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**Biography**

Judy Skinner is a Manager of Financial Planning at the City of Toronto where with a team of Analysts she manages the City's budget process for the Parks, Forestry & Recreation and Economic Development and Culture programs, as well as City agencies governed by separate boards - the Toronto Police Service, Toronto Public Library, Exhibition Place, the Toronto Zoo, Yonge Dundas Square, Civic Theatres Toronto, Arena Boards and Heritage Toronto. Judy has extensive experience with the enterprise-driven, Board-governed agencies reporting to City of Toronto Council.

Prior to the 1998, she was responsible for administration and financial management at the former Toronto Historical Board, an agency of the former City of Toronto.

Judy's most extensive volunteer involvement is with credit unions. She became a Director of Bread and Roses Credit Union in 1979, serving as president (chair) from 1981 until 1994, continuing as a director until 1997. In 1998, she was a recipient of the Ontario credit union sector's Gary Gillam Award for Social Responsibility. Her membership in Alterna began with joining Universities and Colleges Credit Union after it gained a community bond in 1983.

Judy has served as Board Chair of the Toronto Municipal Employees Credit Union (TMECU) since 2007, beginning as a Director in 2000. Most recently, she led the TMECU Board through the recently completed merger process into Alterna.

Through Bread and Roses Credit Union and through a community loan program supported by Metro Credit Union (Alterna), Judy gained experience evaluating small enterprise loan proposals.

Judy is an active member of co-operative community in Toronto where she resides at Church Isabella Residents Cooperative, currently serves as Treasurer for its Board and is also a member of Karma Food Cooperative. Judy also provides her expertise as Treasurer of a small charitable foundation.



Candidate for the Board of Directors

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### **Contribution Statement**

Credit Unions have been an important part of my adult life with my interest seeded by conversations with my Dad who provided leadership contributions in the mutual savings bank system where I grew up. In Toronto, my involvement started with the community development credit union, Bread & Roses. Here, I learned the basic credit union financial model from which my knowledge and experience grew to being ranked strong in all areas of the DICO requirements. As the Chair of the Toronto Municipal Employees Credit Union I was able to lead the Board through an RFP process to consider merger partner submissions and conclude the merger with Alterna.

As a leader, I have participated in second tier credit union organizations, initially, Ontario central, CUCO, and recently Central 1. I'm proud to be a long-time member of Alterna, starting with its roots in Toronto – UNICOL and then Metro.

I have 18 years of experience in management with the City of Toronto Financial Planning Division, working as a senior member of the central finance team with responsibility for program budgets for divisions and agencies. As a team member and financial resource for governance reviews of City agencies, I have direct experience with the importance of good governance to financial management and success.

I have direct involvement and knowledge of the cooperative housing sector, based in Toronto, but with participation at the national with the Cooperating Housing Federation of Canada. I have direct experience and knowledge of the cooperative model of business, through my housing cooperative experience as Treasurer and through past involvement in community development lending and in an organization created to seed and support worker cooperatives.

Finally, I have diverse experience as a board member with local community organizations, charities, and with the wider reach of the development organization, Oxfam Canada.