

HOTEL SECTOR (we are seeking to elect 1 candidate)

Parm Kooner

Parm Kooner is the General Manager of the Comfort Inn & Suites in Fleetwood, where he oversees day-to-day hotel operations. He has been an active member of the Discover Surrey Board of Directors for eight years, serving an initial six-year term—including two years as Board Chair—before returning for a second term two years ago. Parm played a key role in the successful renewal of Surrey's Municipal & Regional Tax (MRDT) program in 2019, working closely with accommodation partners to ensure the application's success. He is a strong advocate for Surrey's potential as a leading tourism destination.



TOURISM SECTOR (we are seeking to elect 3 candidates)

Tom Doull

Tom Doull is the Director of Golf Operations at Morgan Creek Golf Course, where he has held a leadership role for the past 18 years. Originally from Montreal, Tom moved to North Vancouver at a young age and went on to pursue his passion for golf by completing the Golf Course Management Program at Selkirk College in 1995.

Over the course of his career, Tom has gained extensive experience at some of Canada's top golf facilities, including Capilano Golf and Country Club, Fairmont Chateau Whistler Golf Course, and Salmon Arm Golf Club. A proud PGA of Canada member since 1999, his career highlights include receiving the 2023 NGCOA Jeff Ciecko Fore! Season Golf Professional Award, as well as contributing to two PGA of BC Facility of the Year wins—Salmon Arm Golf Club (2001) and Morgan Creek Golf Course (2008).



Cassie Gibeau

Cassie Gibeau is an owner at Honeybee Centre in Surrey, where she oversees Education, Outreach, and Events. For the past nine years, she has developed and delivered engaging experiences that connect thousands of children, youth, and adults to bees, pollination, and the environment. Through her work, Honeybee Centre has become a recognized destination for agri-tourism, school field trips, community programming, and events that highlight Surrey as a leader in sustainability and innovation.

Born and raised in Burnaby, Cassie began her career in Early Childhood Education before joining her family's beekeeping business. With her background in education and passion for community engagement, she has helped shape Honeybee Centre's role as both a local attraction and a hub for environmental awareness.

Cassie is passionate about building a sustainable future and believes Surrey's tourism sector has a unique opportunity to connect visitors with authentic, meaningful experiences rooted in community and environment. She looks forward to contributing her skills in education, event development, and stakeholder engagement to the Discover Surrey Board of Directors.



Kathy Sheppard

Kathy Sheppard is the president of the Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition Association.

"I have lived in Cloverdale most of my life. My great-grandparents lived in Cloverdale, where they owned a business, and my grandparents moved here to raise their family. My parents raised my brother and me in Cloverdale, and now both of us are raising our own families in Cloverdale. There is truly "no place like home!"

With the declining number of pioneer families left in our city, I feel it is very important to share the roots and history of this association with those who may be new to the area. The Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition Association is a volunteer-based organization, and I would love to see more people get involved and help keep the history alive within our community."

