

## **Candidate Statement**

**Katherine Lalonde, RRT**

**District 3**

### ***Reasons for running in the election.***

I have a strong passion for the RT profession and a desire to help make a difference for both the profession as well as public interest and safety. I would love the opportunity to continue my work on council and committees, including seeing the current projects I am involved in through to implementation.

### ***Relevant skills and experience.***

I have 17 years of experience as an RRT within a large community hospital, with the last 2 years in the Charge Role. For the past 3 years, I have been on Council and have learned a great deal over the course of this term. I completed multiple training sessions through HPRO on the role of governing bodies and report writing, plus education on financial literacy through the CRTO. I have taken courses on Equity, Inclusion and Diversity as well, which is a very high priority for most healthcare organizations as well as governing bodies. I have a certificate in Healthcare Leadership and courses focusing on management and communication. Through my charge role and the current Council term, I have gained a great deal of experience and knowledge on all sides of the profession. I would love to continue to grow as an RT and in my role on Council.

### ***In your opinion, what are the key issues facing the profession today, as they relate to the public interest?***

Health equity is an important issue facing not only the RT profession but all regulated health professions. Although not the role of the CRTO, the provincial and national shortage of RTs is also a key issue facing the profession as it can/is leading to patient safety concerns and large wait times for care.