

# Partnership for Water Sustainability in British Columbia

2016 Annual Report

## Nominees for 2017 Board of Directors (2 positions)



**TED VAN DER GULIK** is chair of the Water Balance Model initiative and also led the Agriculture Water Demand Project initiative for the Province. In February 2014, he retired from the Ministry of Agriculture after 35 years of service as the Senior Engineer in the Sustainable Agriculture Management Branch in Abbotsford. “The Water Balance Model was the driving force behind the formation of the Partnership and continues to provide a strong link to the other projects that have been initiated,” says Ted.



**RICHARD BOASE** is the District of North Vancouver’s Environmental Protection Officer. Richard is also Co-Chair of the Water Balance Model initiative. “Getting involved in the Partnership was simply the right thing to do,” reflects Richard. “This belief is what drives my personal commitment to fulfilling my own ecological and sustainable vision. Our water is the most precious commodity on the planet. Through the Partnership, I saw a way of contributing and making a difference to sustain this resource, which is a right for all, in a way that appealed to me immensely.”

## Current Directors (4 positions)



**MIKE TANNER** is Chair of the Waterbucket Website and Partnership Treasurer. He retired as a Senior Manager with BC Hydro’s Power Smart Program. “Recognizing a need for a single point of access to news, information and tools for sustainable water management in BC, we launched the waterbucket.ca website in 2005,” says Mike. “By providing universal access to information, we believe we will continue to see ever-improving standards of practice in all aspects of land development and water resource management.”



**TIM PRINGLE** was the founding Executive Director of the Real Estate Foundation of BC, and served in that capacity for 20 years. “A number of creative and experienced volunteers direct the work of the Partnership and help implement its programs,” says Tim. “I am privileged to work with them and to be able to pursue my passion to see BC communities adopt a more integrated approach to stewardship of land and water. The Partnership’s goal is to help communities implement designing with nature strategies as a basic step to managing settlement change in balance with ecology makes perfect sense.”



**DEREK RICHMOND** retired from the City of Courtenay in 2013. He has served as Chair of CAVI-Convening for Action on Vancouver Island since 2011. “My passion for water resources and the environment has been with me from an early age. As a practitioner with more than 40 years in engineering and environmental issues, I am fortunate to have been involved in a wide variety of projects and initiatives across Canada, and in the USA and the UK. I see an opportunity to apply experience gained during my career to the visioning that will help steer us in the right direction to maintain water resources in balance with ecology, economy and education,” says Derek.



**PETER LAW** has volunteered his time to undertake many important Partnership functions, such as recording secretary and Membership Chair. “My principle interest in seeking the nomination is the promotion of Water Sustainability as it pertains to the restoration of our small streams and how this is linked to maintaining a watershed’s health. As a Provincial Biologist with the Ministry of Environment for 30+ years, I became acutely aware of how our existing land development practices are causing natural systems to degrade. I have supported the need for ‘change’ through educational approaches promoted by the Partnership to *Design with Nature*.”