

Victoria Pride Society: 2018 Board of Directors Election

Continuing Directors:

Tina Gould

Brittany Kohn

Kelly Legge

Liz Da Mata

For Re-Election:

David Tillson

David has been part of the LGBTQ2S community in Victoria for over 35 years. He has been the President of the Society for 14 years and his area of expertise is in event production, not politics. He really doesn't want a ferris wheel for the festival, but wouldn't say no if someone offered. His biggest concern then would be... " where do I put it ?" David has been the loud mouthed EMC for the Memorial Dragball since its inception. Does anyone remember which year it actually started?

For Election:

Alex Carroll

Alex is an out and proud Two Spirit Cree person. As a gender illusionist, Alex has been crowned Mr. Gay Vancouver Island twice! He cofounded the drag troupe, The Dragbots and is a fierce advocate for equal rights. Alex loves serving his community - through performance, theatre and much volunteerism. He is honoured to serve Victoria's growing and dynamic alphabet soup that is our community.

Scott Daly

Scott works as a Marketing Manager at a solar lighting technology company that was recently ranked as one of the fastest growing companies in Canada. Outside of work, he devotes time to a number of local environmental and poverty alleviation causes. Scott's volunteer experience includes 6 years on the Board of Our Place Society during a period of rapid organizational growth that saw the addition of a number of new services including overnight shelters, an employment program, Victoria's first overdose prevention site and, more recently, a therapeutic recovery community.

Scott is passionate about community building and feels very fortunate to be able to live in Victoria with his husband, Tom. A past volunteer in Victoria Pride's beer garden for many years, Scott was the Volunteer Coordinator for Victoria Pride 2018 while also helping with communications. Scott hopes to use his experience to help Victoria Pride continue to grow its organizational capacity so that it can continue to serve our growing queer community.

Denis Eve

After years working within non-profit environmental organizations, including seven years with Greenpeace Canada in fundraising and communication, Denis Eve moved into the tech sector as a web developer—albeit with some hesitation, knowing he was leaving a world of committed, like-minded people behind.

Then Denis found a way to marry his two passions. He developed and taught a diploma program for an accredited tech college that paired students with charities and NGOs, the organizations received free professional digital marketing assessments, branding and websites, while the students launched their careers with industry-ready portfolios.

The program rekindled Denis' commitment to non-profits and he has since worked with numerous local organizations including the Together Against Poverty Society, The Victoria Heritage Tourism Alliance and CFB Esquimalt Naval & Military Museum. Denis looks forward to the opportunity to bring his skills and enthusiasm to the Victoria Pride Society, one of the city's most important organizations.

Rotem Gabay

Rotem was born and raised in Israel and arrived in Victoria four months ago to live with her girlfriend. In Israel, she worked with kids and teenagers as a swimming/water-polo coach and was the manager of the national youth water-polo team of Israel.

Since arriving, she has been trying to see and experience as much of Victoria and Canada as possible, enjoying this beautiful and peaceful place. She says she finds Victoria to be a secure and respectful place for the gay community and is excited to be a part of it!

Dr. Lindsay Herriot

Dr. Lindsay Herriot is a queer/bisexual adjunct professor at the University of Victoria and a special education teacher in School District 61. She's been honoured to volunteer with Victoria Pride Society youth initiatives such as the Pride Week Youth Kickoff Party and the Youth Council. She is also the co-founder and co-coordinator of the youth centred Transgender Tipping Point, which has happily moved under the Victoria Pride Society umbrella.

Charlie Nash

Self-proclaimed local legend, Charlie also goes by Henrietta Dubét. Passionate about community, Charlie is hoping to take their enthusiasm and inject it straight back into the scene that birthed them. They have not only worked within the community to help foster safe spaces for queer youth through the Staches and Lashes Collective, but they have also led workshops in drag makeup application through the Trans Tipping Point and at the Two Spirit Conference.

Charlie is not only a lover of drag but also an advocate of trans (and human) rights and intersectional feminism. They are excited give back to Victoria Pride Society in a concrete way, as they have had the pleasure of being a part of several pride festivals and would like to be a part of the future of the events that are run by the VPS. In addition, Charlie is eager to develop their communication skills through community outreach.

Hope Warren

Hope (she/they) is a 38 year old Genderqueer woman working as a carpenters apprentice here in Victoria. She holds the labels Queer, Trans, Transfemme, and Genderqueer. Hope has worked with and continues to participate with various Victoria based Trans/Queer organizations and believes in continuing to develop resilient inter-community resources and relationships.

Hope has a passion for our LGBTQ2+ elders and, for the last few years, Hope has helped coordinate the trans contingent of our local Pride Parade. She has a love for Trans/Queer history and continues to study and appreciate the rich cultural significance that gender non conforming and Queer folx have had on our culture as a whole. Hope is confident in the rich quality of our local Trans/Queer artists and is certain that the world class talent here in Victoria deserves a strong platform.

Hope believes that we are stronger working together and, as a board member of the Victoria Pride Society, it's her desire to serve our community and continue to connect the many moving parts of our unique and vibrant city.