

Wendy Pratt

Leadership:

In the Field of Hospice Palliative Care

Abbotsford Hospice Society Board of Directors, 1995-1997

Abbotsford Hospice Society Client Based Volunteer, 1994-1997

Abbotsford Hospice Executive Director (1997-1998)

Nanaimo Community Hospice Client Based Volunteer & Board of Directors, (1998-1999)

Nanaimo Community Hospice Executive Director (1999-Present)

BC Hospice Palliative Care Association Board Director, President Elect, President, Past President of (8 Years to 2010)

Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association, BC Representative to Board of Directors, (2008-2010)

Vancouver Island Federation of Hospices -Founding Member/President and Past President

Mid-Island Palliative Care Coordinating Group – Member (2000-2010) & Chair (2006-2010)

BC End of Life Framework – Working Group 2010

Provincial Working Group to Develop Provincial Standards for Volunteers working in End of Life Care in BC (2010)

Member – Rotary Club of Nanaimo (honoured to have received two honorary Paul Harris Awards recognizing my service to community – one from Lantzville Rotary and one from Rotary Club of Nanaimo)

Prior to 1995

Parents Advisory Committee – Pauline Haarer School French Immersion Program (1976-1982)

Leader – Scouts Canada – (1976-1985)

Service Clubs including Beta Sigma Phi, and PAC for Son's School in Victoria

As the outgoing Executive Director of one of the fastest growing and most successful non-profit organizations serving our community, I have shown strong leadership skills and a keen awareness of the importance of fiscal responsibility. Over a 15 year period, as Executive Director of Nanaimo Community Hospice, I was able to build an effective team of 12 staff and 250 volunteers, create a for-profit business to support hospice programs, and lead a successful capital campaign to raise \$1.5Million to increase the capacity of the organization as the demand for hospice services continued to grow. During this time I learned to leverage every dollar earned and return it tenfold to the community through much needed programs and services.. My experience working at the local, regional, provincial and national levels has provided me with an ability to think globally, but act locally. I have a proven track record of assessing community needs and taking the steps necessary to initiate positive change. I have the skills, the commitment and the energy to get things done. It is these qualities that I will bring as a member of City Council. I was born in Nanaimo and I love this city. I raised my family here and was active during my two sons' growing up years through the school PACs and also through Scouts Canada. I believe in community service and in contributing to the health and strength of our community at all levels. Being a member of council is just another way of serving a community I love and want to see thrive and grow.

Campaign Funds:

Diverse – with about half coming from friends and family and people/business owners who know me through Hospice. The remainder is coming out of my own pocket.

My Vision for Nanaimo:

A healthy and strong community honours its history and builds on its assets and natural resources. We live in one of the most beautiful parts of the world and I believe we have everything we need right here to be successful. I want a thriving local business community and an "open for business" approach to

developers. I want our youth to graduate, work and raise families here. We have an Official Community Plan, a Strategic Plan, and a Transportation Plan that should be informing our choices as we move forward. Let's all work together to create the kind of community we all want and deserve.

Do you Subscribe to the 12 Guiding Principles of Successful Cities

Yes, most definitely,

Do you Support the Chamber's Election Platform.

Yes, in all areas, I support your platform.