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March 2, 2019 set for Islands Trust By-Election on Hornby Island

VICTORIA – The Islands Trust has announced that a local by-election has been set for March 2, 2019 for voters in the Hornby Island Local Trust Area to fill the currently vacant trustee position.

The by-election process started with the appointment, effective December 20, of Peter Crawford as Chief Election Officer and will take place provided electors nominate more than one qualified candidate to run for the position. The nomination period will run from 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15 through 4 p.m. on Friday, January 25.

Should more than one qualified candidate be nominated, the Chief Election Officer will confirm on February 4 that the by-election will go forward. Should only one qualified candidate be nominated, the Chief Election Officer will declare that candidate elected by acclamation as of February 4.

The newly elected trustee will serve for the remainder of the 2018-2022 term and join a three-member local trust committee, which has the authority to make land use plans and regulations for the Hornby Island Local Trust Area. They will also sit on the Islands Trust Council, which considers broader regional policy, operational, and financial decisions to achieve the provincial “preserve and protect” mandate of the Islands Trust.

To provide the community with information about nomination procedures, a Notice of Nomination will appear in local newspapers that circulate in the Hornby Island Local Trust Area between December 20 and January 3. Non-resident electors will be advised by letter of the by-election process. Information on the entire by-election process will be available and updated regularly on the Islands Trust [website](#).

By-elections for local trustee positions are held in accordance with Part 3 of the *Local Government Act*. More information about the by-election process is available from the Chief Election Officer, who can be reached by phone at 250-339-4404.

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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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