

United Way appoints interim president

United Way of Peel Region's Board of Directors has appointed Anita Stellinga as Interim President and CEO to ensure a smooth transition while the Board conducts a search for someone to permanently fill that position.

Stellinga began her career with United Way in 1995, progressed through various positions and was appointed Vice-President of Community Investment in 2011. She has also previously supported the organization in a transition role as the Interim Director of Resource Development in 2010. She will continue in her role as Vice-President of Community Investment.

"I am honoured to work alongside United Way of Peel Region's dedicated volunteers, community partners and exceptional staff during this transition," she said. "I will work with my colleagues on the senior team to ensure the organization continues to meet the changing needs of Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga."

Prior to joining United Way, Stellinga was a member of the senior management team of the Polycultural Immigrant Community Services organization. In this role, she founded the Sunshine Summer Day Camp in West Toronto, which provided summer camp opportunities to low-income families. She is a member of the Peel Newcomer Strategy Group, Co-Chair of The Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy Group, member of the Mississauga Mayor's Poverty and Homelessness Taskforce and of the United Ways of Ontario Provincial Public Policy Committee.

"Anita is a pillar in the Peel Community who has over 20 years of United Way experience; she was a natural choice for the Board," Board Chair Tom Dyck declared. "Anita will work closely with the experienced executive team and dedicated staff at United Way to ensure it is business as usual."

Stellinga will assume the role of Interim President and CEO this coming Monday (Feb. 13).