

Blair Richardson

Blair is married, with two grown children, and two grandsons. He and Sharon have been living in Oakville, Ontario, since 1994. Blair has been retired since 2003, after a 30-year career in health care management. During this time, he worked in the Maritimes, the West, Ontario and Quebec, and for organizations in the public, not-for-profit, and for-profit sectors. His expertise includes helping organizations assemble and analyze information and make strategic decisions; conducting operational audits or reviews; and managing advocacy, public policy and government relations activities.

Blair's outdoor recreation experience spans 50 years and all regions of Canada. It includes hiking, backpacking, wilderness canoe tripping, white water canoeing, skiing and snow shoeing. Highlights include backpacking in Kluane, Banff and Waterton National Parks as well as canoeing the South Nahanni and Coppermine Rivers in the NWT. He is a flat water canoeing instructor and a trip leader with advanced wilderness first aid certification. Nowadays, you can find Blair walking sections of the Bruce Trail with his Black Lab, Jack.

Past involvement as an adult volunteer includes Boy Scouts of Canada (scoutmaster and canoeing instructor), Alzheimer's Society and Salvation Army (fundraising and neighbourhood canvassing) and the United Way of Oakville (Allocations Committee). He is a member of St. Jude's Anglican Church in Oakville and serves on the Parish Council. For the past several years, Blair has been a volunteer with Food For Life as a relief driver and currently he is Board Chairman.