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**Betsy Martin** is currently Senior Advisor and Program Consultant for Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), the member organization for Canada's 150+ community foundations, after having served in a senior staff capacity at CFC for nearly eight years.

She is currently directing CFC's Social Justice Initiative which aims to increase the capacity and commitment of community foundations to do their grant-making and other work from a social justice perspective. She is also directing the CFC/McConnell Family Foundation program to help participating community foundations build environmental endowment funds, do strategic environmental grantmaking, and undertake effective community convening on environmental issues.

In 2003 she developed and negotiated the first national partnership agreement between community foundations and a major Canadian financial institution. Prior to she developed and directed CFC's *Our Millennium* program, which engaged 4.6 million Canadians in over 6,500 local community-building projects. Betsy has worked with Canadian community foundations both nationally and locally since she moved to Canada in 1994.

She lives in Montreal with her husband and 4-year old daughter.



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