

# OPIRG York's 2024-2026

## Board of Directors Nominations

Nomination for the Ontario Public Interest Research Group at York University (OPIRG York) Board of Directors is open to any OPIRG York member, as long as the nomination is supported by at least 15 member signatures. All York University students\* who have paid their student fees and have not opted out of OPIRG York, as well as any community member who has paid for membership are members of OPIRG York and are eligible for nomination. We especially encourage women, Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour, trans people, queer people, disabled individuals, working class and union members, and diverse religious and cultural communities to run in order to have a Board that is representative of the diversity of the York University community.

*\*note: this excludes Osgoode Hall students, and students at Glendon Campus.*

Candidates for the Board should be members (students or community members) who have demonstrated a commitment to social and environmental justice and working within an anti-oppression framework.

Board of Directors agree to:

1. Responsibly and fully participate in and understand consensus decision-making;
2. Commit to attending a bi-weekly 2 hour Board meeting;
3. Commit to devote at least 4 hours a month in portfolio hours (not including board meetings);
4. Take responsibility for maintaining/bottom lining at least one portfolio;
5. Take responsibility for the Board's collective role as employer, representatives of the collective interests of student membership, community membership, and policy maker;
6. Have sufficient time and interest to prepare for and participate actively in the above duties, along with other responsibilities, like general members' meetings, committees, as well as programming;
7. Commit to respond to all board related emails within 72 hours and within 24 hours when the subject line is marked as "urgent";
8. Commit to working to maintain a healthy environment and space that is respectful of others, both physically and emotionally;
9. Commit to constant learning and the deconstruction of oppressive power structures such as (but not limited to) sexism, racism, homophobia, transphobia, Islamophobia, xenophobia, ableism and classism;
10. Commit to engaging in group process when such oppressive behaviours and attitudes surface; and
11. Take collective responsibility for the organization's finances, and understand that if the organization or board break the duties of diligence, loyalty or act unlawfully, you may be personally held liable.

For additional details on roles and responsibilities of the Board, and to learn more about OPIRG York's governance model, please consult the OPIRG York Constitution at <https://www.opirgyork.org/governance/>.

## **Nomination Process**

To nominate yourself or someone you believe has the commitment, interest, time and ability to be a good Director, submit a completed Nomination Form (attached below) between Wednesday, September 4, 9am and Wednesday September 11, 5 p.m. to the OPIRG York email [opirgyorkcro2024@gmail.com](mailto:opirgyorkcro2024@gmail.com). In your email, please include a short bio including your pronouns, and a statement of interest (approx. 200 words). The **deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11**, unless the CRO decides to extend the nomination period.

## **Elections**

The election of the board shall happen at the Annual General Meeting of OPIRG York, to be held on **Tuesday September 24, 2024 from 6 - 7 p.m.** EST. All nominees to the board shall introduce themselves to the membership and an election will be held to determine additional board members for the 2024-2026 term.

For more information contact Sadiyah Jamal, OPIRG York's Chief Returning Officer at [opirgyorkcro2024@gmail.com](mailto:opirgyorkcro2024@gmail.com). Copies of the nomination form and more information about OPIRG York are available online at [www.opirgyork.org](http://www.opirgyork.org).

### OPIRG YORK 2024 Nomination Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [your name], am interested in being elected to the 2024 - 2026 OPIRG York Board of Directors. If elected I will carry out the rights and responsibilities of a Director to fulfill the mandate of the organization. **I acknowledge that if I don't meet the responsibilities above, the board has the ability to remove me from the Board of Directors; and if I miss three (3) consecutive meetings without sending regrets, I will be automatically removed from the board.**

Signature:	Date:
Email:	Phone:

We the undersigned are student and community members of OPIRG York\* and we support the nomination of the candidate above to run for a position on the OPIRG York Board of Directors. The following types of signatures are accepted: email addresses, physical signatures, e-signatures. Nominees can sign their own nomination form. Please ensure that all community members have paid their membership fee, and completed their membership form before signing.

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\* Student members are part-time or full-time students at York University who have not opted out of OPIRG York, excluding Osgoode Hall students and students at Glendon Campus. Community members are members of the surrounding community who have paid to opt in to OPIRG York.