

BIO #1

ARN BERRY

Introduction - I am interested in becoming a PIFPS Director. I have extensive experience working in committee environments in a professional as well as a volunteer capacity. I have owned property on North Pender Island for many years and have resided full time on the island since 2005. I am familiar with island life as well as the duties/responsibilities of the PIFPS. As Chair of the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission I had extensive dealings with members of the public as well as local government officials. On several occasions I dealt with matters involving both the PIPRC and Pender Island Fire Rescue. I have the experience to make a meaningful contribution to the PIFPS and I am enthusiastic about the prospect of serving as a Director.

Professional Experience - I have been a labour/employment and civil litigation lawyer since my call to the B.C. Bar in 1983. I moved from Vancouver to Pender Island in 2005 and since then I have practised as a sole practitioner. Currently, I provide legal services to large construction trade unions in a wide variety of matters. I have extensive experience dealing with internal union affairs and handling trust matters for union benefit and pension plans. I have acted for numerous societies in connection with all matters of concern to non-profits including employment, compliance with the *Societies Act* (including transitioning to the new Act) and community development.

Community Service - Pender Island Emergency Program: Neighbourhood Contact (2009-10). Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission: Commissioner (2010-16), Chair (2011-15).

BIO #2

THERESA CARLE-SANDERS

I was born and raised in Vancouver, and graduated with an Associate Degree in Transportation Logistics from BCIT in 1992. After several years working in large-scale construction administration, I was hired by The Vancouver Food Bank as the Manager of Transportation and Warehousing, where I was tasked with modernizing the storage and distribution of food to over 8,000 people per week. In 1999, I was recruited by FedEx and served as their Manager of Operations, Vancouver Downtown, and managed their downtown depot for almost 4 years, until my husband and I decided we needed a major life change.

We moved to Pender on a spur-of-the-moment decision in 2003. We spent the next years working to build a life here, taking whatever jobs that entailed. In 2008, I returned to Vancouver for 6 months to follow a life-long dream of attending culinary school. Upon my return, I began my next career as a food writer and blogger. After several years, I signed with Penguin Random House and released my first cookbook, *Outlander Kitchen*, in 2015. I am currently working on the sequel to *Outlander Kitchen*, to be published in 2020.

In my time on Pender, I have been a Director for the Community Hall Board (PIRAHA), the Volunteer Co-ordinator at the medical clinic, and a volunteer at large for many organizations, including the fire hall, where I am a member of the Culinary Support Team. It would be my pleasure to serve the Pender Islands Fire Protection Society as a Director in a three year term, as a measure of giving back to this community that has been my home for the last fifteen years.

BIO #3

JEAN DESCHENES is a successful business person, developing strong relationships, both professionally and personally, with all facets of the Pender Island community, since 1986.

Invaluable experience gained as a tax lawyer's Legal Assistant provided a foundation to pursue accounting training with Certified Management Accountants of Canada. Jean's knowledge and experience expanded with the administration of the Canadian Income Tax Act and Excise Tax Act as a Tax Auditor with Canada Revenue Agency.

A career as owner and manager in the construction industry for 26 years, with ever-changing challenges and demands, has honed many of Jean's skills, including communication, management, administration and financial. Her business sense has achieved satisfied customers, dedicated employees, and sustained profitability.

Entering pre-tirement, with a reduction of business obligations, Jean is looking forward to devoting more time as a volunteer in support of the community.

The rewarding experience serving on the Boards of Directors of Magic Lake Property Owners' Society, Salish Sea Marine Rescue Society, and Royal Canadian Legion, has given Jean understanding of Societies' operations, and Directors' responsibilities.

Jean loves life on Pender Island, reading, walking and playing with her Yorkies, boat cruises, RV trips, local events and live performances. Recent favourite: Come From Away.