

Hazel Braithwaite



Hazel Braithwaite joined the AVICC Executive in 2018 as a Director at Large, and for the past year has held the 2nd Vice-President position. She is serving her 4th term as a Councillor in the District of Oak Bay, but has been involved in the community for much longer than that. As well as her political work, she is also involved with a local non-profit raising funds to support programs and a network of services from Sooke to Sidney, the Juan de Fuca electoral area and the Southern Gulf Islands.

During her 13 years on council, Hazel has served in many different appointed positions including Parks, Recreation and Culture Liaison, CRD Alternate, CRD Climate Action Steering Committee, Community Initiatives Committee, Child and Youth Committee, Budget Committee and Tax Roll Review Panel. She is also an avid volunteer for many worthy organizations and charities and sits on a number of non-profit boards.

Hazel is married to Rod who was the COO at Victoria Hospice until retiring recently. They have one daughter, Lauren who lives in Squamish. Hazel is a keen softball player and loves to go adventure hiking with Rod. She has hiked some of the most remote areas of Vancouver Island, Canada, South America and Papua New Guinea. She was recently honoured with a Paul Harris Award from Rotary, and was named the Oak Bay News, Women in Business, Community Leader of the Year 2018. She also received the Black Press Community Initiative Award in 2019.

On Council, Hazel is seen as a sound decision maker, a hard worker and a good listener – all attributes she has brought to the AVICC table over the past three years.