



Mitch Mackin

Waterside Co-operative Housing Association

I was born in Toronto and my family moved briefly to New York City before finally moving to Edmonton. I graduated from Victoria Composite High School and attained a Business Certificate from the University of Alberta in Computer Programming and Business Data Processing and a Degree in Marketing.

I owned and operated Transtech Transportation and Transtech Cartage Services in Edmonton from 1988 – 1995 and I employed 45 people on a full time basis and over 600 part time before selling the company and moving to the Island in 1996.

In 1999 I experienced a major change in my life and needed to find economical housing for myself and my daughters and I was told about the benefits of Cooperative Housing and within two weeks I had applied to and was accepted as a member at Waterside Co-op.

I have been an active member at Waterside; in the 10 years that I've been here, I've sat on every committee. I've learned how Co-ops operate by getting involved and being mentored by long standing members, attending classes provided by CHF-BC and now I mentor people on the committees I sit on. I've experienced 6 years on the BOD... 2yrs as President, 2yrs as VP and 2yrs as Treasurer, 2 years on Membership as Chair and to date 2 ½ years on Maintenance as well as sat on our Rules Committee and Chaired our Policy Committee. During my terms on the BOD as Treasurer I also volunteered to sit on the Finance Committee. I've liaised with our Legal Counsel, our Book keeper and our Auditor, Insurance Broker, Contractors and Service providers, CMHC and The Agency and I've managed and completed major projects that the Co-op has undertaken.

I have learned quite a bit about managing a Co-op over these past few years and know that I could still learn a lot more from others involved with CHF-BC. I believe that I can bring excellent organizational skills to the table as well as quite a bit of experience to the council and look forward to serving as your Chair Person for the next term