



## Presentation of the Slate of Nominees for the 2023-2025 Squash Ontario Board of Directors

Presented by Natasha Seth, Director and member of the Nominating Committee

Directors Simon Chun, Leah Desbarres, Vinit Kuda and Natasha Seth will continue to serve our 2022-2024 term, with Gordon Campbell's maximum number of terms coming to an end with this AGM.

Squash Ontario invited nominations for those wishing to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2023-2025 term. A Nominating Committee consisting of directors Gordon Campbell, Natasha Seth, and community members Bryan Chin and Nicole Garon reviewed the applicants for the one (1) vacant Board position and it was determined that Heather Dart and Dan Van Moorsel will be nominated to serve another two-year term.

The Nominating Committee received a number of quality applications to the Board position, all of which will help Squash Ontario by serving on a committee that matches their expertise. The Nominating Committee is excited to move forward with Naved Irshad to fill the Board seat.

### **About Naveed Irshad**

Naveed and his family are avid squash players at the Squashabout Dunfield Club in Toronto, where they have been members for 20 years. Naveed has played regularly in Montreal, Toronto, Boston and Singapore and has a strong passion for the game and wants to see it grow. Naveed brings strong organizational excellence experience to the Board as the President & CEO of Manulife Canada, with experience running both small and large businesses globally. He is a qualified actuary with a strong technical and financial background. Naveed has served on several boards in the past as well as volunteers for local sports teams.

In addition to his professional expertise, Naveed is a passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion, which aligns with Squash Ontario's new strategic initiative to launch an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee and create goals to help raise the profile of squash as an inclusive and diverse sport.

### **About Heather Dart**

Heather represents a wide range of the squash community in Ontario. She is an active singles and doubles player. She competed for Team Ontario at the Canadian Masters Team Championships in early 2020 after receiving a title in her age group at the Ontario Masters Championships in 2019. She has played on both the Queen's University (2003) and Western University (2018) women's squash teams. At the Richmond Hill Squash Club, Heather was a Board member in 2018-2020 and worked as a squash instructor. She is a certified Club Coach, working towards her Provincial Coach designation and has certifications in singles and doubles officiating.

By trade, Heather operates a private outpatient physiotherapy and osteopathy practice in Uxbridge, Ontario. She has enjoyed providing medical health services to National and Olympic Athletes from a variety of sports both in a private setting and at a major games.

Heather currently sits on Squash Ontario's High Performance and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committees.

### **About Dan Van Moorset**

Dan began playing squash in 1984 at age 11 in St Catharines, ON at Garden Court Squash and Fitness. Travelling Ontario over the years Dan has been a member of over 20 clubs before moving to Chatham in 1998. He now resides there with his wife Shane and three kids Gabriel, Haydan and Macy. He and his family opened the Maple City Squash Club in 2012. Giving back to the game he loves so much, Dan followed his life long dream of club ownership. Embracing that passion, Maple City has built a culture around fun, fitness and friends. Besides being an active club owner in the growing South Western Ontario Region, Dan is also an avid tournament player, a father to two juniors on the provincial competitive circuit and a member of the Squash Ontario Masters Committee.