



PIID Chair's Annual Report 2020

Piers Islanders mourn the passing of four prominent, long-time residents. I know you all have special memories of Miles Primrose, Chris Schrann, Mary Tucker and Bryce Young. They will be missed.

And we have newcomers to welcome to the Piers Community:

- John and Marian DeJong
- Aaron and Chantelle De Jong
- Anne and Gary Cooney
- Judy Brooks and Rick Schnurr
- Ron and Susanne Martman
- Leanne and Mark Fedje

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the cooperative and conscientious efforts of every member of the PIID team. Thank you to Julien Bahain, Buildings and Land Improvements Trustee; Doug Turner, Fire Trustee; Brent Schorr, Finance Officer; and Nancy Troger, Secretary for their exemplary work this past year. And special thanks to Steve Cruise whose dedication as the Piers Island Volunteer Fire Department Chief is truly legendary.

2019/20 has proven to be an interesting and challenging year for everyone. A year of significant accomplishments in all the PIID trustees' portfolios, in spite of the disruption and accommodations required as a result of the pandemic. I believe I speak for all Piers Islanders when I express our gratitude for all of the excellent accomplishments achieved by each trustee.

Over my three-year term as trustee I have observed some significant things:

- An increase in the number of full-time landowners and children. Children bring a special kind of energy to any community, so it is exciting to see families moving to Piers to give their children the freedom to experience growing up with nature as only Piers can. And it is also exciting to have the energy of their parents – yahoo, more volunteers!
- The introduction of the *PIID Code of Conduct* that encourages open, respectful, and inclusive discussions about island business. Thank you to everyone for contributing to our success in self-government.
- The effectiveness of the Improvement District model. After three years it is obvious to me how effective and independent the PIID can be, all the while under the watchful financial and procedural eye of the Ministry.
- The capability of our trustees to bring their own ideas and biases to the table when discussing an issue, but ultimately arriving at conclusions that consider the interests of the majority of landowners.

As a trustee, I am constantly reminded of the significant role played by our volunteers. Without their assistance, our business would be more difficult to conduct, or, at the very least more expensive. Our low taxes are in large part attributable to the significant efforts of our volunteer base. One more thank-you to all those who volunteer time and/or money to make life on Piers Island better. Volunteers are always welcome to participate in managing the island.

In closing, I would like to encourage all landowners to take an interest in PIID business and support the efforts of your volunteer trustees.

Respectfully submitted by:

Charlie Troger

2019/20 PIID Chair and Water Trustee