

Hello! My name is Dennis Harlock and I am interested in a position on the Board of Directors for North Blenheim Mutual Insurance Company. I have been a policyholder for many years, taking advantage of your insurance for our home, cottage, and vehicles. We have been very impressed with the service that we have received and value that you are a Canadian, community-based insurance company owned and run by your policy holders. Having worked/spent time on my grandfather's farm for most of my childhood and youth, I also appreciate that your farming roots are deep.

A little about who I am and what I bring to the table: I am a husband and a father of two wonderful grown daughters. I worked for 32 years as a Professor at Conestoga College in the Woodworking Department and for many of those years, I also had the "Coordinator" title. This meant that I was actively involved in strategic planning and visioning, budget development/capital expenditures, staff hiring and curriculum development. During my tenure, I also acted as an external consultant for California Closets and numerous other businesses looking to maximize manufacturing efficiencies.

Since I retired, I have built myself a woodshop that allows me to design and build custom studio furniture – a real passion of mine! I have also increased my time as a Board Member of the National Wood Manufacturing Council (WMC) and currently sit as Vice Chair. The WMC's mandate is to train youth, new Canadians, Indigenous Canadians and women in the secondary wood manufacturing industry. This training includes numeracy and life skills training. I also love to travel, play hockey, and am currently honing my pickleball skills.

As a family, we enjoy being a part of the North Blenheim Mutual Insurance Company and my wife loves being able to refer all her real estate clients to a company that she believes will serve them well! It would be my honour and pleasure to serve on the Board and I hope you will consider electing me to this position!

