

Free Moving Service For Survivors Seeks New Board Members (Volunteer)

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[Shelter Movers](#) is a national, volunteer-powered charitable organization providing moving and storage services at no cost to survivors fleeing abuse. As the only service of its kind in Canada, Shelter Movers helps survivors of gender-based violence transition to a better, safer life. We work to create a world where survivors can move on from abuse and violence in power and dignity.

We are currently looking for interested individuals to fill vacancies on our Board of Directors. The ideal candidate has prior board experience and can commit to monthly evening board meetings (hybrid remote or in person), along with 1-4 hours of work per week, and occasional training and strategic planning sessions.

We are currently recruiting for positions with a priority on the following expertise:

- Organizational growth and scaling
- HR experience
- Gender-based violence sector experience
- Risk management

along with the following qualifications:

- Previous board experience
- Dedication towards anti-racist and anti-oppressive work
- A commitment of time (4-10 hours per month)
- A commitment to Shelter Movers' mission and strategic direction

Shelter Movers' mandate is national in scope, but local in application. We are currently looking for board members from across Canada. Multilingualism and lived experience are considered strong assets.

As a member of the Board, a Director acts in a position of trust for the community and is responsible for the effective governance of the organization. The Board of Directors is collectively accountable to the organization's stakeholders, including volunteers, clients,



community partners, institutional funders and donors. In addition, they are accountable for Shelter Movers' fiscal behaviour and legislative compliance.

Core responsibilities include:

- Preparing for, attending and participating in monthly board meetings, in person or remotely, as appropriate.
- Serving and actively participating on at least one committee.
- Providing guidance and strategic direction for the organization, prioritizing long-term stability and growth.
- Participating in annual reviews of Shelter Movers' mission, objective and core values, while also ensuring Shelter Movers embodies each; including making mission-driven Board-level decisions.
- Writing, reviewing and abiding by operational policies that apply to the Board and in some cases, the organization.
- Participating in the monitoring of the organization's financial performance, including budget setting, forecasting and regular review of results against plan.
- Leading or participating in performance evaluations of the Executive Director.
- Participating in the recruitment of board members and the nominations process as appropriate.
- Supporting, and participating in, fundraising events and/or special events, including a willingness to reach out to your network or provide contacts to fundraising staff. Board members are expected to make a financial commitment to the organization. There is no minimum.
- At all times being an ambassador for Shelter Movers' work and mission, supporting the ED and staff as appropriate, and keeping confidential all matters discussed at Board meetings.
- Maintaining engagement in relevant community issues and news impactful to the organization and sector.

Directors are elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting (typically October of each year). Directors are expected to serve at least one two-year term.

Finding the right fit is especially important to us. If you embody a commitment to diversity, understand what it means to be trauma-informed and want to be a part of a high growth, social initiative that is making a tangible difference in the lives of people across the country, then please send your resume and cover letter to danielle@sheltermovers.com, by Friday, September 2, 2022.