



# News Release

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## 57 CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR ISLANDS TRUST POSITIONS

VICTORIA — At the close of the nomination period for the Islands Trust elections, 57 candidates, including 14 incumbents, had submitted nomination papers for positions on Islands Trust Council representing twelve local trust committees and Bowen Island. Voting day is Saturday, November 19, 2011.

In the North Pender Island and South Pender Island Local Trust Areas, elections may not be necessary as there were two candidates nominated for the two positions available in each case.

Like other communities in British Columbia, island communities elect their local government representatives every three years. Voters in each of the 12 local trust areas elect two local trustees to serve on a local trust committee and to represent it on the Islands Trust Council. Local trustees serve a three-year term and 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.

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.

The Islands Trust Council has a provincial mandate to preserve and protect the Islands Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for residents and all British Columbians. To carry out this mandate, it makes decisions about overall policy, advocacy, inter-governmental relations, staff resources and budget.

A preliminary list of candidates for Islands Trust positions is provided below. A final list will be determined by chief election officers on Monday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m. Candidates may withdraw from the election until Friday, October 21 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)
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bowen</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(only those council candidates who have indicated they also wish to stand for Islands Trust Municipal Trustee are listed)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rob Cairns Wolfgang C. Duntz Doug Hooper Daron Jennings Andrew Stone Silvaine Zimmermann</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Denman</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Laura Busheikin David Critchley Kathy Dunster Bill Engleson David Graham + Laura Pope</p>

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Bowen, Denman, Hornby, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis

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<b>Gabriola</b>	Jeremy Baker Sheila Malcolmson + Maggie Mooney Gisele Rudischer
<b>Galiano</b>	Louise Decario + Bowie Keefer Sandy Pottle + William Russell
<b>Gambier</b>	Bruce Bingham Joyce Clegg + Jan Hagedorn + Lynn Leboe Kate-Louise Stamford
<b>Hornby</b>	Alex Allen Ron Emerson Fred Hunt + Tony Law + William Thomas
<b>Lasqueti</b>	Peter Johnston Susan Morrison + Timothy James Peterson Tom Weinerth
<b>Mayne</b>	Stephen Cropper Brian Crumblehulme Jeanine Gay Dodds + Paul Dumond Aubrie Karagianis Christie Meers David Maude
<b>North Pender</b>	Ken Hancock ** Gary Steeves +**
<b>Salt Spring</b>	David Borrowman Carol E. Dodd George Grams Peter Grove Larry Woods Mark Wyatt
<b>Saturna</b>	Paul Brent Pamela Joy Janszen Beverley Neff +
<b>South Pender</b>	Mike Jones ** Liz Montague **
<b>Thetis</b>	Stephanie Cottell Sue French + 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. “We want to remind everyone that the province brought in new requirements in 2008 that require the activities of ‘third parties’ in local election campaigns to be more open and transparent. Individuals, groups or organizations 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. Among other things, they are required to appoint a financial agent before they receive any contributions or make any expenditures, open a bank account and maintain records. If they raise or expend more than \$500, including ‘in kind’ contributions of goods or services, then they must notify the Chief Election Officer and file a disclosure statement after the election.” Adams noted that because these rules are relatively new, people may not be familiar with them, but there can be significant penalties for those who don’t comply. “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 our website at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/elections.cfm> for more information and should also obtain a copy of the

provincial guidebook for Campaign Organizers, available at  
[http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/library/election2011/Campaign\\_Organizer\\_and\\_Elector\\_Organization\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/library/election2011/Campaign_Organizer_and_Elector_Organization_Guide.pdf) ”

The Islands Trust 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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