

Fraser River Sturgeon Conservation Society Board of Directors 2022

Background

Mr. Robert Reyerse, Chair

After graduating from the University of BC with a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting & Management Information Systems, Robert began his career as a CA with Touche Ross in Vancouver, with the objective of joining a global management consulting firm. After nearly 10 years with Deloitte's Consulting in both Toronto and Vancouver he began several independent consulting engagements with the ABN AMRO Bank in Amsterdam.

Subsequently seeking a more relaxed lifestyle he moved his family to Harrison Hot Springs. In Harrison he has taken on a number of roles including President of the Chamber of Commerce, Chair of Economic Development and in 2011 Executive Director of Tourism Harrison. During this time Robert worked closely with a number of local angling guides and was eventually convinced to take on the part time position of Executive Director of the Fraser Valley Angling Guides association.

Mr. Doug Mason, Director

Douglas is currently Chairman of the Board and C.E.O. of International Bethlehem Mining Corp., Magnum Goldcorp Inc. and Canadian International Pharma Corp.

From 2015 through 2019, Douglas served as a Director of Naturally Splendid Enterprises Ltd., a hemp processing and natural food manufacturer, and served as the Company's CEO for a 2-year period from 2017 through 2019.

From 1988 through 2005, Douglas served as President & Chief Executive Officer and as a director of Clearly Canadian Beverage Corporation, a producer of premium beverage products. During his 20 years in the beverage industry, Douglas built a reputation for innovation and has been credited as being one of the pioneers of the New Age Beverage category.

Douglas is past Deputy chair of the Collingwood School Board of Trustees and a past Chair of the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame and Museum and of the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame Foundation, and remains an active member of the Foundation. He is also an active supporter and recruiter of participants for fund raising events for the Rick Hansen Institute.

Douglas graduated from North Vancouver Senior Secondary and has been a North Shore resident for all of his life. He and his wife, Carla, reside in West Vancouver with their son Lucas.

Mr. Kane Fraser, Director

Accounting and finance strength and also very visionary in business opportunities- including racing high performance cars, new start ups and just a huge passion for making a difference.

Very connected and loves sturgeon. His scope is North America wide and wants to bring more support to sturgeon.

Mr. Jeff Wheatley, Director

From Alberta farm country, focused and wants to help. He owns several Boston Pizza franchises and has a close relationship with Rick. He is also passionate about our work and believes in efforts to make a difference. Very connected and keen to support.

Ms. Caroline Roberts, Director

Caroline Roberts is an associate lawyer at a well-known Vancouver law firm Callison& Hanna, who specialize exclusively in Indigenous Law. Her law practice focus is on strategic consultation and accommodation processes, resolving historic grievances through the federal Specific Claims Process including negotiated settlement, hearings and appeals and implementing treaty related measures. Caroline graduated with a specialization in Aboriginal Law from the Allard School of Law at the University of British Columbia (“UBC”).

Prior to law school, she earned a Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Indigenous Studies from UBC. Caroline contributed to *LexisNexis*’ most recent legal textbook entitled “Legal Issues on Indigenous Economic Development” by researching and writing various chapters on the topics of financing and taxation. Caroline has delivered guest lectures at UBC’s Allard Hall on Indigenous Economic Development and at the Pacific Business and Law Institute on Specific Claims.

Caroline is thrilled to have the opportunity to apply her education and experience to work with First Nations in matters of governance, economic development, and the evaluation and negotiations of various matters. Caroline brings a unique perspective to her work, which includes respect and appreciation for the diversity of Indigenous peoples and cultures throughout British Columbia, Canada and the world.

Caroline is a member of the Wei WaiKum First Nation near Campbell River, BC.

Ms. Mary Sue Atkinson, Director

Mary Sue has been on the Board since 1999 and remains the longest standing Director on the Board currently. She is a long time conservationist and is very active with our board helping with our media opportunities, finding new granting and funding opportunities and is also a long time donor of the Society. She is active in issues related to both sturgeon and salmon and recently won the Queen’s Jubilee Award for Volunteerism.

Mr. John Rissling, Director

John has been a volunteer tagger for almost 20 years, and a member of our Board of Directors for the last six years. John has an extensive background in business having spent 40 years in the construction sector, as owner of Rissling Services. He is the chair of our Fundraising committee and leads the FRSCS Sturgeon Conservation Challenge Event and Gala Awards Dinner. John is a long time donor to the FRSCS.

Mr. Rick Hansen, Founder, Honorary Chair

Rick Hansen is the Founder of the Rick Hansen Foundation and a passionate supporter of people with disabilities in Canada. Rick is best known as the “Man In Motion” for his epic 26-month, 34 country, 40,000 km wheelchair trip around the world to make the world inclusive for people with disabilities and to find a cure for paralysis.

Since the end of the Man In Motion World Tour in 1987, Rick has dedicated his life to creating a world that is accessible and inclusive for all by removing barriers for people with disabilities through the Rick Hansen Foundation. Rick and his team at the Foundation are dedicated to raising awareness, changing attitudes, helping create accessible spaces, and liberating the amazing potential of people with disabilities.

Founding, and now returning Chair of the Fraser River Sturgeon Conservation Society, Rick rejoins the Board of Directors to help accelerate the past of recovery for sturgeon and protect this species for future generations