



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Board of Directors

Sarnia Chris Hadfield
Airport Municipal Services
Corporation

The City of Sarnia is establishing a Municipal Services Corporation (“MSC”) to govern and operate the Sarnia Chris Hadfield Airport (“YZR”). The MSC is being incorporated under the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (ONCA) and will assume full operational responsibility for YZR upon the expiration of the current headlease agreement on June 30, 2027.

The MSC’s primary mandate is to oversee the safe operation of the airport, ensure its long-term financial sustainability, promote growth, and increase its overall economic impact for Sarnia and Lambton County.

Call for Applications – Voting Directors

The City of Sarnia is seeking four to six members of the public to serve as voting Directors on the MSC Board of Directors. As a Board Director, you will help shape the future of YZR and contribute to the governance of this important regional transportation and economic asset.

The Board of Directors is “skills-based” and will be comprised of individuals who bring the mix of skills, expertise, and perspective needed to oversee the responsible, progressive operation of the airport while serving the unique and diverse needs of the people and businesses of Sarnia and Lambton County.

Priority Qualifications

| Area of Experience | Desired Qualifications |
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| Finance | Familiarity with budgeting, financial reporting, or auditing |
| Aviation or Transportation | Understanding of airport or transportation operations, regulatory issues, or infrastructure management |
| Legal/Regulatory Knowledge | Familiarity with the <i>Aeronautics Act</i> , municipal legislation, and public-sector governance |
| Real Estate Development | Familiarity with commercial and industrial real estate trends, opportunities, and development dynamics within Sarnia and Lambton County |
| Business Operations and Investments | Experience with business development, strategic planning, or investment management |

A professional Director designation (such as ICD.D or equivalent), senior leadership experience, and a connection to the Sarnia–Lambton region are highly desired attributes for Board members.

Board Responsibilities

Directors will be responsible for the stewardship of the Sarnia Chris Hadfield Airport and for providing strategic direction, financial oversight, governance, risk management, and stakeholder engagement on behalf of the MSC. Directors may also serve on standing committees of the Board, including finance and audit, governance and nominations, operations and safety, and business development.

Terms and Commitment

Board members will be appointed for three-year terms, with terms staggered to ensure operational continuity. Each Board member will have the option for one reappointment, not to exceed six consecutive years of service.

Equity and Accessibility

The City of Sarnia is committed to equity and diversity on the MSC Board of Directors and in the workplace. We encourage applications from all qualified individuals, believing that diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives strengthen governance and decision-making. The City of Sarnia is committed to providing all persons with equal opportunities and is compliant with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. If you require disability-related accommodation to participate in the Board of Directors recruitment process, please advise airportMSC@sarnia.ca as soon as possible. Accommodation may be provided at all steps of the recruitment process.

How to Apply

Interested parties are invited to submit their résumé and a brief cover letter outlining their relevant qualifications and interest in serving on the Board. Applications should be submitted to:

Email: airportMSC@sarnia.ca

Applications will be accepted until July 3, 2026 at 4 p.m.

Any questions regarding this posting should be directed to airportMSC@sarnia.ca.

The Sarnia Chris Hadfield Airport is owned by the Corporation of the City of Sarnia and will be operated by the Sarnia Chris Hadfield Airport Municipal Services Corporation.

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