

**What do I want people to know about me and why I believe I should be the next Vice Council Chairperson for Multiple District C:**

I've been a Lion for more than 20 years, starting in the Cardston Lions Club, and am currently a member of the Lethbridge West Lethbridge Lions Club. My life of service began officially with 27 years in the Canadian Armed Forces and I am proud to continue to serve as a member of Lions Clubs International.

I never really aspired to the leadership roles in Lions but sometimes you can't just sit back – you have to get more involved. And so when I retired from the military and moved back to Alberta, I became part of the leadership in Multiple District 37 first as Vice District Governor in District 37D, then as District Governor in the newly formed District 37N. I continued with my passion for service and Lions at the Club and District level and as a strong supporter of the MD 37 projects. I served a second term as District Governor of District 37N and then our new Multiple District was created.

I read a quote the other day that strikes a chord with me: ***Ask yourself, "Can I give more?" The answer is usually "Yes"***. I asked that question - I believe I still have much to offer the Lions of MD C and would like to prove my worth to you as Vice Council Chairperson for MD C for the Lionistic Year 2018-2019.

I have been honoured in recognition with Presidential Medals and Certificates, various Fellowships including the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. I was also given the great honour to have been elected as the District C-2 candidate for Vice Council Chairperson.

Ours is an association of service and the manner in which the service is rendered is fully as important as the service itself. We should expect honest and ethical conduct from everyone – and this conduct is defined by the 4 core values that serve as the foundation for our Ethical Standards. – Integrity, Accountability, Teamwork and Excellence.

The VCC has a different set of goals from those of the District Governors – they are more personal because part of the job of the Vice Council Chairperson is to facilitate the business of the Multiple District so that the District Governors can concentrate on achieving their goals and serving their Districts.

In terms of visibility, the VCC may be seen to be in the front of the room- at the head table – but the reality is that the most important work is in the background.

It would be MY job as VCC to safeguard the interests and financial well-being of all the Lions in our Multiple District – and to do it to the best of my ability in accordance with our Association's Ethical Standards.

**Bio for Pauline Cooper - District C-2 Candidate for MD C Vice Council Chairperson 2018-2019**

Together WE SERVE – and if I am elected as your Vice Council Chairperson, I will do my very best to SERVE by supporting and promoting the interests and well-being of the Lions in MD C.

Respectfully submitted

Pauline Cooper, PDG