

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 is a Director at 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.



Dr. Paul Witt, Vice President

Paul has lived in Tsawwassen and practised in Tsawwassen or Ladner since 1983 as an orthodontic specialist while also teaching part-time in various capacities at the UBC Faculty of Dentistry. Along with his wife, Jacqui, they raised 3 boys in South Delta. Paul feels truly fortunate to be able to continue to practise part-time with his son and maintain the professional relationship that he has with the communities of Ladner and Tsawwassen. Since Jacqui died in 2016 at the Irene Thomas Hospice, Paul committed to ensuring hospice care is available to all regardless of their end of life choices.



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.



Olwen Demidoff, Director

Olwen has lived in Ladner since 1972 and has raised two children in this community. She has been an active volunteer over the years, which has increased since she retired. Olwen worked in cancer care for many years holding various leadership roles and serving ultimately as a Director of Clinical Operations for the Radiation Program with BC Cancer. Currently she is on the Executive of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #61 and very much involved in those community activities. In her leisure time she enjoys golf, gardening and travel.



Laura Dixon, Director

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.



Decima Mitchell, Director

Decima has been a resident of Ladner BC for 20 years. She and her husband John are the proud parents of a son and daughter and grandparents to five wonderful grandchildren. In October 2010, after retiring from a 32 year career in banking, she enrolled in the Delta Hospice Society (DHS) Volunteer Program. Since then, she had the privilege of assisting Irene Thomas Hospice residents and their families in dealing with the trauma and sadness of losing a loved one. Decima is an extremely passionate and dedicated volunteer who filled many DHS roles including reception, one on one client support, Therapeutic Touch, vigils and more.



Kim Mooney, Director

Kim Mooney is a long-time resident of Tsawwassen. She taught at Royal Roads University for fifteen years and ran her own consulting practice at the same time. Before that she worked within the healthcare system including BC's Children's Hospital, Providence Health Care and Vancouver Coastal. Kim had the privilege of volunteering on the Board of Ronald McDonald House and is looking forward to volunteering with Heron Hospice.



Dr. Janice Peace, Director

Jan has lived in Tsawwassen since 1983. She has been a family doctor in Surrey since 1987 and does a lot of maternity care in her practice. She was on the Tsawwassen Soccer club board for many years and went with the U20 Canadian Women's team to the World Cup in Chile in 2008 as the team doctor. She was also a founding board member of the Surrey/North Delta Division of Family Practice and was the Co-Chair for 4 years. She is looking forward to being part of the new Heron Hospice Society organization.