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ISLANDS TRUST APPOINTS NEW CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

VICTORIA — The Islands Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of Russ Hotsenpiller as its new Chief Administrative Officer. Hotsenpiller will replace Linda Adams, who has held the position since 2004 and will be retiring in January 2016.

“After an extensive search process, I’m delighted to announce that Russ will be joining us as our new CAO,” said Peter Luckham, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. “As the current CAO of the Strathcona Regional District, he brings very relevant experience with the island communities of Cortes, Quadra and the Discovery Islands. He also has significant experience in local government administration and land use planning. We look forward to working with him as we implement our Strategic Plan and carry out our work on behalf of our island communities.”

The Chief Administrative Officer position is the most senior staff position at the Islands Trust, responsible to the Islands Trust Council for providing advice and implementing Council’s policies and decisions.

Hotsenpiller brings more than 15 years of experience in local government administration at the Comox Valley Regional District and the Strathcona Regional District. Starting as a land use planner in the late 1990’s, Hotsenpiller has held increasingly responsible roles as manager of planning and of community services. He has been the CAO of the Strathcona Regional District since 2013, gaining further experience in a wide range of projects that included community planning, strategic advice, intergovernmental relations and First Nations engagement. His education includes degrees in Political Science and Environmental Science from Carleton University and Royal Roads, and studies in Land Use Economics from UBC.

“Assuming a leadership role with the Islands Trust is a tremendous opportunity and I am excited to be able to contribute to the success of one of the truly special areas in British Columbia,” said Hotsenpiller. “I look forward to working with the Trust Council and an outstanding staff of professionals in realizing the vision and mandate of the Islands Trust. I have a strong belief in collaborative and team based work and will bring that focus to this appointment.”

Hotsenpiller is expected to begin his first day of work at the Islands Trust in early January 2016, allowing for some transition time before Adams retires in mid-January.

The Islands Trust is responsible for managing development while preserving and protecting the unique environment of the Islands Trust Area. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

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