



West Lansing Homeowners Association Members of the Board of Directors for 2016 – 2017 (ordered alphabetically)



Ronit Barzilay, Director

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Ronit has lived in West Lansing for 14 years and shares her home with her partner and three children. She's a well known realtor, particularly active in this neighbourhood, and has been active in number of community groups and events over the years including MINOEs, the Cameron Spring Fair and local Earth Day activities. Ronit joined WLHA so that she can help address some of the challenges facing our community, including building, noise and traffic.



Mike Capotosto, President

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Mike was born and raised in Willowdale and has been a fixture in this neighbourhood since 1986. He's a chartered accountant, a dad to two sons and, along with his wife, Sharon, has been instrumental in a number of community events like the Canada Day BBQ, the Cameron Spring Fair, the Earth Hour Walk and the Halloween Costume Swap. Over the years, he's also been an active leader for groups like Scouts Canada, CyberKids and Glen Cameron for Kids. Mike is a passionate musician, and you might recognize him as the conga player at various local events. Mike joined the board of the WLHA because he believes that having neighbours who know each other is paramount in successfully dealing with community issues like parking, noise, traffic, development, etc.



Vanessa Clarke, Treasurer

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Vanessa, along with her husband and 2 children moved to the West Lansing neighbourhood in 2004 and immediately fell in love with the small town feel and closeness of the community. Vanessa and her husband volunteer at Cameron Public School and at most community events, including maintaining the Cameron ice rink. Vanessa brings over 25 years of experience in local and provincial politics, including 6 years working at the Ontario Legislature.



Steve Giagkou, Director

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Steve moved into the neighborhood in 2004 and joined the West Lansing board in 2015. More recently, Steve has helped with keep the community up to date by sending out the Newsletter that includes neighborhood announcement. In addition to West Lansing, Steve has volunteered on various field trips with the Glen Cameron for Kids day care as well as CyberKids summer sport program for toddlers.



Mark Groleau, Director

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Mark and his family moved into the neighbourhood just over 2 years ago from Richmond Hill. After having lived in the suburbs for almost a decade, they quickly grew to love the “village feel” of West Lansing with so many shops, schools, and professional services within walking distance, a robust and engaged Facebook group, and neighbours who are always finding ways to meet each other. Mark works out of his home and various neighbourhood coffee shops as an online educator, new media entrepreneur, and licensed wedding officiant and consultant. His wife Naomi is a marriage and family therapist. Their four-year-old daughter attends Cameron School, and their two-year-old is counting the days until he can, too. Mark has a passion for helping us have healthier lives by a) forming and strengthening friendships right on our streets where we live, and b) by intentionally offering our skills, resources, and experience to each other in community.



Paul Martin, Development Director

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Paul Martin has been a resident of West Lansing since 1991 and a homeowner here since 1996. Doing a major addition to his house himself, including design and almost all of the labour, he learned the process of development and permitting here first hand and has maintained an active interest in neighbourhood and city development ever since. He lives on Bogert Ave. with his wife Jennifer (an avid gardener) and his two children, and works in Burlington as a chemical engineer.



Pauline Noonan, Beautification Director

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Pauline has lived in West Lansing since 2000 with her husband, two children and their dog. She has been a member on the Yorkview P.S. and Willowdale M.S school parent councils over a 7 year period, and acted as a Ward Representative for both councils as well. A self-confessed “tree hugger”, Pauline became involved with the WLHA due to her interest in maintaining a healthy tree population in our area amidst the intensification that continues.... Some of the projects she has been involved in include: signage for the neighbourhood, park playgrounds and the recent fitness trail in Gwendolen Park along with promoting free trees for city allowances from the City of Toronto’s Urban Forestry department.



Sue Ross, Director

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Sue Ross has been a resident of West Lansing since 1996 and loves our neighbourhood. She is a CPA, working for a consulting company downtown. She has worked in a school, in media and has been on two other volunteer boards as a treasurer. As a mother of two teenagers, she appreciates the amenities we have in the area and as a driver and a transit user the need for improvements within our city and neighbourhood.



Scott Winhold, Director

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Scott and his wife Melanie have lived in Willowdale for 6 years but just recently moved to the West Lansing neighbourhood. Along with their dog Brian, they really enjoy taking walks through the parks and ravines while meeting neighbours. Scott works for BMW Group Canada as a National Manager of Dealer Development and has a strong understanding of the city permitting and approval process as well as the complexity of city planning. He looks forward to meeting more neighbours and supporting the continued development of West Lansing.



Dimos Zarkadas, Traffic Director & Website

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Dimos became involved with the WLHA soon after buying his first house here in 2005. He has always cherished the house and convenient location and has fallen in love with the neighborhood along with wife, Irena, six-year-old son, Silvan and three-year-old daughter Tessa. He works as a user experience analyst for the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. He has a degree in urban planning and has always maintained urban issues as his hobby. Since he started his involvement with WLHA, he has led the effort of addressing an array of traffic issues in the neighborhood.