



Islands Trust

SUSTAINING THE ISLANDS

Community Stewardship Awards Program

– Nomination Form –
Deadline: April 30, 2010

Please check the box beside the category of award that you are nominating:

☒ Individual☐ Organization/ Group☐ Other (up to two additional discretionary awards may be given each year)Nominator BARB HICKSDate APRIL 29, 2010Nominator's Address 671 TUMBO CHANNEL RD. SATURNA ISLAND VON 2Y0Nominator's Telephone 250-539-5113 Fax 539-5437 E-mail shicks@islands.comNominated individual or group PAT ROPARSName of project or description of work SATURNA'S MAIN ROAD ROAD MAINTENANCE FOREMANNominee contact name PAT ROPARS Position ROAD MAINTENANCE FOREMANNominee's address 130 WINTER COVE RD SATURNA ISLAND - BC VON 2Y0Nominee's telephone 250-539-5219 Fax Saturnacan.net E-mail propars@saturnacan.net

Acceptance of Nomination

If you or your organization is being nominated for an award, please sign below to accept the nomination:

Authorized Signature
(Continued on reverse)

April 29, 2010
Date

Please send your completed nomination form to:
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Fax 250.405.5155 or
Mail to #200 – 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1H8

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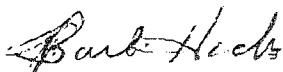
Jas Chonk
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I would like to nominate Pat Ropars, Saturna Island's road maintenance foreman, for an Individual Community Stewardship Award. I know it is Pat's job to attend to the road in all types of weather good or bad, day or night, that is not why I am nominating him. It is the little extra things he does that cause me to write.

East Point, the area of Saturna Island where I live is sparsely populated at the best of times and much less in fall and winter. Coming home on the ferry during winter storms we know that Pat will have done a road check just before the ferry docks and the road to East Point will be open; if it isn't it soon will be. Pat instills in those of us out here a sense of being safe especially for the elderly who reside in the area. When the power is out if someone's generator is not running and it is obvious they are home there is a phone call from Pat to see if the person is ok, do they need a hand to get the generator going. Some who have slid into the ditch know that Pat will be able to assist them in getting back onto the road again. When clearing snow from the road, the bank of snow from the blade at the side of the road blocks driveways making exit difficult. Pat removes that bank from those who are elderly or infirm allowing people to easily get out of their driveways or emergency responders quick access. I worked nights at the Lyall Harbour end of the island for years and if it snowed while I was working Pat would phone to see when I was getting off work and he would clear the road ahead of me as I headed home. There were many occasions that there were only one or two residences occupied in that 13km's between home and work, and Pat doing his road check at that hour made sure I arrived home safely easing anxiety of myself, husband, employer and friends. I have phoned Pat on several occasions to report a dead deer lying at the side of the road or a top

of a driveway along the roadway and within a very short time it is gone. Pat really does go the extra mile for us to make driving and walking on the road safe and enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barb Hicks". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Barb Hicks.