

Candidate Information Webinar

August 20, 2026



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Acknowledgement

Islands Trust and Islands Trust Conservancy respectfully acknowledge that the lands and waters that encompass the Islands Trust Area have been home to Indigenous peoples since time immemorial and their deep connection to the islands continues to this day.

We are committed to reconciliation, to upholding the rights of Indigenous peoples, and to working together to preserve and protect this ecologically, culturally, and spiritually significant region in the Salish Sea.

The Islands Trust Area is located in the treaty and territorial lands and waters of the BOKEĆEN, Cowichan Tribes, K'ómoks, Lyackson, MÁLEXEŁ, Qualicum, scəwəθən, səl' ilwətaɪ, SEMYOME, shíshálh, Skwxwú7mesh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Songhees, Spune'luxutth', STÁUTW, Stz'uminus, ɬaʔəmen, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai, WJOŁEŁP, WŚIKEM, Xeláltxw, Xwémalhkwx, Xwsepsum, and xʷməθkʷəy' əm First Nations.





Agenda

- Introductions
- Understanding Islands Trust
- The Role of Trustees
- Election Information and Resources
- Q&A



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Introductions

- Rueben Bronee, Chief Administrative Officer
- Clare Frater, Director of Trust Area Services
- David Marlor, Director of Legislative and Information Services, Corporate Secretary
- Derek Cockburn, Director of Financial and Employee Services, Treasurer



Understanding Islands Trust

"The object of the trust is to preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the trust area and of British Columbia generally in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, First Nations, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia."

- *Islands Trust Act, Section 3*



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The Islands Trust Area



Over 26,000 residents, and
10,000 non-resident
property owners.

Homeland to over 28,000
Coast Salish Peoples



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What Islands Trust Does

Under the *Islands Trust Act*, the Trust has three core responsibilities:

1. Land use planning
2. Regional collaboration, policy development and advocacy
3. Land conservation



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Some Things Islands Trust Does Not Do*

- Building permits
- Economic development
- Roads and transportation
- Fire/policy/emergency services
- Waste management
- Water supply
- Non-land use bylaw enforcement
- Business licensing
- Parks and recreation
- Social services
- Animal control
- Build Housing
- Emergency Management
- Treaty Negotiation

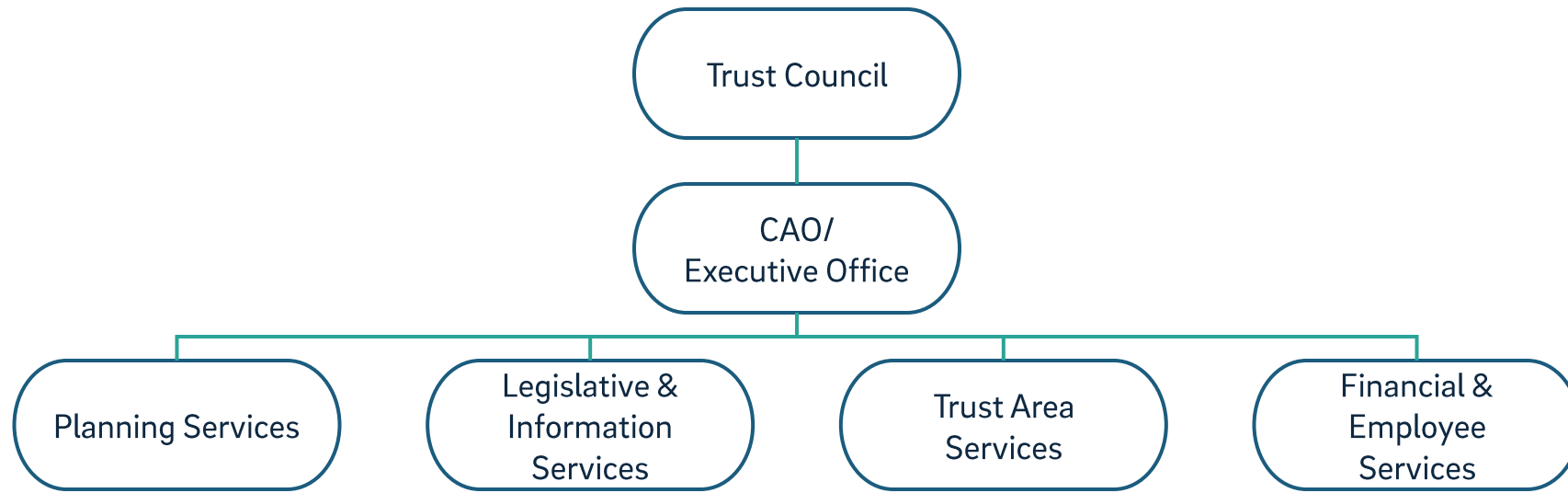
*Many of these things intersect with Islands Trust's land use decisions.



