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47 CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR 26 ISLANDS TRUST POSITIONS

VICTORIA — At the close of the nomination period for the Islands Trust elections, 47 candidates, including 19 incumbents, had submitted nomination papers for trustee positions representing twelve local trust committees and Bowen Island. Voting day is Saturday, November 15, 2014.

In the Gambier and Hornby Island Local Trust Areas only two candidates were nominated for the two available positions, making acclamation likely for those four candidates. Elections by voting would only occur in those local trust areas if a candidate withdraws or is successfully challenged, triggering a new nomination process.

Like other communities in British Columbia, island communities now elect their local government representatives for a four-year term, following provincial changes to the *Local Government Act*. Voters in each of the 12 local trust areas elect two local trustees who serve in two roles – on a local trust committee and on the Islands Trust Council.

Local trust committees make land use planning decisions for their communities. They are responsible for decisions about official community plans, zoning and subdivision regulations and a variety of development applications.

The Islands Trust Council makes decisions about overall policy, advocacy, inter-governmental relations, staff resources and budget.

On Bowen Island, voters elect two municipal trustees at the same time they elect the Bowen Island Municipal Council. The municipal trustees represent Bowen Island on the Islands Trust Council.

All elected bodies within the Islands Trust have a provincial mandate to preserve and protect the Islands Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for residents and all British Columbians.

A preliminary list of candidates for Islands Trust positions is provided on the next page. A final list will be determined by chief election officers on Monday, October 20 and published on the [Islands Trust website](#). Candidates may withdraw from the election until Friday, October 17 at 4:00 p.m.

The preliminary list of candidates is:

Local Trust Area / Municipality	Candidates (for two positions) + incumbent ** candidates elected by acclamation (subject to confirmation)
Bowen <i>(only those council candidates who have indicated they also wish to stand for Islands Trust Municipal Trustee are listed)</i>	Michael Chapman Sue Ellen Fast Yvette Gabrielle Michael Kaile Cro Lucas Alison Morse+ Maureen Nicholson Andrew Stone+ Peter Williamson
Denman	Laura Busheikin+ David Critchley Perri Gorrara
Gabriola	Chris Bowers Melanie Mamoser Heather Nicholas Peter Phillips
Galiano	David Ages George Harris Sandy Pottle+
Gambier	Dan Rogers** Kate-Louise Stamford+**
Hornby	Alex Allen+** Tony Law+**
Lasqueti	Peter Johnston+ Susan Morrison+ Timothy Peterson
Mayne	Brian Crumblehulme+ Jeanine Dodds+ David Maude
North Pender	Dianne Barber Ken Hancock+ Derek Masselink Gary Steeves+
Salt Spring	George Grams+ Christine Grimes Peter Grove+ Vincent MacDonald
Saturna	Paul Brent+ Pamela Janszen+ Lee Middleton
South Pender	Mike Jones+ Bruce McConchie Wendy Scholefield Cameron Thorn
Thetis	Stephanie Cottell Ken Hunter Peter Luckham+

“Our island communities are usually very engaged with local elections and we are already starting to see advertisements and websites spring up in regards to local elections,” said Linda Adams, Chief Administrative Officer of the Islands Trust. “The [Islands Trust website](#) includes copies of the nomination forms for all candidates and links to their websites, if they’ve supplied that information to us. People visiting our website can subscribe to receive emails with election updates and results, which will also be published online as they come in on election night, November 15th.”

Adams noted that the province brought in new requirements in 2014 that require the activities of 'third parties' in local election campaigns to be more open and transparent. Individuals, elector organizations or third party sponsors that operate campaigns to promote or oppose candidates or points of view related to local elections now have a number of obligations, even if they are not formally associated with any candidate.

"People may not be familiar with the provincial penalties, but they can be significant for those who don't comply," said Adams. "We encourage everyone who is operating a website or buying newspaper ads or campaigning in any way in regards to local elections to make sure they are operating legally. They can check the [Elections BC website](#) for more information and should also obtain a copy of the [provincial guidebooks for Elector Organizations and Third Party Sponsors available through the Elections BC website](#).

The Islands Trust is a federation of local government bodies representing 25,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property-owners. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

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