



**BURNS BOG**  
CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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Annual General Meeting  
Board of Directors  
Candidate Nominees  
June 29, 2021

**Important Notice:** Candidates who have completed nomination forms are listed under the category of the highest officer position for which they are seeking. Any unsuccessful Officer-level nominee may then run for a Director position, provided that they are nominated by a member from the floor. Members may also be nominated from the floor during the AGM for any of the following positions.

For the Officer-level positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, one (1) candidate may be elected to fill each position. For the role of Director, up to seven (7) eligible candidates may be elected to fill these positions.

## **President (1 to be elected)**

### **Derek Zeisman**

Hello members! I'm seeking re-election as your President.

I'm a passionate environmentalist who's devoted to the Society's mission to preserve Burns Bog, for today and for future generations. Over the past three years, I've devoted hundreds of volunteer hours to this goal, working to refocus our priorities, while building on our past strengths.

I'm a legal officer with Global Affairs Canada, where I specialize in human rights and economic law. I grew up in North Delta, graduating from Seaquam Secondary.

Since becoming President at our April 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM, I've worked hard to bring a new era of vision and leadership to the Society. I've focused on strengthening our finances, restoring relationships with our community partners, and working with staff and directors to raise the Society's public profile.

If re-elected, my #1 goal will be to ramp up our fundraising efforts, to make the Society more financially secure. With new professional fundraising initiatives, we will have the means to fund more educational and outreach initiatives, to raise Burns Bog's profile with students, community leaders, and the general public.

I ask for your support as I continue working to rebuild and strengthen our great Society, in defence of the global treasure that is Burns Bog.

Warm regards,  
Derek Zeisman

## **Vice-President (1 to be elected)**

### **Sharon Elizabeth (Liz) Walker**

I'm standing for re-election as Vice-President of the BBCS Board. The Society has an important role to play in the conservation of Burns Bog. As the landscape changes, our efforts must too. After leaving my job of Environmental Specialist I joined various local environmental groups in efforts to save and protect agricultural lands and natural areas including Burns Bog and Surrey Bend.

For the past 20 years, I've served on the White Rock and Surrey Naturalists Society as an educator and education committee chair and as their President for the past 11 years. For the past few years I've also served as a director with the Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust while serving on the BBCS Board as Vice-President.

I've had the good fortune to be able to work in the Bog and to assist in the many field trips the Society has offered to students over the years. I'm familiar with the pressures we face in protecting the Bog and the lands surrounding it as the Bog is part of a greater ecosystem. I know that we can work to restore and protect Burns Bog and I hope you'll help me with your vote.

Naturally yours,

Liz Walker (aka Sharon E. Walker)

## **Secretary (1 to be elected)**

### **Nancy McLeod**

As a long-time area resident and a person who cares about our children's futures, I wish to protect and save Burns Bog. I have never understood why it is necessary to fight to protect Burns Bog, to me it is just common sense.

In my time as a Burns Bog Conservation Society volunteer I have sorted and catalogued books and reports, and assisted with stuffing and labelling envelopes for mail-out campaigns. I also have assisted with events at the Delta Nature Reserve section of the bog.

My interests and hobbies are; Environment, Sustainability, Gardening, Genealogy, and Sewing. I am a life-long learner. I recently completed a Master's degree in Scottish History, another of my interests.

I would like to continue as Board Secretary.

Thank you,

Nancy McLeod

## **Treasurer (1 to be elected)**

### **Edward Brown**

My name is Ed Brown and I am running for re-election for the position of Treasurer with the Burns Bog Conservation Society Board. I am a long-time resident of North Delta, a member of the Society since 2004 and a director and treasurer of the Society since 2010.

Previously, I was a management consultant with BC Hydro before retiring in 2018. I have also worked for BC Transmission Corporation, BC Hydro and three of Canada's banks in various capacities. I have a BA (Econ.) from UVIC and MBA (Finance) from UBC.

2020 was a very challenging year for the Society. Not only was our outdoor programming disrupted due to the pandemic our staff had to deal with a great deal of uncertainty resulting from the unlawful actions of some of the minority directors. Fortunately, our staff and majority directors were successful in keeping the Society operating in those difficult days.

2021 will be a pivotal year for the Society. Not only will the Society have to rebuild after being rocked by the pandemic and legal challenges it must also examine and re-assess the role it serves in the community for the years ahead. A successful not-for-profit must engage the community in meaningful and relevant ways; ways that make people proud to be part of. It must also build bridges with other groups in the community including local levels of government and other environmental organizations.

I am looking forward to being part of that team. Thank you.

## **Directors (up to 7 to be elected)**

### **Beverley Bly**

I'm Bev Bly, running for re-election as a Director of the Burns Bog Conservation Society. I've been involved with the Society for over seven years. I'm a former BBCS Operations Manager and Fundraiser.

Volunteering delivers meaningful engagement that strengthens our communities and cultivates self-worth. I've served on charitable, not-for-profit and educational boards for over four decades.

I lend my expertise in event planning, sponsorships, and building relationships and have secured hundreds of thousands of dollars in fundraising initiatives for the Society. I bring my own unique values and skills along with my passion, enthusiasm, dedication, motivation and ethics, board and career experience.

I'm the recipient of various awards, including Entrepreneur of the Year and an "employee extraordinaire" finalist. I'm active with Lions Club International, Fraser Valley Event Planning, Surrey Board of Trade, and several networking groups. I hold certificates in Public Relations, Personnel Management, and Business Administration from McGill and Concordia Universities.

The Society's goals and vision align with my commitment to continue to help preserve Burns Bog as "the Lungs of the Lower Mainland" and fight for clean air and healthy ecosystems. I look forward to continue to serve you and thank you for your consideration and membership.

