



# Mission Hospice Society

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## Current Board of Directors

### Board Chair 2024/2025

#### Ellen Nguyen – 1 years remaining on term

Ellen Nguyen is the owner of What's On! Mission magazine. She graduated from SFU with a Bachelor of Arts in English and completed her PDP there. Her work experience ranges from being a Grade 2 teacher at Khalsa School to marketing recycled products made by women and children in the slums of the Philippines with a non-profit organization. She is a firm believer in lifelong learning and is continuing her education in Health Information Management. She loves that she can work in the community she calls home and that she is able to utilize her passions through What's On! Mission: photography, writing, and giving back to her community. She has served or is serving on the following boards: Mission District Historical Society, Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation, Mission Community Foundation, Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce, Mission Minor Baseball Association, Rotary Club of Mission Mid-day, and Mission Skating Club. Her downtime usually involves walking and enjoying the great outdoors. She credits her family as her purpose and motivation, her strength and support, in all her pursuits.

### Treasurer

#### Sean Melia– 2 Years remaining on term

I started working in Mission in 2002 in Business Banking at a local Bank. From there I transitioned to Manager of one and then another Credit Union in Mission. Outside of my paid employment I continue to help guide many community groups through strategic planning and financial budgeting. My career took a turn in 2022 when I decided to retire early and manage my own time! My 20 year working career in Mission included involvement as a Big Brother; Past President, Treasurer and Board member of the Chamber of Commerce; Treasurer and Board member of Mission Community Services Society; Board member of Mission Community Foundation; Board member of Community Futures North Fraser; past President, Treasurer Rotary Club of Mission Midday and Treasurer and Board Member of Mission Hospice Society since 2006. I volunteer with St. Joseph's Food Bank as well. My community involvement has been an important and valued connection in service to Mission.

### Director

#### Coleen Battel – 2 Years remaining on term

Born and raised in Mission and actively involved in the community since she was a teenager. I have held various leadership positions at EV Logistics for more than 32 years currently holding the title Quality Assurance Manager. I have been an active member on several committees during this time. Some of these committees were above and beyond my duties and was the recipient of the Diamond Safety Award, DHL Quality Award and a graduate of the VersaCold College for Leaders. As the Quality Assurance Manager I am responsible for overseeing the development of company processes and procedures as well as developing standardization between the different sites located across BC and Alberta. When I am not dedicating my time to giving back to my community, which I find great joy in, I cherish time with my husband, children and grand children, as well as with good friends, and walks with my dog Izzy.

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## **Director**

### **Mike Scudder – 1 years remaining on term**

Born and raised in Mission, Mike's family has been active in our community since the early 1890's. He is married to wife Debbie and they have 2 sons, Sean & Bryan. Mike graduated from Mission Senior Secondary School in 1978 and went on to study Geography and Criminal Justice at Fraser Valley College. Mike retired in 2008 after 23 years service as a Customs Inspector with the Canada Border Services Agency. As well as serving on Mission City Council from 2008-2011, Mike has served on many Boards and Organizations in our community over the years and has been President or Chair of such groups as the HPSS PAC, Village West Ratepayers Association, Neighbourhood Planning advisory Committee for Southwest Mission, and the Silverdale Community Center Association. He has served as a member of the Maple Ridge/Mission Liberal Riding Association, the Mission Community Heritage Commission, the 2014 Winter Games Committee and the Rotary Club of Mission Mid-Day. In addition to his current position as President of the Hospice Society Board of Directors, he is also the current President of the Mission District Historical Society.

## **Director**

### **Tammy Miller – 1 years remaining on term**

Born and raised in Chilliwack BC. I have always been involved in the Chilliwack community through volunteer work at the Chilliwack YMCA as well as playing and coaching many community sports such as soccer, basketball, baseball and Karate. I am currently a 4<sup>th</sup> degree black belt and one of Sensei Don Sharp's assistant Instructors. My second passion in life is my career as a Funeral Director and Embalmer and I am proud to be the location manager at Woodlawn Mt Cheam Funeral Home. I feel it is such an honor to serve families and help them through one of the most difficult times in their lives. My career is very rewarding and I know this will be what I do until my retirement. My third passion is people. I love people and I love giving back to the community. I love to volunteer as much as time allows me and being involved in the community in any way that I can. Even though I live in Chilliwack I feel closely connected to the Mission community as this is where I worked and served families for the last 10 years. I have always supported the Mission Hospice Society and it is an honor to be a part of such an amazing group of people who are compassionate and understanding at a time of grief and need.

