

Desert Cove Homeowners Association

Data Management Director

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1st year of 2 year term

We left our home in Vanderhoof in September 2023, (where I agreed to live for 2 years not a day longer) back in 1978. What can I say, the place grew on us! Forty-six years later my husband, Bill, and I moved to Desert Cove in September 2023 to be closer to our 2 boys and their families who all live in Kelowna.

It has been a big move for us and we are still adjusting to the climate but we love the social aspects of the community. We have some life-long friends living here from Vanderhoof as well as from our youth spent in Dawson Creek and have made some wonderful new friends too.

I spent most of my working life (35 years) with the Federal Government in the Employment Programs branch. When I retired from there, I went to work for the District of Vanderhoof as their Economic Development Officer for a few years and then my final stint in paid employment was as a Community Relations Officer with a gold mining company, New Gold Inc., who was developing a mine in the area.

Throughout my adult life, I've been very involved in volunteer roles some of which are the Chamber of Commerce, the Nechako Valley Credit Union Board, the University of Northern BC Board of Governors, and the Vanderhoof Community Foundation where I continue as a Life-Time Member.

I'm excited to join the Desert Cove Homeowner's Association Board as I feel that an active community is vital to keeping our residents happy and healthy. I have lots to learn about this organization but I'm prepared to work hard for our members to ensure that our recreational and social opportunities offer variety, are well organized and are well attended.