

# Restorative Power

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CHILLIWACK RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

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Remember to check out our Facebook page for the online bike auctions!



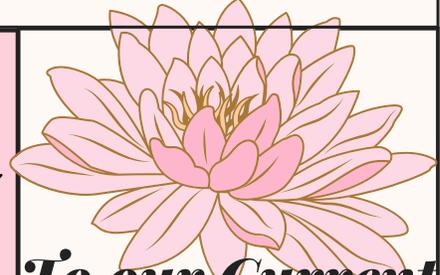
## *Last Month @ the Office*

January 2021

**FIVE** Community Accountability Panels

**ONE** Referral from Our Friends in Coquitlam

We are doing a lot of catch up from the last bit - so many Zoom CAP meetings! Thanks so much to all our volunteers and community placements for accommodating!



## *To our Current Volunteers:*

As your volunteer hours continue to grow, please remember to enter them into TrackItForward. Here is the link to sign in:

**<https://www.trackitforward.com/user>**. This helps

when writing for grants, and for the knowledge of just how many hours are needed and used - without pay!

If you have any issues, please contact Amanda.

## *Introducing...our new board members!*



**Peter Lang**

Peter joins us with experience in corrections and schooling in Criminology and Liberal Arts. With a Metis heritage, he strives to see restorative justice used throughout the Criminal Justice System.



**Jared Mumford**

Jared is a member of the Chilliwack School Board and owns a digital marketing consultancy. His primary interest in restorative justice revolves around school & community initiatives.

*Welcome to the team!*

## From the Board Chair: Jim Gimmill

I served 35 years with the RCMP, working predominantly in the Fraser Valley and retired in 2014. I then obtained my certification as a mediator at the Justice Institute of BC and began volunteering with Chilliwack Restorative Justice the following year. I started working on CAP files, working through the positions until I was able to obtain training in Community Justice Forum/Facilitation, which is a more structured/scripted version of our current Victim Offender Conferencing. Having had the opportunity to lead in both CJF and VOC, I love the freedom of VOC that allows the facilitator the freedom to probe deeper into issues that often lead to a more successful resolution.

I am currently the chair of the Chilliwack Restorative Justice board, and a board member of Chilliwack Crime Prevention Society. Although I enjoy working at the board level, I find it most rewarding conducting the CAP and VOC facilitations when we are able to bring both victim and offenders together and collaboratively develop a resolution that meets the needs of both parties.

## Volunteer of the Month

*Pauline Smith*

Pauline is a new volunteer, and has submerged herself into restorative justice over the last month! She observes the CAP panel meeting at any chance she gets, and is looking forward to beginning mentoring. Thanks for all you do, Pauline!



## Cartoon of the Month



## Testimonial of the Month

"I felt I was at the absolute lowest part of my life when I reached out to you guys and now, just after one week I have hope, I feel like my bubbly level headed self, I don't have that ugly heavy feeling anymore. I felt as if I was walking around with an axe over my head waiting to drop. For people to have so much trust in me again and to make me feel valid, I cannot thank everyone enough for this. Chilliwack RJ program has been life changing and definitely healing."

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## Think Tank Time

Do you ever think that this COVID-19 lifestyle is completely your new normal? What is 'normal'? What will things look like when restrictions lift?

Sometimes, we ask pretty in-depth questions here. To be honest, we don't get many answers sent back to us - but we hope it at least causes you to think!

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