



**Mark Smith**  
**External Member,**  
**Board of Governors**

Mark Smith was appointed to the Board of Governors in 2020. He grew up in Thunder Bay and graduated from Lakehead University with an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography. He went on to obtain a Master of Arts Degree from Wilfrid Laurier University majoring in Urban Economic Geography. Mark worked as an Urban Planner for a number of consulting firms before joining the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay.

Mark worked for the City of Thunder Bay for close to thirty years and retired in 2021. He was the General Manager of the City's Development & Emergency Services Department and a member of its Executive Management Team. Mark was responsible for the City's Planning Services, Building Services, Realty Services and the Licensing & Enforcement Divisions. He was also responsible for providing oversight and direction with respect to the operation of emergency services provided by Superior North Emergency Medical Services and Thunder Bay Fire Rescue.

Mark has served on the boards of directors and various subcommittees of the United Way and EcoSuperior and represented City administration on the board of directors of the Community Economic Development Commission. For several years Mark also served as a mentor in the Leadership Thunder Bay program.

Mark brings to Lakehead University's Board of Governors a diverse background and considerable experience in land use planning and development, labour relations and human resource management, the establishment and management of budgets, emergency

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management, knowledge in matters of governance, but most importantly strong leadership skills and a passion for public service.