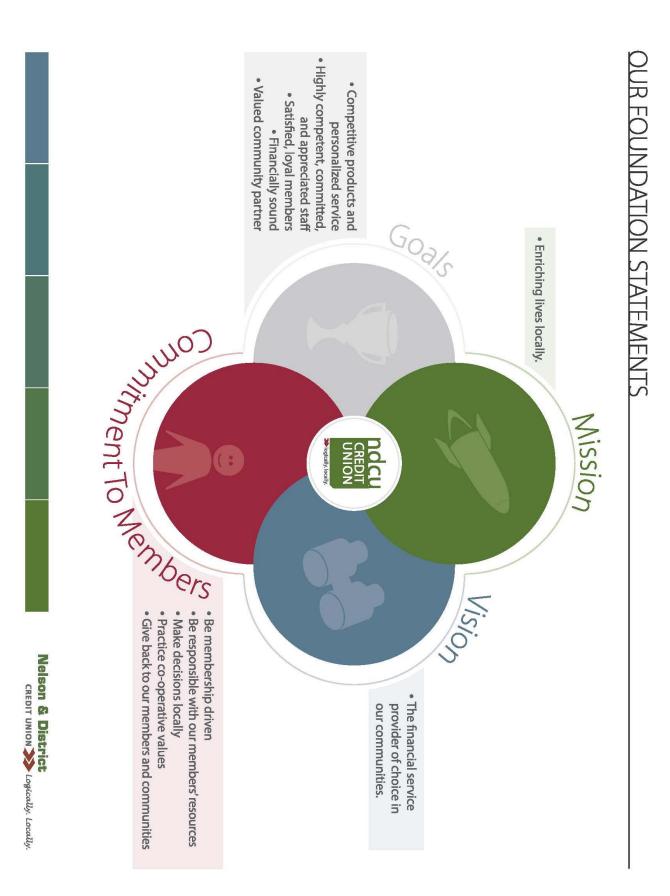
Tom Atkins	Senior Manager, Member Experience
Alan Danks	Senior Manager, Technology Solutions
Tara Keirn	Senior Manager, Finance & Credit
Candace Wolbaum	Senior Manager, Human Resources

MEMBER FEEDBACK

Listening Locally:

Please share your thoughts, opinions, accolades, or concerns with us. Your feedback is important to us, and we appreciate your time in sharing your thoughts with us. We respond to every Listening Locally comment we receive, and we ask that you please complete the contact information so that we can respond appropriately to your comment. Our CEO will respond to your inquiry within ten business days from the time that we receive your email. Your comments are reviewed by your board of directors and will serve to make us better. Nelson & District Credit Union appreciates and respects your privacy with regards to your comments and confidential information. This document is sent in a secure environment.

Please visit our website: <u>https://www.nelsoncu.com/Personal/AboutUs/ListeningLocally/</u> and fill out our Listening Locally form.





We thank you for giving thought to where you bank, because where you bank makes a difference. The fnancial support by members provided exceptional programming, infrastructure, events and experiences in our communities as the Community Investment Program distributed \$144,622 in 2022.

Your Board of Directors



Nelson & District Credit Union annual corporate reports can be found at www.nelsoncu.com/CorporateReports. Printed in the Kootenays 100% Post Consumer Waste, Process Chlorine Free, Acid Free, FSC Certified.