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## ISLANDS TRUST FILLS SENIOR STAFF POSITION

VICTORIA — The Islands Trust has appointed a new Director of Administrative Services, following a job competition to replace Craig Elder who plans to retire in early 2012.

Cindy Shelest, a Certified General Accountant and Certified Human Resources Professional, will start the position January 16, 2012. For the past six years she has held senior leadership positions with the Fraser Valley Health Authority and Vancouver Island Health Authority. Prior to that, her 23-year career focused on finance in varied roles from controllership positions through to external auditing and public accountancy.

“We are delighted to welcome Cindy to the Islands Trust,” said Linda Adams, Chief Administrative Officer for the Islands Trust. “She has extensive experience in financial administration and human resource management, in both the private and public sectors. These qualifications, combined with her additional experience in project and performance management make her an ideal fit for the position.”

The Director of Administrative Services serves as the Islands Trust’s Treasurer and is responsible for the financial, human resource, information management, and administrative support systems of the Islands Trust. This includes overall responsibility for preparing and monitoring the annual budget for the Islands Trust in accordance with direction from the Islands Trust Council. The position is also responsible for risk and contract management, Islands Trust support systems and facilities.

“I am very excited to accept this new position,” said Shelest. “The Islands Trust’s mandate appeals to my sense of community and aligns with my values. I look forward to applying my skills and qualifications to the challenges ahead.”

The Islands Trust Council is a federation of local government bodies representing some 25,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment 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, including Howe Sound and as far north as Comox (excluding Texada Island). The area is approximately 5200 square kilometres in size and includes 13 major islands and over 450 smaller islands.

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