

## DBID BOARD TRUSTEE NOMINEES

The following persons have submitted Nomination Forms for the position of trustee for the Deep Bay Improvement District:

Botica, Tony  
Bradasch, George  
Hale, Robert  
LaRoy, Suzanne

Mielke, Susan  
Simpson, Dave  
Thompson, Colin

Attached are short bio's as submitted by the nominees.

There are four (4) Trustee positions to be filled:

- Three (3) Trustees to fill remaining 3-year terms expiring AGM 2023
- One (1) Trustee to fill remaining 3-year term expiring AGM 2022

New trustee terms will start January 1, 2021.

### ***Where and When to Vote:***

**Date: Saturday, December 19, 2020**

**Time: 10 am – 2 pm**

**Place: Deep Bay Fire Hall, 5031 Mountainview Road, Bowser**

COVID-19 Safety protocols will be in place.

Face masks are required. You may bring your own pen to mark the ballot.

#### **Voter Eligibility:**

1. A Canadian citizen;
2. 18 years of age or older;
3. A resident of British Columbia for the past 6 months;
4. Be an owner of land located within the improvement district or the authorized agent or legal representative of a deceased owner of such land;
5. Not otherwise be disqualified from voting under section 29 of the Election Act; and,
6. Have not voted before in the same election.

Each corporation or society that owns land within the improvement district has one vote and must designate, in writing, a person to vote on its behalf. That person can also be an owner of other property in the improvement district. If so, that person could vote twice, once on their own behalf as a landowner and as the agent authorized on behalf of the landowning corporation or society.

**Tony Botica**

Dear Deep Bay Improvement District voters, fellow nominees, and current Board Members,

I am grateful for the opportunity to submit my name as a nominee for the position of Trustee, Deep Bay Improvement District. My wife, two little boys, and I live in Bowser. We moved here six years ago, and were drawn to the natural beauty, strong sense of community, and the opportunity to live in a place where service makes a difference. My wife and I are both former members of the Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department, and my wife's company (based here in Bowser) is a member of the Lighthouse Country Business Association. We're both members of the Parents Advisory Committee for Bowser Elementary School, where our eldest son attends Kindergarten. Our younger son attends the Qualicum First Nations Child Care Centre.

I work as a Wildfire Prevention Officer with the BC Wildfire Service in Parksville, with a focus on helping local governments, regional districts, and local First Nations FireSmart their communities. Previous to this role, I worked at the River Forecast Centre in Victoria, where I analyzed snow pack, assessed seasonal water supply and flood risk, and predict flows in BC's rivers and streams. Prior to the River Forecast Centre, I worked in watershed management for more than six years in the Metro Vancouver and greater Victoria watersheds. I have also worked on Incident Management Teams throughout the Province, and was a volunteer ski patroller on Mt Washington for six years. I hold a Master of Science in Environment and Management from Royal Roads University, am a member of the Association of BC Forest Professionals, and have a Certificate in Emergency Management from the Justice Institute of BC.

In the role of Trustee, I will bring years of experience as a diplomatic communicator, well informed in policy and permitting, with a strong sense of civic responsibility and community-building. My professional experience in water management, as well as working within critical infrastructure, enables me to understand legislative, municipal, and community frameworks. My family and I love living in Bowser and plan to be here for a long time. Now that our boys are a little bit older (and—finally—sleeping through the night!) I want to again contribute to our community. I hope you'll consider me for this role. It would be my very great pleasure and privilege to serve our Improvement District as a Trustee.

**George Bradasch**

Hi Everyone:

My name is George Bradasch and I am honoured to have been nominated for a trustee position with the Deep Bay Improvement District.

As a life-long Islander, I was raised in Victoria and much of my earlier employment was as plant manager of a large dry-cleaning and uniform rental company. From there I went on to establish my own successful business, which I later sold in the late 1990's when we moved up-Island to acreage near Whiskey Creek. A new home was built and, while still working full time, we turned this property into a thriving small farm, clearing land, building several barns and caring for various farm animals. About 5 years ago my wife Marion and I retired to beautiful Bowser. During this time, I was in sales and marketing and later became the General Manager for a firm that provided security systems, alarm monitoring, camera systems and access control.

I have been an active volunteer member of numerous organizations (serving on several boards as treasurer, vice president or president), including the B.C. Fabricare Association, Saanich Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Victoria Cougars hockey booster club, Victoria Crime Stoppers, Victoria SPCA, Qualicum Beach Rotary Club, and Coombs Farmers' Institute.

Some of my skills and experience include effective communication, good customer relations, preparing budgets, hiring and training of staff, purchasing of new equipment, building and equipment repair and maintenance, and supply line purchasing.

I hope my varied skill set and experience can be of use to our community. I would stress the importance of open communication, teamwork, and the need to practice fiscal responsibility.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service to our community.

