

## **John Oudyk** – (New - Three Year Term, 2017-2020)



John believes the research—the single most important factor in reducing the impact of poverty is affordable, stable housing. He wants to be a part of that process in Waterloo Region.

John used the money earned from the bricklaying and construction skills that he learned from his father to acquire a liberal arts degree in Philosophy and an MBA from Dalhousie University. After 2 years of providing loans to small businesses, he made the leap to self-employment as the owner and manager of Power Vac, a local residential and commercial duct cleaning company. In 2016, John sold the business and is now entering a different phase of his life—early retirement. To date that means more volunteering, keeping fit and travelling.

John has extensive experience at the Board level: 10 years on the Better Business Bureau, 3 years on the Condominium board where he lives in Kitchener, 6 years on the executive of a trade association and 3 years with the leadership team at Bloomingdale Mennonite Church.

These board positions, business experience and life lessons have taught John that goals can be achieved best in partnerships when like-minded people come together and join forces, which is exactly what MennoHomes has done since 2001.

John enjoys exercising: cycling, playing slo-pitch, playing squash and canoeing—over 15 times on the Grand River this summer! He loves reading (mystery books) and cooking for his 3 adult children and their partners.