

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.



Kerry Bentley, Treasurer

Kerry is a retired CGA and 33-year Delta resident. His career was highlighted by CFO roles in health care, municipal and not-for-profit organizations. He has served on boards of KinVillage (9 years, 3 as chair), Make-a-Wish BC and Vernon Boys & Girls Club. He is married with two children and four amazing grandkids. He enjoys tennis, travel and being a handyman. His experience with KinVillage and as CFO of an extended care hospital, combined with his interest in giving back to the community, have prepared him for a meaningful role with Heron Hospice Society of Delta.



Hari Aroon, Director

Hari Aroon has had the opportunities of living and working with leading organizations in Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia. In 1991 Hari & his wife Jini chose Delta as their home and have since lived in the city. Both their children grew up in Delta and one of them continues to live in Ladner with his two boys. Hari has held senior management positions with large corporations. He has however always been involved in volunteering specially in Ontario & British Columbia. Over the last 25 years, he has volunteered with Delta CoPs, served on the Delta Parks Commission & Delta Police Board. Hari Aroon currently serves on the Delta Police Foundation and two corporate boards. He also mentors youth entering the work force and those considering career changes.



Daniel Boisvert, Director

Daniel was born and raised in South Delta. He obtained a Bachelor of Commerce from Royal Roads University in Victoria. He held various sales, management and banking positions, including one as Certified Financial Planner, before embarking on his journey to become a Notary Public through the University of British Columbia. He was commissioned as Notary Public in 2008 and currently, is the President of the newly formed BC Notaries Association. In November of 2018, Daniel was elected to the Delta Board of Education and holds the position of Vice Chair of the Board. When not in his office Daniel can be found golfing, curling or cycling.



Decima Mitchell

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.



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.



Dr. Wayne Peace, Director

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.