

Public Advisory Committee Member Biographies

Design & Construction Phase



Dan Bizzotto

Dan Bizzotto is a Chemistry professor at the University of British Columbia since 1998. His research and teaching is focused on sensors and analytical chemical measurements at graduate and undergraduate levels.

His family has lived in Norgate since moving to BC. His three children have attended or are currently enrolled in the Norgate Community School. During this time, he has had the chance to work with the teachers at Norgate to conduct a number of outreach science demonstrations in the classroom.

Jason Black

Jason has more than 20 years' experience in management, specializing in customer service, human resources, marketing and strategic growth and development in both the property management and landscape industries.

In his spare time he volunteers with The Coho Society of the North Shore, Cystic Fibrosis Canada and is the Past President of the West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. He is also proud to volunteer with Scouts Canada as a Beaver Scout leader, where he gets to mentor his son and 28 of his friends.

Victor Elderton



Since 2013 Victor has been the Vice Principal at Norgate Community Elementary where he continues his work on nature-based and place-based experiential learning for children and families. He also works at the district level to enable "Learning with Nature" initiatives throughout the North Vancouver SD. Prior to this current position Victor was both a full-time teacher and Principal Co-Administrator for the North Vancouver Outdoor School (NVOS) where he started working in 1984.

Victor is a member of various environmental, education and sustainability committees as well as working groups; among these are Walking the Talk Society (Environmental Educators of BC), Association of Nature Center Administrators (ANCA), Young Naturalist Clubs of BC, Vancouver Metro Education Advisory Committee, North Vancouver and Archives Commission and a past member of BC Premier's Citizen's Conservation Council.



Richard Hancock, Vice-Chair



Richard (Rick) is currently employed in the real estate development and commercial brokerage field. He is familiar with land assembly procedures and obtaining regulatory approvals. He also has a technical background regarding municipal infrastructure projects.

Rick's volunteer experience includes: Director at the Burnaby Hospice Society; Chair (2 terms) for the Advisory Planning Commission, District of North Vancouver; President and Board Director, Commercial Division Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver; President, Advanced Leaders Lab Toastmasters / Project Management Institute Toastmasters

Rick and his wife Lee-Anne have lived in North Vancouver for thirty years and raised three sons in the community.

John Jensen

John is the Director of Metrics and Analytics for the Mozilla Corporation, the non-profit organization most well-known for the Firefox web browser. He has held similar product management and consulting roles in the software and market research industries for 20 years.

He recently served as member and Chair of the City of North Vancouver Advisory Planning Commission. Previously, he was Vice-Chair of the City of North Vancouver's Citizen Engagement Task Force.

Arlene King

Arlene is retired from the credit and collections field, and has been living in the Norgate community for the past 30 years. She has served as a Director for the Norgate Park Community Association, and has been a member of the association for seven years.

Arlene is dedicated to keeping the Norgate community – which was built in the 1950s before most of the surrounding industries came in – a family-friendly place. She seeks creative and sustainable solutions for the long-term social, environmental and financial well-being of the community.

Arlene also volunteers with FONVCA, a loose organization of community associations in the District of North Vancouver as well as committing time to Habitat for Humanity, the Canadian Cancer Society, Silver Harbour Seniors Activity Centre, and Jackets 4 Jasper.



Rene Kormos

Rene has worked in the investment industry for over 18 years. Her educational qualifications include a Bachelor of Commerce Degree majoring in Finance and Marketing, Certified Investment Management (CIM), Personal Financial Planner (PFP), and the Fellow of the Canadian Securities Institute (FCSI). She also holds a Level II Life insurance license through the Insurance Council of British Columbia.

Outside of the office she is an avid supporter of many environmental committees and initiatives. Rene also enjoys spending time outside in beautiful BC.

As a resident of the Norgate community since 2008, she is committed to her role in managing the cost and community impacts of the wastewater treatment project.

Derek Lunden

Derek is presently retired. He attended both UBC and SFU and was a Partner in a local Software Consulting Firm. He was later Director of Major Gift Fundraising for a national charity.

He has been a resident of the North Shore for the past 38 years, the last 18 as a homeowner in Norgate. Derek is an active participant in his community.

Diana Sollner, Chair

Diana is the Owner and Principal of GEM Services, an environmental engineering service provider to the mining industry, particularly to junior mining companies.

Diana's areas of technical expertise include waste characterization, water quality prediction, waste and water management planning, mine closure planning and the integration of environmental data into the mine design process.

Diana has served as a Director for the Norgate Park Community Association, the residential community located adjacent to the project site, for the past seven years, and volunteers with various community organizations.

In addition to her volunteer work, Diana was a member of the First Aid Ski Patrol Society for 17 years, serving as Mountain Supervisor, Vice President and acting President for about half that time.



Jan Timmer



Jan is a registered Architect, MAIBC and principal of Jan H. Timmer Architecture Ltd. He has a keen interest, and experience in sustainable and regenerative buildings and community development.

Jan has had a longstanding interest in the DNV and the North Shore communities, having worked to develop a plan for the entire area east of the Seymour River to Deep Cove, using Ian McHarg's "Design with Nature" as a guide.

Jan is a member of the Western Residents Association in West Vancouver and was a member of the first phase of LGPAC from June 2012 to 2014. For many years Jan was a volunteer Planning consultant for the Maplewood Community Association in the District of North Vancouver.

Jan has an Architectural MSc from the Delft University of Technology in Delft, Netherlands. Other coursework includes completing two of the ICA courses in Facilitation Skills and Planning in Toronto and an intensive week long "Bio-Mimicry and Design" course in Costa Rica. Jan is particularly interested in educational, cultural and commercial partnerships for the project.

