

**The following individuals are recommended for election to the MS Society Board of Directors for a first, three-year term ending in 2023**

**Kent Kirkpatrick:** A graduate of Western University, Kent had an extensive thirty year career in municipal government that ended with his retirement in 2016 after twelve years as City Manager for the City of Ottawa.

Throughout his career, Kent has been an active member of the communities in which he lives and works. He served four consecutive terms as an elected member of the Council of the Town of Carleton Place. He is a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, Western University's Local Government Program Award of Excellence and an Algonquin College honorary degree recognizing exemplary achievement in education, industry, community service and other areas of leadership.

Kent has a long commitment to the MS Society of Canada. Diagnosed with MS in 1998, he shortly after volunteered as a member of the Ottawa Chapter Board. In 2011, he joined the Ontario and Nunavut Division Board, and currently serves as Council Chair. In 2016, he was asked by the Society Board of Directors to chair the Community Facing Task Force which worked with staff and leadership volunteers across the country and reported back to the Board in 2018, recommending the adoption of the Community Engagement Model.

**Brian Kusisto:** Brian is the Chairman of the Sexton Family of Companies which are four family owned companies in the building materials industry. Previous to being named Chairman in February, Brian was the CEO of these companies for the past 13 years. His business focus for the next few years will be to successfully transition the ownership of this 53- year old business to the third generation of the family.

Brian's exposure to MS began early in his life as his mother was diagnosed with MS when he was very young. As an older adult, Brian developed a passion for mountain climbing and has completed three major climbs around the world as fundraisers for charities with significant personal meaning to him including the Canadian Liver Foundation and the Stephen Lewis Foundation. In 2011, Brian climbed Mount Aconcagua, the highest mountain outside of the Himalayas, to raise money for MS in honour of his late mother.