

# Mayne Island Recycling Society AGM

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### Volunteer Coordinator's Report for 2021-22

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1. The volunteer base has decreased slightly over the past year. We have 19 shift volunteers on our roster at the present time. Covid protocols continue to limit the tasks open to our volunteers — they are for the most part currently directly the traffic to and through the depot on Friday and Saturday recycling days. It is yet to be determined if we can soon offer our volunteers more opportunities to assist the public with their recycling in the future.
2. Recruiting new volunteers for the depot continues to be challenging. Postings on Facebook and articles in the MayneLiner haven't resulted in any new volunteers. Additional work in soliciting new recruits for the depot will be needed this year. Although we've been very gratified to find several very capable new volunteers to serve on our board, we were also not successful in finding volunteers for specific administrative jobs such as Communications.
3. In February 2022, a survey was sent out to our volunteers to determine their opinions, preferences, and ideas. We were very pleased to have a 90% return rate on the survey, and gratified to receive much information on the opinions of our volunteers. Overall, we received very positive feedback. Most indicated they felt part of a vital service on Mayne Island, that they were satisfied with the operations in which they were involved, and felt that their volunteer work was appreciated. A full summary of the report was tabled in the minutes of our MIRS board meeting in March 2022.
4. As we did last year because of the Covid situation, in lieu of a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, we sent out letters of thanks and a choice of \$50. gift certificates for several of our Mayne Island businesses. Although we all look forward to being able to once again holding our popular appreciation dinners, the gift certificate substitute was appreciated by all.
5. We would like to acknowledge the sizeable number of hours of work our volunteers contribute to our vital community organization. Thank you to all for your support and hard work!