

Strathcona Connected Coast Network Corporation

Board of Director Opportunity

About SCCNC

The Strathcona Connected Coast Network Corporation (SCCNC) was incorporated to own, manage and operate a regional broadband infrastructure on Vancouver Island.

The SCCNC is a wholly owned subsidiary of the [Strathcona Regional District](#) (SRD). The SRD is recruiting for the SCCNC Board of Directors to advise on the overall strategic direction and foster long-term success of the SCCNC. Individuals who have a strong interest and commitment in advancing access to reliable and affordable broadband are encouraged to apply.

The SCCNC entered a joint venture partnership with CityWest to plan, implement and operate the Connected Coast Project. This project will bring high-speed Internet accessibility to rural and remote communities along coastal BC, Haida Gwaii and Vancouver Island. The network includes 3400 km of subsea fibre optic cable which will provide broadband infrastructure to 159 landing sites. Construction of the network will be completed in 2023. Once the subsea cable is in place and landing sites are constructed, internet service providers will be able to connect to the infrastructure and then provide internet services to residents and businesses. Funding for the \$45.4 million Connected Coast project has been secured through provincial and federal government programs. Visit connectedcoast.ca for more project details.

Roles and Responsibilities of the SCCNC Board of Directors

The purpose of the SCCNC Board is to advise on the overall strategic direction of the organization. The Board will continue the process of strategic planning including the development, monitoring and revision of the strategic plan. Responsibilities of the board include:

- Propose amendments to the mission, vision, strategic plan, and other high-level performance objectives to the SRD Board as appropriate.
- Approve business and action plans consistent with the mission, vision, strategic objectives, and other high-level performance expectations.
- Prioritize activities and resources in the manner best judged to achieve objectives.
- Review and approve annual budgets within external grant funding and SRD approved funding allocations.
- Provide feedback on the performance of the organization.
- Approve the subsidiary's officers, other than the Chief Executive Officer.
- Assess the reasonability of the subsidiary's expenditures.
- Review and approve the subsidiary's financial statements.

Board Composition, Appointment and Compensation

The board is comprised of a minimum of 5 and not more than 7 directors. Directors will have a term of office commencing on the date of the annual general meeting they are elected or appointed and terminating immediately prior to the election or appointment of directors at their second annual general meeting (two-year term).

Board of Directors will meet at a frequency as they see fit. It is anticipated meetings may be monthly and can be up to 3 hours in duration. As the project develops and construction is complete, the meetings will be less frequent and determined by the board.

Typically, meetings will be held at the SRD office in Campbell River and/or virtually.

Compensation

The SCCNC Board of Directors are entitled to be compensated for acting as directors at a rate similar to the current meeting remuneration paid to SRD Directors. Future remuneration may be determined by SCCNC board resolution. Directors will be reimbursed for reasonable out of pocket expenses that may be incurred during the course of carrying out SCCNC business.

Qualifications and Experience

The SRD is recruiting at least four persons who have telecommunications industry experience and/or governance skills, specifically seeking Individuals who can bring the following skills and attributes:

- Possess strong reasoning skills
- Conduct themselves ethically and with integrity
- Ability to work towards consensus
- Appreciate others' perspectives
- Aptitude for business and commercial judgement
- Strong desire to improve connectivity for rural and remote coastal British Columbians.

Board of Directors should have expertise in some of the following areas:

- Financial management fluency
- Strategic planning experience
- Significant experience with business opportunity identification/business development
- Familiarity with risk management practices
- Legal expertise
- Community development/engagement
- Knowledge of local government, the SRD and the region it serves, is desirable
- Significant experience with and knowledge of the telecommunications industry, including with the regulatory environment, overall industry trends, competitive environment, and management of key stakeholder relationships.
- Familiarity with the development and operation of wholesale high speed fibre optic cable networks including fibre construction and fibre exchanges, service development and delivery, and open access approaches.
- Significant experience with and knowledge of small to medium scale internet service providers (including wireless) and their operating models, business and technical environment, particularly in a rural and regional context.

The SRD's goal is to maintain a high-quality diverse board based upon the combined knowledge and experience of the directors.

Apply

Potential candidates are requested to submit their application to the nomination committee at tyates@srd.ca by **March 24, 2021 at 4:00 pm**. Applications for a Board of Director position must include:

- A cover letter and resume detailing candidate's experience, expertise and qualifications in the areas listed above
- Professional or other affiliations or memberships
- Two professional references.