



STEPHEN FAIRBAIRN

Elk Valley

Start Date: 2019

Acclaimed to next term: 2022

Meetings attended: 17 of 19

Merger meetings attended: 1

Committees:

Governance

Audit

Nominating – Chair

Compensation Paid (including stipend and travel time): \$3,575.00

Expenses (including training and travel costs): \$3,407.00

Career: Municipal Councillor, teacher and small business owner

Education: Masters of Education, Bachelors of Arts in Geography, Bachelors of Education, Specialist Qualification in Special Education (Ontario)

Credit Union Director Achievement Program (CUDA) program completed – Levels A, B, C

Directorships (personal): Founding board member, Elkford Housing Society and Gracie Lou Foundation (treasurer)

Other Community Involvement: Elected Councillor, District of Elkford

Credit union member since: 1994

MORE ABOUT STEPHEN...

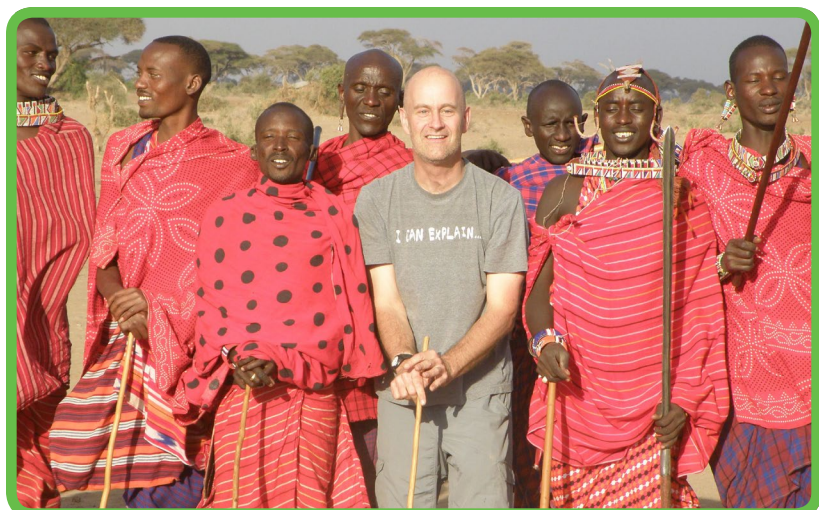
As an Elkford, Municipal Councillor, volunteer ski instructor, and the Gracie Lou Foundation founder, Stephen Fairbairn is an active community member to say the least. As the owner and founder of Strings and Things Music, a music store located in Elkford and Fernie, B.C, and as a Secondary School teacher for multiple schools across the country, Stephen's work history is also impressive and diverse. Stephen was also the Union President of the Fernie District Teachers' Association for six years and a provincial representative on the BCFT Social Justice Committee, the Teachers' Pension Plan Advisory Committee, the Teachers' Pension Plan Committee (two related groups) and numerous overseas projects with the Canadian Teachers' Federation/CIDA, once as a team leader setting up a new program of teacher development. If you were to find a unifying theme in his work, though, it doesn't take long to realize a trend: Stephen has a passion for serving people, be that through education, government, or business.

As an active volunteer ski-instructor for Canadian Adaptive Snowsports, Stephen enjoys sharing his passion for alpine skiing with others in his community who have physical, visual and cognitive impairments. Through this program, Stephen helps community members adapt so that they can participate fully in skiing.

Like skiing, music is also a passion for Stephen, who enjoys performing and listening to music. It was from this passion for music that his home-business was born—Strings and Things Music—and, through this business, he served his community's music needs for a decade, enabling other community members to foster and share their love of music.

As an alumnus of Carleton University, Queens University, and the University of Lethbridge, Stephen prides himself on being a lifelong learner, always reading and challenging himself through further education. Through his volunteer and employment history, he has fostered the love of education in the lives of others in his community.

As a Board Member for East Kootenay Community Credit Union, Stephen takes up the familiar role of serving people by ensuring the continued financial independence of the residents of the Elkford community. If you asked Stephen what he likes about EKC, he'd probably tell you that he likes how the EKC's goal is "serving our members." In other words, Stephen appreciates that EKC puts the community first, prioritizing its members over the profitability. In this way, the financial needs of Stephen's community are reliably met, regardless of the community's size.



Stephen Fairbairn with Masai in Kenya on volunteer trip

