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## Board Development Committee Report to 2020 AGM

June 29, 2020

The Board Development Committee of Habitat For Humanity Sunshine Coast is charged with the responsibility of preparing a slate of Directors to serve on the Board. The Board is governing with nine (9) Directors, in keeping with the current Bylaws and with the number of Directors proposed in the Bylaws being presented for approval at AGM 2020. Four (4) of the existing Board members will continue to serve their terms. The Committee, appointed by the Board, was successful in recruiting five (5) members of the Sunshine Coast community who bring a great mix of skills to the Board table. The outcome of the process is a nine (9) member Board extremely well balanced in its composition and ability to serve Habitat's mission.

The Board approved the following list of nominees for presentation to, and approval at, AGM 2020:

Meghan Carter  
Richard ("Hergy") Hergesheimer  
Kelly Keil  
Chris Pallett  
Dr Marius Welgemoed

*Brief biographies of the nominees are attached.*

**Continuing on the Board are:** Brad Ferguson, John Leech, Dave Taylor and Norm Wright.

**Motion:** *That the following be approved as a Director on the Habitat for Humanity Sunshine Coast Board: Meghan Carter, Richard Hergesheimer, Kelly, Keil, Chris Pallett and Dr Marius Welgemoed.*

Submitted on behalf of the  
Board Development Committee  
Habitat for Humanity Sunshine Coast

John Leech, Chair and Board Secretary  
Ken Croizier, Former Board Chair  
Dave Taylor, Acting Board Chair



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## Board Nominees for AGM 2020

**Meghan Carter** is a freelance paralegal who runs her own small business, working with lawyers throughout the province to provide legal support. Meghan completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology from SFU and has a criminology diploma. Prior to studying to become a paralegal, Meghan worked with the Legal Services Society assisting low income British Columbians to deal with legal issues. When not working, Meghan enjoys being outside and she can be found skiing, sailing, gardening or hiking. Meghan lives in Gibsons.

**Richard Hergesheimer** (Hergy) was born and raised in Saskatchewan, the son of a Lutheran pastor, and spent his working life serving congregations in the US, Montreal and the BC lower mainland. His last congregation helped to build a low-income housing project which provided affordable homes for 19 families. He retired in 2013 and he and Trudy moved to the Sunshine Coast and, in 2016 he became the part-time pastor at Living Faith Lutheran Church in Davis Bay (the little white church by the bay) which, thanks to Ed and Gwen Hawkins, had (and still has) a long history with Habitat for Humanity -- a history and relationship that Hergy hopes to continue honouring by serving on the Habitat board and family selection committee.

**Kelly Keil** has been in the publishing industry for most of her life, starting in the local newspaper at the age of 15, and now lives in Powell River where she is the publisher of the Powell River Peak. She has years of experience and education in graphic design, advertising, marketing, and business. If you were to ask her what her most important role is, she would tell you being a mother to her two beautiful daughters and raising them with her wonderful husband. Kelly enjoys giving back to her community and does so by volunteering and serving on the local Marine Area Business Association, and the Powell River Chamber of Commerce board, and chairing the Public Relations committee for the Powell River Rotary Club (evening chapter).

**Chris Pallett** is a self employed interior designer and lives in Sechelt on Porpoise Bay. For the past three years he has been serving on his strata council. He previously served on council in a condo building in Vancouver, and was strata president for two years. Chris buys, renovates, and sells homes - over 25 properties in the last 35 years. Professionally he works with clients to either build or renovate their homes or income properties, increasing property value along the way. In his first term on the Board of HFHSC he chaired or co-chaired various fundraising events and hopes to be able to again work on Habitat fundraising events.

**Dr Marius Welgemoed** qualified as a medical doctor in 2006 from the University of Pretoria in South Africa. He obtained a Masters Degree in Medicine with specialization in Psychiatry and became a fellow of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa, College of Psychiatrists. After immigrating to Canada in 2015 he obtained his Masters Degree in Philosophy and Ethics of Mental Health. After completing a visiting fellowship (Brain Stimulation Therapies) at Columbia University in New York he became the managing physician for the Electro-Convulsive Therapy Unit at Sechelt Hospital. He is the Psychiatry Lead for the Geriatric Psychiatry and the Adult Community Support Services Teams. He is the medical lead for Sumac Place Tertiary Rehabilitation Center since 2017. In 2019 he was appointed as medical manager for psychiatric services on the Sunshine Coast and was recently appointed as associate local medical director for Vancouver Coastal Health Sechelt Hospital. Marius, a resident of Sechelt, has been contributing to the health care community on the Sunshine Coast and, through service with Habitat, wishes to broaden his engagement with the community.