



## North Fraser Therapeutic Riding Association **BOARD of DIRECTORS BIOS 2018**

NFTRA Board consists of 3-11 Directors

***A huge thank-you to our board members  
who will be stepping down this year:***

***Stephanie Jeanerette and Lisa Parker***

### **Current Board Members (1)**

**Lisa Couture--** has been a resident of Maple Ridge since 2004; she is originally from Southern California and has an Associate's Degree from Ambassador University in Texas. Lisa has been one of the key organizers & volunteers for our Annual Pub Night Fundraiser for over 5 years and both of her children are currently in our therapeutic riding program.

### **Proposed Re-elect to the Board (6)**

**Trudy Collins -** Trudy has been a resident of Pitt Meadows for the past 19 years and she is a Certified Professional Bookkeeper and manager at The Paper Chase Bookkeeping Solutions' Maple Ridge location. At the age of 17 Trudy had the opportunity to be involved in a summer program working with children with disabilities and saw firsthand the individual growth of what that youth program gave to each of its' participants. Trudy recognizes that the NFTRA is an integral part of the community and she is grateful she was approached to be a part of what we have offer and to have the chance to give back to her community.

**Guillaume Couture -** Guillaume currently works as a Senior Director in the Commercial Risk Management department at CIBC. He has 17 years of experience in commercial lending to small and medium size businesses in Canada. Guy has an MBA from McGill University and is a CFA charterholder (Chartered Financial Analyst). He has two children currently in the NFTRA program and would like to support, in any way he can, the good work being done by this organization.

**Mike Manion -** Mike and his wife Eileen (RN Educator) have resided in Pitt Meadows since 2007 when Mike was transferred from Ontario to BC. Currently President and CEO of his own agricultural company providing a variety of technical and unique production solutions for the agri-food industry. Prior to that, he had been the Vice President of one of the largest agricultural operations in Canada. Mike has a BA degree and in addition to his role as Chairman of NFTRA sits on the several agricultural advisory boards. Namely the Ag ministers advisory board, the Metro Vancouver Ag advisory board and the agricultural advisory committee for Pitt Meadows. In his off time he enjoys reading and is a frequent participant in Athletes Arena.

**Gay Conn –** Gay has been a member of NFTRA since the early 2000's. She was an employee of the Vancouver School Board for over 20 years, followed by 16 years at Hammond Cedar in Payroll & HR. Following her retirement from Hammond, Gay began a 4-year stint at NFTRA, eventually becoming the first GM. Her proudest achievement was the move from the old location in east Maple Ridge to the current location. Gay and her husband moved to Pitt Meadow in 1984 where they raised their three sons. She has been an active community volunteer throughout all of her life, serving on boards, PACS, sports teams and other local events. Gay says "As an NFTRA board member I feel I will have come full circle with this amazing organization."

**Kathy Marshall –** Kathy has lived in Maple Ridge since 1973. Previously an elementary school teacher for 10 years. She also volunteered at the local crisis center, which in turn fueled her passion for the law. In 1976 with government grants and support from the local bar association she was able to found a Community Legal Assistance office which continued until government closures in 2002. Looking for another meaningful opportunity she decided to run for the School Board. After serving 3 terms she retired in 2014. Kathy has been honored several times by the community for her volunteer contributions which include Citizen of the Year, Torch Bearer for 2010 Paralympics, and both of the Queen's Jubilee medals.