



Call for New Members – Board of Directors

What We Teach Our Children, 2008 Christi Belcourt

The Toronto Birth Centre (TBC) aims to build a space where pregnant people, families and communities can access culturally safe birthing care. The TBC Midwives' Council and Community Council are currently recruiting interested individuals for nomination to the TBC Board of Directors and aims to nominate members who can best accomplish the objectives of the TBC, in alignment with its vision, core values, and Indigenous framework.

The Board of Directors has the ultimate decision-making and authority for all responsibilities outlined in the Independent Health Facilities Act license agreement, including all matters relating to finances, strategic planning, quality assurance and compliance for the TBC. The Board's membership is two-thirds registered midwives and majority self-identified Indigenous people. The Board is accountable to its clients, the communities the TBC serves, government agencies, institutional partners and community stakeholders.

The Midwives' Council is currently looking to fill one position:

- For a **Midwife** who would like to work for a full three-year term with possibility of renewal.

The Community Council is looking to fill one position:

- For an **Indigenous Midwife** who would like to work for two years of a three-year term on the TBC Board of Directors with possibility of renewal.

"Midwife" means a Registered Midwife in good standing with the College or an Aboriginal Midwife practicing under the exception clause 8(3) of the Midwifery Act, 1991, S.O. 1991, c.31.

"Indigenous Midwife" is any midwife that self-identifies as Indigenous in the spirit of the United Nation's approach to Indigenous identity.

Participation on the Board is an exciting opportunity to be an integral part of the ongoing development and implementation of the TBC as an innovative midwifery-led initiative.

The appointment process for Board membership with the Toronto Birth Centre is guided by the TBC's Vision, Purpose, Core Values and Indigenous Framework, and works within an Indigenous worldview.

Board members will commit to attending monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and need to be prepared to chair a committee or working group. Midwives who are IBPOC (Indigenous, Black and People of Colour) and/or gender diverse, with skills and expertise in public relations, finance, law, community engagement and other non-clinical areas are especially welcome. Previous Board experience is not required.

Please submit a Statement of Interest (max. 300 words), a curriculum vitae, and two references to:

**Board Nominations Working Group
c/o TBCboardnom20@gmail.com
by October 9th at 16:00.**

Statements of interest will be reviewed by both Midwives' Council and/or Community Council, who will facilitate an election if needed. Selected candidates will be put forward for election at the TBC's special members meeting being planned for mid-October 2020.