

Mix of Veteran and New Faces Appointed to South Marysburgh Rec Board

The start of the new term of municipal council triggers the appointment of nine members to the South Marysburgh Recreation Board. All candidates including existing members apply to and are appointed to a four-year term by the new council.

- Appointed on February 28 were:
- Bruce Dowdell who has been on the rec board for more than 12 years and chair for 10 years
 - Kathy Empringham is going into her second term; she and her husband Steve (listed below) are very active in organizing rec events such as the Hallowe'en and Santa activities
 - Stephan Empringham, a musician and former drummer for Grampa's Goodtime

- Gang, also going into his second term
 - Janna McCarthy, entering her third term; she is also very active on the Milford Fair Board
 - Craig McMillan, also a musician, is returning for another term; he has been undertaking bookings for events as well as construction requirements
 - Brian Sword served as vice chair and is starting his second term; he is in video production
- New members to the rec board this year are:
- Monica Alyea, a former municipal councillor, former chair of the PECM Hospital Foundation Board, founding member of the theatre group, the Mummies

- Paulina Szlachta, who moved to South Bay in 2020; her family of husband Matt, son Ezra and dog Suki are big fans of and enjoy many outdoor activities in PEC
- Greg Walker who along with his wife Niki has been an active volunteer on the Rec Board and is now joining as a voting member; his father, Joel, was chair of the Rec Board for several years

As the ward councillor, John Hirsch returns as a member of the board.

At the Rec Board meeting in early March, the voting members will elect a chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer.

Thinking about the coming year, Bruce Dowdell says one of the first things on the agenda of the new board will be to organize the annual South Marysburgh Easter Egg Hunt.

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