## **Director**

### **Arlene James – 1 years remaining on term**

Arlene James co owns a small survey company with her role focusing on Office Management. She is married with 2 sons, Nolan and Carson. Her family has kept her busy over the years with school events/volunteering and sports. Arlene moved back into Mission after spending 20 years in Chilliwack. While in Chilliwack she sat on various Boards including, Phecsca, ProPac and Scholarship committees from 2005 to 2013. Arlene has been active in Minor hockey in Chilliwack and Mission. Volunteering in administrative office, team manager, team treasurer, coach selection committees and many tournament committees. Moving back to Mission allowed Arlene the opportunity to volunteer with the dry grad



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committee at MSS, which she has previously done in Chilliwack since 2005. Arlene enjoys travelling, photography, crocheting and family time and course her fur babies.

## **Director**

### **Chris Stenerson – Up for renewal, 3 Year Term**

Chris was born and raised in Mission. He attended UBC and obtained a BA and LLB and was called to the bar in BC in 2001. Chris worked in Vancouver and Kelowna and returned to Mission in 2008 and commenced working at Taylor, Tait, Ruley & Company with a practice that focuses on divorce, personal injury, insurance, estates and general litigation matters.

## **New Director Nominee**

### **Manny Deol – Up for Election on a 3 year term**

Born and raised in Mission, Manny has been a professional Real Estate Agent and Residential Builder since 2010. As a local resident and realtor, he is passionate about the entrepreneurial spirit, small businesses, and the growth and development of Mission which has translated into his time volunteering.

Manny has been a Director on the Mission Chamber of Commerce Board, a vice president and is currently the president and sits on their Government Relations Committee. He was a director at the Downtown Business Association for 6 years and was on the board of Community Futures North Fraser where he was a director, vice president and president. He also was on the Government Relation Committee for the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board for over 7 years. Manny is a father of 2 young children and has been married since 2015. When he has free time, he loves to spend it with family, and his hobbies include a good book or going to the gym.

## **New Director Nominee**

### **Nicole Norden -Up for Election on a 3 year term**

Nicole is a dynamic professional who, alongside her husband Mike, manages the thriving enterprise Norden & Gordon Events & Entertainment while also overseeing social media management for various organizations. With a diverse background, Nicole's career has been marked by significant achievements. Previously, she served as Operations Manager for Abstract Glass Ltd in Mission, her family's business, for 16 years. During her tenure, Nicole spearheaded innovative training programs and streamlined operations through the integration of modernization and technological advancements.

Nicole's expertise extends to union affairs, honed through years of experience in negotiations and arbitrations. Her roles as a lending specialist at CIBC and an Accounts Representative at TELUS equipped her with versatile financial skills, including adept financial management and budgeting.

A committed community advocate, Nicole and Abstract Glass contributed to various initiatives, sponsoring programs like the Canada Day Kid's Zone, Mission Folk Music Festival, Norden the Magician at the Mission City Farmer's Market, and the annual Mission Christmas Bureau's Coat & Blanket Drive. Passionate about the Arts & Theatre, Nicole and Mike actively support the magic community, hosting events and organizing conventions. While Nicole earned her Associate of Arts Degree at Cotley College, Missouri, she has considered Mission her home since the age of two.

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Outside her professional pursuits, Nicole finds joy in outdoor activities, indulging in hiking, kayaking, and travel. Her commitment to both professional excellence and community enrichment defines Nicole as a multifaceted individual making a positive impact in various spheres of life.

## **New Director Nominee**

### **Vik Gill – Up for Election on a 3 year term**

Vik Gill is a proud business owner in the City of Mission and Abbotsford. He has over 15 years of experience in fitness and wellness. Vik takes any opportunity to continue his pursuit of fitness knowledge through certificate programs and seminars, to ensure he is helping his clients as best he can. He is passionate about serving his communities and has been recognized for giving back through fundraisers to support local causes and businesses. Vik has been a huge supporter and contributor of the Mission Hospice Society, supporting the many fundraisers such as the Ride for Hospice and Hike for Hospice.

When he's not at the Fitness lab, he is spending time outdoors and with his family.