

Karen Chrysler



Karen Chrysler retired back to the Comox Valley in 2013. She has lived here off and on since 1967 when she first moved to 1810 Queens Ave with her family.

She has volunteered, worked and taught in the social service field her entire life. She has an Early Childhood Education Diploma, a Bachelors of Social Work and a Masters in Education.

Her professional work experience includes several years as faculty member (Social Service, Early Childhood Education) at Northwest Community College (NWCC, Terrace), private contractor and many job experiences in social service, health, childcare sectors in Comox, the Lower mainland and Terrace.

She has worked as a private contractor in the northwest of BC. Her specific area of expertise lies in using community engagement/development processes to engage in specific task related projects such as program evaluation, strategic planning, regional community consultations and planning around specific issues, community research, group facilitation and project planning, coordination of healthy communities initiatives, and conference planning.

Clients have included Ministry of Health (Skeena Health Unit), Attorney General, Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC), 16-37 Community Futures, Northwest Regional Health Board and Office of the Public Trustee.

She was on the Board of Ksan Society for 8 years, the final four as Board Chair. She oversaw the transition to a governance board. Ksan is a multi program social service agency in Terrace.. She left to move to Vancouver Island but continued to contract with them assisting the board with yearly strategic planning as well as the change in leadership position when the current ED retired.

She was also on the board of Skeena Kalum Housing a non- profit housing society. She also was a member of the College Board of Governors at NWCC for two years.

Karen has always loved the Filberg. It is a jewel in the Comox Valley. While she has governance board experience, it would be a welcome new opportunity to participate in a non- profit, non- social service organization with active members.

Clyde Woolman



Formerly the principal of Revelstoke Secondary School, Clyde Woolman and his wife moved to the Comox Valley in 1986 when he was appointed principal of Courtenay Junior School, located on Harmston Avenue near downtown Courtenay. In his education career in School District 71 he also served as principal of école Puntledge Park, Highland Secondary and G.P. Vanier Secondary. For seven years he served as a senior leader in the School District, one year as Assistant Superintendent and another six as the Superintendent of Schools.

With a keen interest in the Arts, Clyde was awarded the Outstanding Administrator citation from the BC Music Educator's Association and served on the Board of the Comox Valley Youth Music Centre (CYMC) for three years.

In earlier years, Clyde had several articles published in education journals. Since 2008 he has published eight books, two Young Adult novels, two teacher novels, and two education satires. The most recent two books focus on a lighthearted look at the younger years (1960-1980) of Canadian boomers. He was also commissioned to complete a history of the Comox Valley School District from 1980 to 2020.

Frequently referring to the Filberg grounds as the Comox Valley's Stanley Park, Clyde is looking forward to working with staff, fellow Board members, and the many dedicated volunteers who help make the Filberg such as special place.



Bert Heeringa

Bert came to Canada to work for Canadian Tire for one year and enjoyed it so much that he is still here forty-five years later. For the first ten years, he worked in the buying and marketing area of Canadian Tire's Home office in Toronto and has operated franchise stores for the last thirty-five years.

He has operated the Courtenay Canadian Tire for the past thirty years. The store has grown along with the community, and he has always been an active supporter of the community. He has served on many boards, including Comox Valley Community Justice, North Island College Foundation, and Comox Valley Community Foundation. Bert is also a long-time supporter of Hospice and a member of Courtenay Rotary.

In his spare time, Bert and his wife, Elizabeth, enjoy gardening and their little hobby farm, which includes Elizabeth's flower stand in the Goose Spit area. Bert hopes that his business experience and community focus will help preserve the amazing Filberg Park.