

Caravans West 2020 Elections

All Candidates Bios



My name is Kim Buchan, my family and I currently live on an acreage in the Bay Tree Alberta area (just outside of Dawson Creek BC).

I grew up in small town Saskatchewan on our family farm. I was fortunate to be heavily involved in 4-H and everything farming. Once graduating and finishing college I found myself making my way out to Fort St. John BC. I spent the next 18 years there with my husband and creating our family. Our family now operates a bulk fuel business in Dawson Creek/Bay Tree areas.

We have three teenage sons. Ryan is 19, he is in college and hoping to enter into medicine. Colin is 17 and headed to the Northern Lights College Heavy Duty Mechanic program this fall. Our youngest, Tyson, is 15 and is about to live away for his second year playing competitive hockey and doing what he loves.

I have always played an active role in all the things my sons have enjoyed, I have been a believer that it takes not only our family to raise these boys, but a community to share in the bright future that they all have. Our family has been fortunate to have many opportunities to be a part of our community through the events and activities offered to us. I am a volunteer for Hockey Alberta as a director for their Prospects/Alberta Cup and Winter Games programs. I truly enjoy giving back to a program that has given so much to our boys over the years, through coaching and experiences. Since living in Dawson Creek I have been involved with the Dawson Creek Exhibition through volunteering and sponsoring at their events. Last year I was given the opportunity to join the professional chuckwagon live on air segments as announcer. Nothing brings me more joy than being able to be involved in our community. I have cherished the opportunity to meet many new people, make new friends, and help in ways needed.

Our family has just recently purchased in Caravans West the end of June. We are excited to be part of the community. The time we have spent in Caravans so far has been wonderful, relaxing and everyone has been so welcoming.

I would love to have the opportunity to work with the other members of the board as well as the community of people in planning and in the growth of Caravans. I hope to be a member that can listen to others, and help put into place activities, bylaws and roles to help with the betterment of the park for all those to enjoy for many years to come. Being a new owner and looking forward to our future at Caravans I feel that I could bring new ideas, as well as help others plan and work towards an enjoyable community for everyone.

Kim Buchan



My name is Barry Chase and I am running for the board of Caravans West. My wife and I recently purchased site 270 and while I am new to the park, I have extensive experience with Stratas and HOAs. Since retiring in 2010, I have served on 2 boards, and additionally as a committee chairperson for pools / amenities, insurance, and strategic planning. I am currently the treasurer of our Strata in Kelowna, serving a subdivision of 42 homes. Before retirement, I was the Managing Director of AkzoNobel Automotive Coating for Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. My family has lived in Canada, the US, Poland and The Netherlands and I have had the good fortune to work and travel to over 60 countries. If elected I will work hard to represent the owners of Caravans West in a transparent and straightforward manner. I will bring a pair of fresh eyes to the board while also learning the ins and outs of this beautiful park. If anyone has questions regarding my background or skill set, please don't hesitate to send me an email at barry@barrychase.com. I would also love to hear more about what you are expecting from your board and its members. Thank you very much for your consideration.



Biography for Debra Clare Site #143

- a Co-owner for 13 years and moved here permanently last year
- Retired 3 years ago as a RN of 40 years
- I would like to become a BOD member to be more aware and involved in the oversight and decision-making for CWOA
- I have always participated in contributing to solutions and change
- I believe I possess effective communication skills and strive to be respectful of people opinions and contributions

Qualifications:

- I have been sitting in as an observer for some Board meetings to understand their role and processes involved with managing the resort
- Joined the CWOA Policy Committee August 2019
- Last 7 years of my nursing career I worked in a Leadership/Administrative role and on various committees with the School of Nursing, Thompson Rivers University and Kamloops Community

I fell in love with Caravans on my first visit and now call this home. Not only is the resort beautiful, but there are many activities and friendly people that I feel like I'm living in paradise.

However, I realize there is a lot of work in operating this resort along with keeping up with changes needed. I am committing myself to the time and energy needed to participate in the governance of the Board of Directors to keep this resort an enjoyable, safe place for everyone.

Thank you in advance for your support to elect me as a member to the Board of Directors



My name is Dave Marston Site 191. I have been a co-owner in Caravans since 2004 and now spend 6 months out of the year here along with my wife Tracey and our dog Ruby. I am currently employed as Vice President of a chemical and lubricant company out of Montreal supplying products to the military and railway industries.

I have served on the board of directors at Caravans now for 2 yrs. The last year as VP. After completion of my term, I had originally planned not to seek re-election, however, in the past couple of weeks several other board members have sold their property and moved on, as well as Ward advising he is retiring after many years serving on the board. We have made some needed changes in the park and have seen some good progress recently. There is much still to be done. I know the board members who remain are extremely committed to this park and I believe we are on the right track so it makes more sense to stay with the board than to leave if that is the memberships wish. So I seek re-election and your vote and look forward to serving Caravans for an additional term.

Thank you
Dave Marston
Site 191



My name is Anita Zakresky and I am interested in sitting on the board for Caravans West owners association.

I am retired but I have over 20 years' experience working in non-profit organizations. I am familiar with board of director functions and processes.

My husband and I are new owners who share our time between here and Salmon Arm. I am eager to learn more about the association and the issues that arise in the park. I work well with others, and recognize the importance of a cohesive board who works toward fair and competent decisions.