



# Jess Aldred

Since moving to the Comox Valley in 2014, time spent enjoying Filberg Park has been a favourite activity for Jess and her family.

Alongside her husband Stuart, Jess is the owner and operator of the local McDonald's restaurants in the Comox Valley and Port Alberni. Jess has profound gratitude for being part of our community and is excited by the possibility of joining the Board to support the incredible role of the Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association.

For much of her career, Jess has also been involved in the charitable sector with a focus on stakeholder relationships and increasing financial resources to support the mission of the organization. She has served as Executive Director, Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation and as Executive Director, Capilano University Foundation.

Originally from Ontario, Jess completed her undergraduate degree in urban studies from the University of Toronto, a post-graduate diploma in fundraising from Georgia College and her master's in public administration from the University of Victoria. She is passionate about the role of businesses, government and community organizations in creating economically vibrant, caring communities.

Jess is proud to serve on the Board of Directors for the Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce as well as volunteering with our local Pony Club and the Mt. Washington Ski Club.



# JP Gagnon

JP Gagnon, brings a wealth of leadership experience, operational discipline, and strategic oversight developed through a distinguished 36-year career in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF).

Having held senior operational leadership roles in the RCAF, including Commanding Officer of 407 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron and Wing Commander of 19 Wing Comox, Mr. Gagnon has demonstrated exceptional capability in managing complex organizations, leading diverse teams, and delivering results in high-responsibility environments. In addition to operational leadership, he has served as Director of Flight Safety, the authority for military aircraft accident investigations in Canada, fostering a culture of risk management, continuous improvement, and organizational accountability. Further experience as Director of Air and Space Programs, coordinating the RCAF Minor and Major Capital Project Acquisition, has provided Mr. Gagnon with deep expertise in long-term project planning, fiscal stewardship and large budget oversight.

With a proven track record of aligning resources with organizational priorities, Mr. Gagnon is looking forward to bringing his skills to directly support the sustainable stewardship of the Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association. His contributions will no doubt help ensure the organization remains resilient, accountable, and forward-looking.

Mr. Gagnon is a graduate of Royal Military College (Bachelor of Electrical Engineering), Royal Military College (Masters of Defence Studies), the Canadian Forces College (Joint Command and Staff Program), and Royal Roads University (Masters of Business Administration).



# Andrea Rowe

Andrea moved to the Filberg Park neighbourhood 30 years ago when her husband retired from the military. Since then, she has thoroughly enjoyed life near the Park.

She began her working life in the world of journalism and public relations at Carleton University and as a Public Affairs Officer in the Canadian Military. Since 1990, Andrea has worked as a lawyer, first at a national firm in Toronto and, for the last 30 years, with Swift Dato in Courtenay.

Andrea's practice centres on estate planning, the use of trusts and corporate law. She has worked for charities and not-for-profits in many sectors, from large hospitals to local private foundations.

She has served as President/Chair of the Comox Valley Community Foundation and the North Island College Foundation, and as a board member of the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia, the North Island College Board of Governors, and the Corps of Commissionaires for Victoria, Vancouver Island, and the Yukon.

In her spare time, Andrea enjoys travelling, biking, walking, reading and year-round dipping in Comox Bay.