

# Derek Smith

Derek Smith has always wanted to ‘give back’. Diagnosed with Bipolar I disorder in his mid-thirties, he values the support that he has received from his counsellor, psychiatrist, family and friends. He firmly believes that one can embrace a healthy, successful and fulfilling life while grappling with the challenges of mental health.

Derek graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Waterloo in 1988 and furthered his studies at the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies, graduating with a Master of Engineering Degree in Aerospace Science and Engineering in 1990.

He has been the principal of Rockingham Engineering Ltd. since 2000, a company specializing in the structural design of custom homes and renovations on the North Shore, the Sea-to-Sky Corridor, and the Gulf Islands.

He is creative, passionate and cares deeply about connecting with people, as much as the houses they live in. Derek enjoys the collaborative aspect of his job, working with architects and contractors to bring the client’s vision to life.

Derek was on the Board of Directors of the Hollyburn Country Club from 2013–2017. He was the Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee, which dealt with plans and projects related to property development on the Hollyburn Lands. Derek looks forward to joining the Coast Mental Health Board of Directors and believes that both his personal and professional experience will be an asset to the Board.