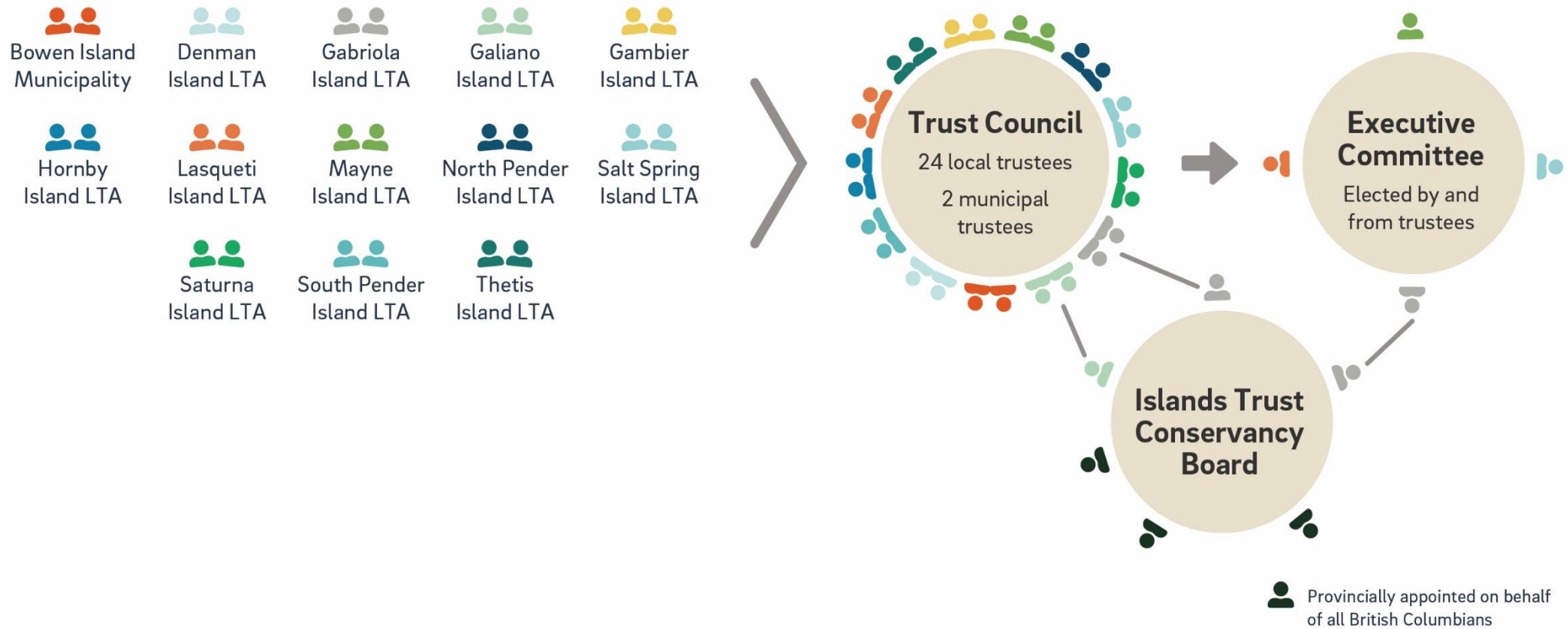
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Organizational Overview

