

QUARTERLY



SUMMER • 2022

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE WHERE WE HAVE CHOSEN TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY LIES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE LEKWUNGEN-SPEAKING PEOPLE, KNOWN AS THE ESQUIMALT, SONGHEES, AND WSANEC FIRST NATIONS

Presidents Message



Hello everyone! I'm delighted to begin my first term on our executive council.

VENC membership has meant everything to me this past 3 years especially as we faced (and continue to) Covid challenges and my own health scare.

As we all know first hand, starting over in a new community can be daunting. VENC membership enlivens the process, even dare I say, makes it fun!

I'm looking forward to a fantastic year supporting all the membership and our volunteers.

Alanna Smith
VENC President



Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held electronically on 05/06/2022. Kudos to the fifty-nine members who participated. The following executive committee members were approved for 2022-23 by acclamation:

President:
Treasurer & A/Vice President:*
Secretary:
Activity Leader Liaison:
Communications Coordinator:
Membership Coordinator:
New Member Engagement Coordinator:
Webmaster:
Events Coordinator:

Alanna Smith
Inga Sheane
Laura Shushkewich
Edie Ungstad
Karin Buss
Alison Clark
Julie Cohen
Renee Roy
vacant

* Inga has kindly agreed to act as Vice-President until a volunteer steps forward



It's time to **renew** and **register** – for another great year of fun and friendship!

All of our 199 wonderful members are invited to renew their membership now and join activity groups.

Remember, memberships expire Aug 31 if not renewed.

Important: review your activity registrations to ensure they match your current interests.



VENC Wants You

We're seeking volunteers for these positions:

Special Events Coordinator: This is the best job on the executive for someone who loves parties or organizing. It requires organizing 1 to 3 events per year to which all members are invited. The position can be shared between 2 members.

Deputy Webmaster: Interested in getting behind the scenes of the VENC website? Or sharing your tech skills or aptitude? This position is intended to introduce someone to the administration of the website with a view to becoming webmaster next year. Not many jobs come with the grand title of 'master'!

Vice President: Key duties are to assist the president, chair meetings in her absence and lead recruitment for the next year's executive.

Please contact the VENC Communications Coordinator (VENCcomm@gmail.com) if you are interested in any of these positions.



Coming Soon - Neighborhood Pods

Look out for an email, coming soon, inviting you to join a neighbourhood pod. This will be a group chat on Facebook Messenger where members can request or provide information about their neighbourhood. Examples of 'pod' messages: to seek recommendations for a dentist, hairdresser etc; to share a ride to a VENC event; to share information about local service closures (such as power outages) or help needed/offered.

The pods will also be a good way to welcome new members who have moved into your neighbourhood.

