

Howard Smith



With over 50 years of experience practicing accounting in Oshawa and its surrounding communities, Oshawa Community's Chair to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, Howard Smith, is an indispensable asset to the Credit Union.

Howard has been a valued member of Oshawa Community since 1983 and was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2015. Howard has held the position of the Chair of the Audit Committee for five terms and has also served as a member of the Planning and Budgeting, Nominating and Maintenance Committees.

With years of knowledge and experience, Howard decided to impart his wisdom teaching other accountants. Howard worked as an instructor in Not-for-Profit Accounting at UOIT and also mentored accountants, here in Ontario as well as the Maritimes. Howard was also an instructor for United Way's Leadership Development Program covering topics including board governance and the roles and responsibilities of board members.

Howard is a proven leader with several presidencies under his belt at many local organizations including the United Way, the Durham Children's Aid Society and the Driftwood Theater Group. Furthermore, Howard was the Treasurer for many local organizations like the Durham Community Foundation, Epilepsy Durham and Home Base Durham.

Undoubtedly a self-motivated individual, easily filling his days with his passions for accounting, leadership and community involvement, Howard keeps his schedule open enough to enjoy spending time with his lovely wife and loving family (especially at the cottage!). He is also very active, citing badminton, volleyball and cycling as some of his favourite pastimes. And well very obviously, a "numbers guy", Howard is happy to enjoy a reprieve from number crunching by hopping on his motorcycle and leaving numerous responsibilities behind.