

I was born in Ottawa in 1960, and grew up in the west end of that city (it was called Nepean Township back then). I attended the University of Waterloo and received a Bachelor of Mathematics (Computer Science) in 1984.

I spent most of my career as either a software entrepreneur or providing technology and business development consulting services. I played an active role in the Canadian High Performance Computing research community as the final president of Super*CAN, while that organization was being rolled into C3.ca Association Inc., and continuing on the Board of C3.ca.

I lived in the country close to the small towns of Almonte and Carp just west of Ottawa through the 1990's and early 2000's. I moved to Calgary in 2004 with my partner Janice Liebe. We were married in 2006.

Since 2015 I have been directing my energies to understanding climate science and advocating for mitigation of climate change. I joined the Peachland Mayor's Task Force on Climate Change in January 2017 after sitting in on meetings the previous year.

My first visits to Peachland were during the 80's as a stop-over on drives from Alberta to visit my Dad in White Rock. My wife Janice and I started coming to Peachland on a regular basis with our 1st anniversary trip in 2007; with more numerous and longer visits each year. We bought our piece of land in Peachland in 2010 and started our house construction in 2015. We were first able to stay in our Peachland house in May 2016. I became a full-time resident of Peachland in May 2017.

Over the past couple of years I have attended as many open houses, information sessions and public meetings on various topics in Peachland as I could. I have shared my opinions with staff and Council and also with the public through several letters to the View.

Almost every time I drive through Peachland instead of using the highway I use Beach Ave (I call it "pulling a mainer") because I love to absorb the essence of Peachland.

I feel that with my entrepreneurial background, my business acumen and experience in trying to find solutions in groups that I have a lot to offer Peachland as we try to move forward and deal with the issues of today while still retaining our small town character.