

## September 2017 Island Manager Report

We didn't have any work parties last month but I do have a couple of volunteers that have gone beyond the call of duty and want to thank publicly. **Chris Gorman**, a new island member, has put in his valuable time and energy and has driven the water truck all summer. He has also made housing available to our stand by captains. **Betty Eccles** who has continued to oversee the community garden and has made improvements over the summer to make it even more attractive. Thank you both. Members, if you recognize goodwill and spirit and efforts from your neighbors please let me know so I can thank them for their services.

Ferry Operations: I am continuing my search for stand by deckhands. I have conducted a couple of interviews and have moved forward with back ground search and drug testing of one candidate. I am also actively searching for a permanent part time Captain. I have one interested candidate from our stand by pool and am going over the parameters of the position with the board to find the right fit. If you know anyone qualified to captain our ferry please send them my way.

There is continued stress regarding ferry access policy. Now that we have everyone using the vehicle stickers correctly, it is time to address guest passes. I will forward a communication to everyone describing in detail how to fill out the pass and why we need the information. For now, PLEASE sign the guest passes for your guests and contractors. I have instructed the ferry crew to not accept unsigned passes. Thank you.

I continue to look for ways of improving current processes. I have come up with a very rough draft of a three-crew ferry system that follows coast guard regulations regarding rest periods and hours worked. It also extends the ferry hours of operation into the late evening allowing commuters more opportunities to access the mainland. I will share with the board for input and comments.

The receptionist experiment is going very well. Carolyn is still in training mode, but has had opportunity to get to some of her back work accomplished. I have used the extra time given to me to organize and prioritize the office and the IM duties. As training is near complete you may notice that Carolyn will not be available as often as she has in the past. Please feel confident to talk to Carol about your needs and they will get addressed.

Attention all volunteer firefighters: We have applications that must be complete and turned in to the fire district no later than 4pm September 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a written test for applicants on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am. Pre-academy starts January 2018. This is the only opportunity for the coming year to become a volunteer fire fighter on Herron Island.

I love working for Herron Island. This position has the most wonderful opportunities to make a positive contribution to the lives of its employees and members. It is my professional opinion that the Island Manager position needs to be full time. I have given the board my resignation and am working out my termination date. The reason for leaving is simple, I was looking for part time work.