



CRAIGDARROCH CASTLE®

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MOIRA DANN

Moira Dann has been a board member for about a decade and board president since 2020. She is a journalist by trade, her career spent mostly with the CBC and the Globe and Mail. Moira has also worked in communications, most recently for the James Bay Community Project. She earned an MFA in Creative Nonfiction in 2016 from University of King's College in Halifax. Moira wrote Craigdarroch Castle in 21 Treasures, published by Touchwood Editions in 2021; it won a Lieutenant Governor's Award for Historical Writing last year and was included in this year's Greater Victoria Public Library's Emerging Local Authors Collection.



KELLY SOMOGYI

Kelly grew up on the family farm in Saskatchewan, then completed architectural training and development in Regina. His work there included schools, the Mosaic stadium, museums and theatres. He has gone on to start his own Architectural Design Studio, where a focus of the company engages in restoration that infuses historic buildings with modern functionality while preserving architectural history. For him, historical preservation has profound value. It reminds us of the longer timeline that stands before the present day.

Technically oriented and creatively minded, he is an architectural technologist who loves getting into the story and history of a building. In Victoria, he has worked with the restoration of the Francis Rattenbury Coach & Boat Houses. Kelly moved from the prairies to the coast with his long-term partner, both having a fascination with buildings, design, and history, together they create spaces designed to inspire and look to be a part of preserving the history of design that defines our region.

Our newest Board member sees Craigdarroch Castle as a landmark with a global audience. He plans to bring awareness locally, provincially, and nationally to our past knowing where we come from and remembering we are part of a larger story.