

## **Desert Cove Homeowners Association**

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### **Data Management Director**

**Tracy Harwood Cox**

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I was born and raised on the Lower Mainland but, my family is originally from Vernon (the Harwood Elementary School was named after my great grandfather). I met my husband in 1984 and we've been married for 35 years. 26 of those years we lived in Maple Ridge.

I worked in an office environment for 33 years, 29 of those years I worked at Scott Paper Limited in New Westminster. After Scott Paper I went on to work in a Registered Massage Therapy Clinic, Hair Salon and then finally at Cloud 9 Boutique which was a nail / esthetics / medical esthetics salon as Receptionist.

We knew many years ago we wanted to retire in Vernon as my sister and brother-in-law had retired here in 2010. They built their retirement home just over looking Spallumcheen Golf Course. Every time we visited from the Coast, I would look over to the Desert Cove community and say I want to live there. I would drive over and look at the show homes. Often, I would check out the homes for sale on the DCE website. I knew this is where I wanted to live. Finally, in May of 2017 it was time for my husband to retire. It was an easy decision for us to move into Desert Cove. We absolutely love it here! Especially the fact that my sister and I are living minutes apart after living in different cities for 26 years.

Since moving into the Cove, we both love to spend a lot of time in our backyard enjoying the summer sunshine, planting, maintaining flowers as well as a having a little veggie garden. We enjoy family dinners, dining out, camping, concerts, plays, etc. We love to travel to warmer climates. Now and then we take out our trailer and park while we do some wine tasting. When time permits, I head out to Enderby to the Arion Therapeutic Farm where I enjoy grooming a donkey and a mule. I also like to visit the Turtle Valley Donkey Refuge to visit and groom the mini donkeys.

I have been on the Board of Directors as the Data Management Director for three years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with all the other Directors. We have a great team that I am proud to be a part of.