



President's Report November 27, 2023

It's hard to believe that this board has been in place for a whole year already! Together we have accomplished so much and moved the Society along the path we chose through our strategic planning process, and I thank each of you for your efforts towards our success! I have appreciated the opportunity to serve as board president again this past year, and all the support I've received from each one of you. Many hands make light work, as they say, and your hands have certainly helped share the work that we've done.

As you know, Crista has decided not to run again for a board position. Crista has provided great support to us as our treasurer since she took on this difficult role, and I've certainly appreciated her realistic approach to things when we start to get a little too "dreamy".

Thank you to the Nominating Committee, who have recruited several people to let their name stand for election to the board at our AGM. It's not easy trying to determine what skill sets we need to fill gaps on the board and then finding eager volunteers to fill those gaps!

As of this writing, there have been no further information from VCH regarding our MOU for Hospice House. I'm hopeful we will have that prior to our meeting.

A wreath with our name on it was placed at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. The process for laying wreaths has changed post-COVID – most wreaths are placed in advance of the ceremony and a sign is erected naming all the organizations and individuals who have purchased a wreath, so we did not actually lay the wreath ourselves.

Doreen has arranged a spaghetti luncheon fundraiser for December 8th from 11:00 to 2:00 at the Tla'amin Salish Centre. The spaghetti sauce has all been donated and it promises to be a great meal!

Please remember to submit your board volunteer hours to Sarah Joy at the end of the month when she sends you the link to the form.

As this is my last board meeting, I've been reflecting on the past six years and how far we have come as a board and as an organization. Nothing happens without a strong group of people pulling together, each in their own way, to get things done. Your vision for and dedication to this organization is what has propelled us forward. I know the organization is in good hands and I'm excited to see what you'll accomplish in the next few years!

Thank you all again for your hard work this past year, your support of Hospice and your support of me in my role as president. See you all on Monday.

Respectfully submitted,


Cathy Fisher