

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. Chris is a co-founder of Heron Hospice Society of Delta.



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 brings a wealth of experience from her career in non-profit management, where she worked extensively with health-focused charities. In retirement, she continues to serve her community with dedication, having held board positions with organizations such as Delta Hospice Society, KinVillage, Make-A-Wish Canada, and the SMI Film Society. She is a charter member of Soroptimist International of South Delta. Her expertise spans board governance, non-profit operations, and community service. Together with her husband Ken, Sharon raised their two children in Tsawwassen, where they continue to enjoy strong ties to the community. She is a proud co-founder of the Heron Hospice Society of Delta.



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.



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.



Garry Shearer, Director

Garry Shearer has lived in Tsawwassen for 43 years. He is a seasoned business and community leader recognized for his commitment to economic development and civic engagement in Delta, British Columbia. As Past Executive Director of the Delta Chamber of Commerce, he strengthened collaboration among businesses, government, and community organizations through strategic advocacy and sustainable growth initiatives. An active Rotarian, Garry has championed local and international service projects that reflect his belief in the power of civic organizations to build resilient communities. Known for his practical leadership and ability to unite diverse groups around shared goals, he continues to apply his experience to initiatives that enhance business vitality and community well-being.



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. Mike has served on the HHSD Board for the past two years.



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.