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## ISLANDS TRUST CAO TO RETIRE IN 2016

VICTORIA — Peter Luckham, Chair of the Islands Trust has announced that Chief Administrative Officer Linda Adams has given notice of her plans to retire in early 2016, following a 25-year career at the Islands Trust.

"Linda has been a source of knowledge and wisdom to all of us. She has been an outstanding CAO creating an organization that we are all proud of," said Chair Luckham. "I have enjoyed every moment of working with Linda, knowing the experience, professionalism and knowledge that she brought to the table was always sound and supported by research and reason. We will all miss her however we can move on embracing change knowing that we have an excellent foundation to build on."

Adams originally joined the Islands Trust in 1991 as the first planner located in the new Salt Spring Island office. She became manager of the Salt Spring planning team in 1993, a position she held until 2001 when she was appointed Director of Trust Area Services. She has held the most senior position at the Islands Trust since 2003.

"It has been an honour to work in so many different roles at the Islands Trust, with its dedicated trustees, unique mandate, treasured landscapes and highly engaged communities," said Adams. "I am particularly proud of our amazing and engaged staff, who excel in so many ways. It has been difficult to pick the 'right' time to retire, but now that orientation of the new Council is largely completed, I hope this timing will allow Trust Council to find someone to help achieve its goals for the balance of the term."

Trust Council's policies indicate that it will now form a 7-member CAO Hiring Committee, comprised of the Executive Committee and the chairs of Council's three standing committees. At the upcoming Trust Council meeting, the hiring committee will seek input from Trust Council before beginning the recruitment process. As Islands Trust staff positions fall within the BC Public Service, hiring processes comply with standards of the BC Merit Commissioner to ensure they are fair, with appointments based on merit.

"This is an exciting time for the Islands Trust, with many new ideas under consideration and challenges to face," said Luckham. "I am optimistic we will find that special person who is the right fit for our unique organization."

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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