

## Rob Bergman – 2021 HMB Council

I have been an intermittent resident of Half Moon Bay starting in 1984 when as a child I “assisted” my parents to build a cabin on the West end. I now enjoy the cabin with my wife, two children and our extended family. Half Moon Bay has been a haven for me through this time. I work as a Professional Engineer with over 20 years experience in project origination and execution across a variety of infrastructure projects. I believe this experience would help council in managing the various engineering works in the current plans (water drainage works, sewage tie-in, pathway completion, etc.).



We live in a small community (67 lots) and I believe the council should be run more like a direct democracy. We are all interested in the developments and management of our Summer Village. We have a wide variety of residents with skills and perspectives that, if tapped, could improve the quality of the projects we undertake. I would suggest making council communications more accessible to residents would help council, residents and HMB as a community. The following initiatives would help with a better community engagement.

- Current council meetings are lucky if they have one resident in attendance. The Zoom town hall meeting held on April 15<sup>th</sup> was interactive and drew opinions from a diverse group of residents.
  - o This should be a model for council meetings going forward.
- Current council communications have extensive information buried in multiple formal council minutes and reports.
  - o I would suggest council communication to residents could be supplemented with short summaries to allow residents to quickly bring themselves up to date on council activities.