**Robert Hale**

I am retired from the Government of B. C. (Attorney General). During my tenure there I worked as a Probation Officer & B. C. Parole Coordinator and lastly as a Family Court/Family Justice Counsellor. My duties there were determining child & spousal support, mediating custody & access agreements and writing custody and access reports for all levels of court.

I have been living in the DBID for 5 years and was a member of the Deep Bay Fire Department for 2 years. I am presently the Secretary/Treasurer of the Deep Bay Fire/Rescue Society, a group that assists funding of the fire department.

I am interested in maintaining and managing our excellent water system, existing infrastructure and responsible overseeing of development in the DBID.

**Suzanne LaRoy**

My husband, Ron, and I moved into our Gainsberg Road home in 2017. We retired here, having sold our family home in Esquimalt, which is a small township in the Greater Victoria area. We were delighted to find an ideal retirement home in a more traffic-calmed and rural, but still coastal, setting, but we also hoped that we'd found a place that would have a similar strong sense of community, like the one we'd left behind and raised our two, now adult, sons in. It didn't take long to confirm that, and we immediately felt right at home and welcomed, here, in Deep Bay. But the most surprising thing we instantly discovered was its best-kept secret: that Deep Bay has the best drinking water we've ever tasted - and we want to keep it that way!

In addition to raising a family, I had a thirty-year career spent working for The Province of British Columbia, mainly in information technology, policy development and program management roles. In the past I have volunteered my time filling various positions on parent advisory councils, working a local community rib fest, sitting on a municipal traffic calming committee and on two strata councils. Two of my favourite past times, when not out on the water in our small watercraft or out in our RV, are quilting and exploring the world, knowing I will be returning home to our island paradise. I'd like to take on the role of Trustee because I'm interested in the functions that are in scope of the Improvement District's mandate and I believe in giving back to my community.

**Susan Mielke**

**Education:** Registered Nurse studied at UBC

**Work:** Worked at Langley Memorial & Surrey Memorial with Ten years nursing experience

Owner/Operator of Nanaimo Harbour City Marina for 19 years as Secretary Treasurer with Partner/Husband Ron Mielke

**Volunteer:** Scouts Canada local Chairperson at Departure Bay Scouts Troop  
Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement and Pacific Salmon Foundation supporter  
Brechin United Church Board Secretary

Vancouver Island Symphony Board Member during transition to Better Board Management & Education including Directors' training/seminars for Risk Management and Community involvement and expansion

President Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach overseeing International Service, Donations to Affordable Housing Project in Qualicum and Blood Bank in Ghana, representing Rotary in Ethiopia Polio Eradication and Brazil International Conference

Deep Bay Fire Rescue Society Secretary

**Awards:** Athena Award for Women in Business Excellence, Nanaimo

**Family:** Raised boy/girl twins who currently live on Vancouver Island

Son works as a Welder in Aquaculture related business

Daughter is Graphic Designer and Fisheries employee assisting with managing fish catch & data collection and marketing

**Dave Simpson**

I have been lucky to have "rediscovered" Deep Bay this past decade. It was always our families' alternate holiday location for camping, fishing and water sports in the 1950's. We truly live in paradise.

I am a forest engineering consultant having worked throughout coastal and interior locations of BC and the Alaskan Panhandle for over 45 years. Past projects have involved design, supervision and administration for construction projects (large logging camps; bunkhouses, vehicle warehouses, water systems and sewer plant installations, as well as dryland sorts, airstrips, docks and booming grounds).

My past service with the Deep Bay Improvement District has involved being a member of the Human Resources Committee, Environment Committee, Planning Committee and assisting in design of the Firehall under construction. I hope to look forward to seeing the completion of the Firehall and to assist the DBID board and Volunteer Fire Department to obtain a replacement firetruck.

**Colin Thompson**

My name is Colin Thompson. I am grateful to have the opportunity to work with and for the residents of our Improvement District.

I welcome your support and if elected vow to work tirelessly for each and every one of you in our community.

I began my firefighting career in the city of Vancouver on December 1975 and retired in December 2005.

Fairly early in my career I became involved with our Union. I served on our Executive Board as a Member at Large and as well, was elected as the Chairman of our Safety Committee. My involvement spanned some 20 plus years.

My wife, Sue and I moved to Bowser from the mainland on July 1st 2016. Every morning we feel blessed to have found this island community.

I am extremely passionate about the Firefighting profession and the service, commitment and dedication our fraternity displays each and every day while serving communities all over the country. It is essential for these men and women to have all of the appropriate equipment necessary, so they can safely and effectively carry out their duties to the highest standards.

Obviously Firefighters need water to put out fires, but more importantly we need water in abundance to survive in our day to day existence. Our island has a finite supply and in order for there to be enough to supply our growing community, it is paramount that we manage its use responsibly.

I look forward to engaging with fellow trustees to this end, being fully cognizant of the importance of managing this precious resource responsibly...today, tomorrow and always.