Heron Hospice Society of Delta

Board of Directors



Chris Pettypiece, President
Chris has called Ladner his home since 1973 when his family moved here from Winnipeg. He believes strongly in giving where he lives and first brought this belief to life when he joined the Delta Hospice Society (DHS) Board in 2011. Chris served as DHS Board President from 2014 to 2018. Chris maintains a passion and commitment to ensuring hospice services are available to the citizens of Delta. At work, Chris recently retired from TELUS where he has held a wide variety of leadership roles over the past 34 years. Chris is the proud father of 2 sons and partner to Sandra. He is a life-long musician and woodworking artisan who designs and builds furniture and guitars in his spare time.



Laura Dixon, Vice President
Laura has recently concluded 14 years in elected office as a Trustee on the Delta Board of Education and remains a passionate advocate for public education. In addition to serving on the local school board, Laura chaired the Metro region of Boards of Education and invested 10 years as the British Columbia School Trustees Mental Health Working Group Chair and successfully advocated and helped to develop a plan for Mental Health in Schools now being implemented across the Province. Laura has dedicated over 24 years of service and advocacy for children, youth and families in Delta. She currently serves as an executive board member of a number of Delta organizations, including Reach Child and Youth Development Centre Foundation, and Rotary Club of Tsawwassen. After having supported a grassroots campaign to restore patient choice in hospice services, she now brings her community service and governance skills to assist Heron Hospice in meeting the needs of our community.



Sharon Farrish, Secretary Sharon retired from a career in non-profit management working with health charities. She has been an active volunteer serving on many boards including Delta Hospice Society, KinVillage, Make A Wish Canada and SMI Film Society. Sharon has considerable experience in board governance, non-profit operations and community services. Along with her husband Ken, they raised their two children in Tsawwassen. Sharon is committed to bringing back the full scope of hospice and end of life support services to our community. She loves travelling, aquatics, exploring her creativity and spending time with her two grandchildren.



Wayne Peace, Treasurer Wayne has been a resident of Tsawwassen since 1973 when he opened his dental practice and practiced for 40 years. He is a past part time member of the Faculty at the University of B.C. Dental School. For 15 years he served on the Board of Governors of Southridge, an independent school holding positions of Vice-Chair, Chair of Governance, Chair of Advancement. Wayne also is a past member of the Directors of Montessori in Delta having held the position of Treasurer. Currently, he is a Finance Trustee for the Mayne Island Improvement District.



Lisa LeBlanc, Director Lisa has proudly called Delta home for more than 20 years and feels fortunate to have raised her three children in this vibrant, caring community. Throughout the years, she has enjoyed giving back through volunteer service, including several years as Chair of the District Parent Advisory Council. A Professional Engineer with a passion for public service, Lisa has spent more than 30 years working in local government and currently serves as City Engineer and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the City of New Westminster. She is also an Adjunct Professor of Urban Studies at Simon Fraser University, where she was instrumental in developing the Urban Innovation Lab, creating opportunities for students to gain real-world experience in local government. Lisa brings a collaborative spirit, a strong commitment to community, and a wealth of leadership experience to the board.



Mike Stradiotti, Director Mike and his wife, Tara, have lived in Tsawwassen for the past 28 years, raising three kids. Mike spent more than 30 years as an owner and executive in the marine industry and now advises companies on all manner of issues. He hopes that some of that experience will be valuable in supporting the important work of the Heron Hospice Society.



Allie Williams, Director Allie is a resident of North Delta with her husband and their two children. She is a business leader with a commitment to community. As a senior operations manager of a research firm specializing in engagement, governance, wellness, and leadership, she brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the board table. Beyond her professional endeavors, Allie has immersed herself in volunteerism, particularly at the Irene Thom as Hospice since 2018. In this role, she has been granted the privilege of accompanying residents and their families on their end-of-life journeys. She also continues to onboard new volunteers, ensuring continuity in the compassionate care. Her deep-seated passion for hospice care underscores her advocacy for the invaluable holistic services Heron Hospice provides.