

## **Desert Cove Homeowners Association**

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**Director at Large**

**Monica McDonald**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2 year term**

I was born in Mainz, Germany and immigrated to Canada with my family in 1952. After pit stops in Manitoba, my dad got a job in Edmonton, where I spent the majority of my life. I familiarized myself with the Okanagan during some of that time (1975 onward) as I often visited my parents who were living in Vernon. I quickly realized that I loved the beautiful lakes, mountains and weather so much that one day I would love to live here. Some time after my dad died, my mom's health declined and she needed some assistance. Therefore I retired in 2005 and moved in with her. We spent 12 wonderful years together until she passed in 2017. Now I have my helpful son living with me, as well as our special, sweet dog, Bella.

I graduated from the University of Alberta with a B.Ed. in 1972. Then I began a fulfilling, successful teaching career that spanned 33 years. My roles included being a special education instructor and a classroom teacher. My favorites were the 9-10 year olds (Grade 4). During this time I raised two beautiful children (a girl and a boy). Somehow I also found time to participate on various committees, was active with my parish council and endeavored to remain a life-long learner.

I truly enjoy walking, aqua-size, golf, cards, reading and the fantastic Okanagan sunshine. Moving to Desert Cove is also high on the 'like list'. We've met many friendly, helpful, kind Covians, who always greet us with a smile. I can't wait for things to open up more so we can enjoy the social gatherings that I've heard so much about.

As a Director at Large, I look forward to seeing how the DCHA operates, and what each specific office entails. I look forward to working and collaborating with the Board members and hope to be of assistance when and where needed.