### **Laurie Haliburton**

I'm Laurie Haliburton and am asking you to consider me for re-election to the Board of the Burns Bog Conservation Society.

I have lived in Surrey for over 40 years. I moved to Surrey because it was the City of Parks and there were areas where you could leave the "madding crowd." The tree canopy was refreshing. I loved it and still do.

Burns Bog should be preserved for future generations. I am passionate about preservation of the green spaces that are left. Preservation not just for the people, but for the birds, animals, wildlife, sea creatures, to mention a few. Burns Bog is home to migratory birds which I have observed with fascination.

Over the last twenty years I have walked, cycled and meditated in Burns Bog. It provides homage for birds and wildlife. I would like to be considered for a seat on the Board to preserve Burns Bog. I consider the area a gem that should be preserved for the future. I thank you for your consideration!

## **Pixie (Beverly) Hobby**

Hello! I'm Pixie Hobby. I'm running for re-election as a Director with the Society. As a child growing up in a small rural community adjacent to Gatineau Park just north of Ottawa, I was fascinated by wildlife and felt at home in wild spaces. This explains why I focused my university studies on biology, engineering and philosophy, and became involved in environmental activism.

After graduating, I worked on several pollution abatement and ecological restoration projects where I saw the need for more stringent environmental protection laws. This prompted me to study law and specialize in environmental law. From 1988 to 2014, I worked as an environmental lawyer with the Department of Justice in Ottawa and Vancouver in the areas of climate change, environmental assessment, remediation of contaminated sites, species at risk and industry regulation. During this time, I represented the Canadian Wildlife Service in obtaining federal funding for the purchase of the Burns Bog lands.

Since 2014, I have practiced law from my home in Crescent Beach. I remain committed to protecting our local and national ecosystems for the wellbeing of our planet and all her living creatures. I enjoy alpine and cross-country skiing, kayaking, hiking, and swimming, as well as playing music with family and friends.

I'd be grateful for your support, as we have much work ahead of us to better protect and preserve Burns Bog for all!

## **Clare Hurst**

My name is Clare Hurst. I am a wife, mother, grandmother, publisher, Tlingit member, business owner, mindset coach and Kindle author of *Meditation for Beginners and Busy People*.

I have been a proud member of the Delta community for almost 20 years. When not writing, practising meditation, dog walking foraging on the local beaches, or running my businesses, you can find me travelling the world or enjoying time with close friends and family.

Feel free to ask me about my rich Canadian heritage, my next book, my family living abroad in Switzerland and family living on the Sunshine Coast, my volunteer work with the Little House Society, or how we came to acquire our beach vacation home in Panama, which helped to inspire the creation of my latest endeavour, "From Vision to Success."

This is my first time seeking election to the Board. I'd be grateful for your support!

## **Dr. Lynne Mackenzie**

I am a retired psychologist; I worked as a university lecturer and senior educational psychologist in Australia and as a school psychologist in Canada. I have a long association with the Society, as my parents were founding members.

I have been a member of the BBCS since 2001, when I returned to live in Canada, and a director of the BBCS and the BBCF (Burns Bog Foundation) periodically from 2010 to the present. I have helped with organizing and putting on events, with strategic planning, and I compiled the publicity brochures for the BBCF. My primary interests as a director of the BBCS are preserving and protecting Burns Bog and educating the public about its critical importance; the BBCS is entering a new and exciting era and I would like to be a part of that.

I also believe that we should be extending our relationships with other environmental agencies, to develop more comprehensive and cohesive environmental protections, and to contribute to a stronger political green movement. Thank you.

## **Kirsty Peterson**

Hello, my name is Kirsty Peterson. As a long-time supporter, I am pleased to put my name forward as a Director of the Burns Bog Conservation Society.

I grew up in North Delta and have been involved with the Society since the mid-1990s. I have also served four years on the Society's Board of Directors previously, and was Vice-President from 2016 to 2018.

For the past five years, I have worked at the YMCA of Greater Vancouver. Currently, I am their Director of Employment and Immigrant Services, where I oversee a team of 35 staff, 10 unique programs and budgets worth \$4.5 million per year. I am the fund development lead for my department and have a 90% success rate in government proposals and grants. I am also the Canadian YMCA's representative on the Global YMCA's Community of Impact on Employment and Entrepreneurship. I studied Social Sciences at Simon Fraser University and Career Development at Kwantlen Polytechnic.

I bring decades of experience in operations, community based programming and fund development. I look forward to working to support stabilization of the current operations and setting a foundation for growth and continued program development. I am eager to serve again on the Board!

## **Angela Rebrec**

My name is Angela Rebrec. I'm proudly running for re-election as Director. I joined the Burns Bog Committee in the days before it became a legal Society. I was instrumental in saving the Bog from the multi-million dollar residential and super-port proposal that threatened its existence in the late 1980s, by co-researching, writing and designing the Society's first pamphlet, distributed to thousands of homes and businesses across the Lower Mainland.

As a founding member and our first vice-president, I helped to develop the Society into an educational organization that raises public awareness of bogs and the importance of urban wildernesses including producing the society's first two newspaper inserts — one on the sandhill crane, the other on the garbage dump.

A lifelong Delta resident, I attended Sunshine Hills Elementary and Seaquam Secondary. I hold degrees from Douglas College and Kwantlen Polytechnic U. I work in Tsawwassen at the Global Container Terminal, and am a freelance writer and graphic designer. I've volunteered thousands of hours with expressive writing workshops, as well as at my children's schools and with their many activities.

I'm creative, energetic, personable, and passionate in continuing our mission to save Burns Bog. I deeply love the Society I helped establish and build, and would be honoured to serve another term as a Director. Thank you for considering me!

Keep well,

Angela Rebrec