



Greater Victoria Harbour Authority appoints four members to Board of Directors

Jan. 25, 2019, Victoria, BC – The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) has appointed four new members to its Board of Directors following a thorough nominations committee process.

Appointed to the GVHA Board of Directors are:

- Councillor Susan Brice – Member Director for the Capital Regional District
- Councillor Laurel Collins – Member Director for the City of Victoria
- Doug Crowder – Independent Director
- Margaret Lucas – Independent Director

Directors Brice, Crowder, and Lucas have previously served on the GVHA Board. Councillor Collins is commencing her first term.

“I am pleased to welcome our newest appointments to the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority Board of Directors,” said Dave Cowen, Chair of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority Board of Directors. “As a not-for-profit organization, our Board is responsible for approving the strategic direction of the organization, overseeing policies, and managing enterprise risk.”

GVHA’s Board of Directors is comprised of member agencies and their respective nominees for the Esquimalt Nation, the Songhees Nation, the City of Victoria, the Township of Esquimalt, the Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society, Destination Greater Victoria, The Chamber and the Capital Regional District. The Board also has four Community Directors drawn from the community at large.

In accordance with GVHA Bylaws, the Member Director appointment terms set by the member agencies are for two years, ending on Dec. 31, 2020, and the Independent Director terms are for four years, ending on Dec. 31, 2022.

“I also wish to acknowledge and thank Mark Mawhinney and Bruce Hale for their service and contribution to GVHA governance,” said Cowen.

GVHA is currently working with the Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society to receive a qualified nominee to fill their vacant Director position.

The 2019/20 GVHA Board of Directors:

- Chair Dave Cowen, Destination Greater Victoria
- Rob Thomas, Esquimalt Nation
- Chief Ron Sam, Songhees Nation
- Mayor Barbara Desjardins, Township of Esquimalt
- Councillor Laurel Collins, City of Victoria
- Councillor Susan Brice, Capital Regional District
- Ryan Burles, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society
- Christine Willow, The Chamber

- Doug Crowder, Independent Director
- Margaret Lucas, Independent Director
- Starr McMichael, Independent Director
- Gordon Safarik, Independent Director

Detailed Director profiles may be found at <https://www.gvha.ca/about-gvha/governance/board-directors>.

About the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) is a not-for-profit organization governed by a local Board of Directors. It owns and operates deep-water, marina, and upland holdings throughout Victoria's harbour including the large vessel Ogden Point port facility where a dynamic cruise tourism industry contributes more than \$130 million annually to the regional economy; the Fisherman's Wharf float home community and small business hub; and the Inner Harbour's luxury yacht and marine tourism facility at Ship Point. www.gvha.ca.

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