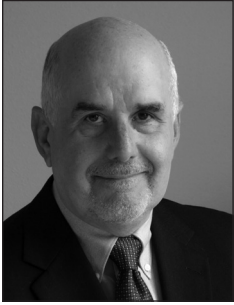




A letter from the Port of Kingston Executive Director



Jim Pivarnik

Words alone cannot express my gratitude to the Kingston community for your friendship and support over the two-and-a-half years I have spent here as executive director of the Port of Kingston.

As I write this, I look out my office windows at many of the tangible accomplishments the community and the Port have completed by working together.

There is the renovated Port office, the new roofs on the marina's covered moorage, the handsomely renovated passenger holding area for Kitsap Transit's fast ferry, and the Port's new park on Washington Boulevard where, on August 15, some 175 of us gathered to thank the donors and organizations who made it possible.

It is that growing sense of community of which I am most proud. I'm talking about the great team: Port Commissioners, Port staff, volunteers, businesses and community partners. They do so much to enrich and vitalize this port and community.

I plan to retire in 2020. I could happily have spent the last 18 months of my professional career here in Kingston. Indeed, up until a month ago, I expected to do just that.

So, then why am I leaving?

There are several reasons why I chose to accept the the Port of Port Townsend's offer to become their interim executive director and end my career there instead.

Those of you who know me know I love a challenge. And Port Townsend has more challenges today than Kingston once had. Having served as Port Townsend's deputy port director for 15 years, I know the port, the town and the people. I believe I can make a significant difference there. My wife, Christina, and I live there. I am vice commodore of the Port Townsend Yacht Club. Finally, I can help them find and train my replacement before Christina and I hit the road in our new motor home for an extended vacation.

Again, thank you for inviting me to be part of your wonderful community.

Sincerely and fondest regards,

Jim Pivarnik