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## **Beyond the Polls** **Province-Wide Focus Group Participants**

**Kathy Bowes, 604.485.2741**

Powell River Sunshine Coast Real Estate Board

A REALTOR® for ten years, Kathy lives and works in Powell River for Re/Max Powell River. She is president of the Powell River Sunshine Coast Real Estate Board, a past director of the Powell River Chamber of Commerce, director of the Powell River Ayjoomixw Spirit of BC committee, chair of the Steering Committee of the Community Strategy Review Committee-BC Ferries, competitive figure skating judge with Skate Canada, member of the Powell River Academy of Music and a volunteer with International choral Kathaumixw.

**Gretchen Gebhard, 250.717.5000**

Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board

For eight years, Gretchen has served as a director of the Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board, and served one year as president. She has been a REALTOR® for 19 years, and works for Re/Max Kelowna.

**Ann Hayes, 250.498.6222**

South Okanagan Real Estate Board

Ann is a director of the South Okanagan Real Estate Board, having served two terms as president. She is president elect of the Rotary Club of Oliver, venue chair for the Festival of the Grape, past director of the Oliver Chamber of Commerce and past director of the Fairview Mountain Golf Club. She has been a REALTOR® for 11 years, and is a managing broker for Royal LePage South Country.

**Ross Lake, 250.352.7252**

Kootenay Real Estate Board

Working out of Re/Max RHC Realty in Nelson, Ross has been a REALTOR® for 24 years. He is a former city councillor, developed the Whitewater Ski Area and is a past president of the Kootenay Real Estate Board.

**Ron Limer, 250.248.4321**

Vancouver Island Real Estate Board

Ron has been a REALTOR® for 19 years and currently serves as a director of the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board. He is also chair of the Parent Advisory Council for the Springwood Middle School. His community involvement has included terms as director of the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, president of the District Parent Advisory Council, past first vice president/director of the United Way Nanaimo, fundraising and development chair of the Vancouver Island Multiple Sclerosis Society, member of the Parksville and District Health Community Advisory Council and volunteer for local soccer and baseball organizations.

**Gary McInnis**, 250.384.8124

Victoria Real Estate Board

Currently the president of the Victoria Real Estate Board, Gary is has been a REALTOR® for 15 years. He has long supported local fastball leagues as a player, coach, manager and sponsor, he's a former head coach of the Esquimalt Minor Hockey Association, past president of the Canadian Home Builders' Association of Victoria, former chair of the Esquimalt Parks and Recreation Commission, Vice-Chair of the Esquimalt Advisory Planning, member of his neighbourhood improvement steering committee, past director of the Urban Development Institute Victoria, canvasser for the Red Shield Appeal, multiple sclerosis and United Way.

**Karen Monsarrat**, 604.926.6718

Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver

Karen has volunteered for her profession for 19 of her 22 years as a REALTOR®. She has served on the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver's political action and government liaison committees, representing the interests of REALTORS® and consumers at the municipal, provincial and federal levels.

**Paul Penner**, 604.859.2341

Fraser Valley Real Estate Board

A REALTOR® for 17 years, Paul is currently a director with the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board. He works out of Re/Max Little Oak Realty Ltd. in Abbotsford, and is involved with his church and children's sports.

**Hanne Selby**, 604.795.2955

Chilliwack & District Real Estate Board

Working out of Homelife Glenayre Realty in Chilliwack, Hanne has been a REALTOR® for 17 years. She also serves as a director for the Chilliwack and District Real Estate Board, having twice been its president, she is a past president of the Kiwanis, has mentored students at risk, volunteered in seniors homes, assisted with the handicapped and mentally challenged, volunteered for meals on wheels, provided scholarships for high school students and sewed dolls for children coming to emergency rooms.

**Ted Shepard**. 250.627.7551

BC Northern Real Estate Board

Ted is a REALTOR® with Royal LePage Prince Rupert, and first entered the profession four years ago. He is a director with the BC Northern Real Estate Board, chair of the Career Resource Society, past president of the Prince Rupert Golf Club, past president of the Navy League of Canada (Prince Rupert), past director of Prince Rupert Minor Hockey, past northern panel member of the Pacific Salmon Commission, past secretary of the Herring Conservation Research Society and volunteer with many local clubs and organizations.

**Deborah Spicer**, 604.921.1188

Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver

A REALTOR® for 15 years, Deborah is a director with the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver and president of the North Shore / Sunshine Coast / Sea to Sky Division. She works with Angell Hasman & Associates in West Vancouver and also serves as a fundraiser for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, the REALTORS® Care Endowment Fund for BC Children's Hospital and Lions Gate Hospital.