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ISLAND TRUSTEES BEGIN FOUR YEAR TERM

VICTORIA — Following local elections held on October 20th, 13 incumbents and 13 new trustees have now been confirmed as elected to the Islands Trust.

Forty-three candidates, including 17 incumbents, submitted nomination papers for positions on twelve local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipal Council. In five of the local trust areas – Denman Island, Gambier Island, Lasqueti Island, North Pender Island, and Saturna Island – no ballots were cast as candidates were elected by acclamation in those areas.

Like other communities in British Columbia, island communities elect their local government representatives every four years. Voters in each of the twelve local trust areas elect two trustees to serve on their Local Trust Committee and to represent their area on the regional Islands Trust Council. Local trustees serve a four-year term and make land use planning and regulatory 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, the community elected two municipal trustees at the same time they elected 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, staff resources and budget.

The trustees will be officially sworn in at a ceremony on Tuesday, November 6 in Victoria. The inaugural Islands Trust Council meeting on November 7-8 in Victoria will be focused on orientation and elections to committees/Islands Trust Conservancy positions. The meeting schedule can be found [here](#).

The elected trustees are:

Bowen Island Municipality

Sue Ellen Fast+
Michael Kaile

Denman Island Trust Area

Laura Busheikin+*
David Critchley+*

Gabriola Island Trust Area

Scott Colbourne
Kees Langereis

Galiano Island Trust Area

Tahirih Rockafella
Jane Wolverton

Gambier Island Trust Area

Dan Rogers+*
Kate-Louise Stamford+*

Hornby Island Trust Area

Alex Allen+
Tony Law+

Lasqueti Island Trust Area

Peter Johnston*
Timothy Peterson+*

Mayne Island Trust Area

Jeanine Dodds+
David Maude

North Pender Island Trust Area

Benjamin McConchie*
Deb Morrison*

Preserving **island** communities, culture and environment

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

Salt Spring Island Trust Area

Peter Grove+
Laura Patrick

Saturna Island Trust Area

Paul Brent+*
Lee Middleton+*

South Pender Island Trust Area

Cameron Thorn
Steve Wright

Thetis Island Trust Area

Doug Fenton
Peter Luckham+

+ incumbent

* candidates elected by acclamation

Full election results for the Islands Trust area are available on the Islands Trust website at:

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/elections/2018-election-results/>

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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's local trust committees are responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, co-operation 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 islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

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