

Biography:

Over the past four years, since 2018, Cara Reed has been Carr's Landing Councillor for the District of Lake Country. She has brought a strong and varied background to the role.

Cara grew up on a small island off the coast of Britain and spent part of her childhood in France. After graduating from the University of London, she worked in education as a national examination coordinator, then moved into the UK oil and gas sector as contract manager working directly with over 34 oil companies engaged in North Sea exploration. Her contract management role then led to employment for the UK government in the national mapping agency Ordnance Survey where she travelled to India, Slovenia, Romania and France as part of her job.

Since moving to Carr's Landing in 2008 with her husband Shaun and their spaniel "Otter", Cara has worked for a number of local businesses including Twin Creek Media in Kelowna as financial manager and account director, Jealous Fruits/Coral Beach Farms as their quality assurance manager, and both hospital and client care manager at Tri Lake Animal Hospital before starting her own bookkeeping business in 2019.

Her bookkeeping business has flourished and now serves a wide variety of great small businesses in Lake Country, Vernon and Kelowna.

Working for a broad range of industries, Cara describes herself as being a 'specialist generalist'. Someone who is well able to quickly get up to speed on issues, know and understand numbers, think both long and shorter term, have a passion for the team, deliver on goals together, and be open to learn from experts around her. This skill set has served her well on Council.

During the last four-year term, Cara has been a Council representative on the Economic Development and Tourism Committee, Lake Country Health Board, and the Central Okanagan Economic Development Council, as well as the alternative representative at the Okanagan Regional Library Board.

Her prior community involvement included chairing St Edwards Parish Council, vice-chair of the Carr's Landing Community Recreation & Association, volunteering at the Oceola Fish & Game Club Banquet, and has been a passionate advocate for protecting access to Lake Country's public waterfront including preserving public access to Gable Beach North. Cara also has made frequent appearances as Sparky the Fire Dog to support Lake Country Fire Department's Safe program for local school children.

Cara is committed to continuing to represent the citizens of Carr's Landing and Lake Country with integrity, honesty and fairness while improving the quality of life in Lake Country and planning successfully for the future.