- Approximately 70 staff in 3 offices: Salt Spring Island, Gabriola Island and Victoria
- 2026/27 budget = \$11.8M



Islands Trust Governance



Islands Trust Council

- All 26 elected trustees
- Makes decisions on behalf of the whole region to further the Object of Islands Trust, including:
 - Strategic priorities and overall policy
 - Staff resources and budget
 - Governance
 - Region-wide coordination with other levels of government, including the Province



Islands Trust Council Committees



*Established via legislation



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A vertical photograph on the left side of the slide shows a sunset over a beach and mountains. The sky is a warm orange and yellow, with the sun low on the horizon. Dark silhouettes of mountains are visible in the background, and a sandy beach is in the foreground.

Executive Committee

- Day-to-day operational oversight
- Review Islands Trust Council meeting agendas
- Trust-wide communications and advocacy
- Review local trust committee bylaws and Bowen Island land use bylaws
- Executive members chair each local trust committee



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Local Trust Committees

- 2 local trustees plus Executive Committee member as chair
- Preparation and adoption of official community plans
- Land-use bylaws
- Authorization of development related permits
- Local partnerships, collaboration and engagement related to land use planning



Bowen Island Municipality



- Two municipal trustees on Islands Trust Council who are also municipal councillors
- Applicable bylaws must align with the Islands Trust Policy Statement
- Bowen Island taxpayers do not contribute to funding land use planning of local trust committees



Islands Trust Conservancy

- 115 properties protected totaling 1,380 hectares with 34 nature reserves and 79 conservation covenants across the Trust Area
- ITC Board:
 - 2 trustees elected from Islands Trust Council
 - 1 member elected from Executive Committee
 - 3 members appointed by the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs



Role of a Trustee

- Serve the public and advance the Trust mandate consistent with Trust policy and legislation in two capacities:
 - Islands Trust Council
 - Local Trust Committee
- Serve on committees and the Islands Trust Conservancy Board
- Establish and maintain productive relationships
- Community outreach and engagement
- Collaborative leadership and decision-making
- Meeting preparation, attendance and active participation
- Conduct and conflicts of interest



Trustee Remuneration

- Defined in Trust Council Policy 7.2.1, trustee pay includes:
 - Trust Council base amount for all trustees
 - Local Trust Committee base amount*
 - Amounts tied to local trust area population and number of property “folios”*
- Deductions from the Trust Council base amount for not attending
- Additional pay for Trust Council committees and Conservancy Board meetings (subject to attendance)
- Additional pay for Executive Committee
- UBCM health and dental benefits plan

(*Does not apply for BIM trustees)



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Election Eligibility

You can stand for election as a trustee if you:

- Are a Canadian citizen
- Are at least 18 years old on election day
- Have lived in B.C. for at least six months, and
- Have not been disqualified under the *Local Government Act* from voting or running in a B.C. election.



Election Administration

- Islands Trust contracts with the following regional districts for administration of its elections

Local Trust Area	Regional District
Denman, Hornby	Comox Valley
Gabriola	Nanaimo
Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, South Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna	Capital
Gambier	Sunshine Coast Metro Vancouver (for Bowyer and Passage Islands)
Lasqueti	qathet
Thetis	Cowichan Valley

- Bowen Island Municipality administers the election of its trustees



Key Dates

Date	Action or Deadline
July 20 – September 18	Pre-campaign period (rules apply on advertising and election expenses)
September 1 – 11	Nomination period (nomination packages available from the appropriate regional district and must be filed with the Local Chief Election Officer)
September 18	Deadline for withdrawal of candidates
September 19	Campaign period starts (rules apply on advertising and election expenses)
September 21	Declaration of election by voting or acclamation
October 17	General voting day
October 29	Introductory virtual onboarding webinar for trustees elect
November 5	Virtual orientation to local trust committee policies, procedures and processes
November 12-14	Trustee swearing-in and orientation meeting for new Trust Council in Victoria
November 16-December 4	First meetings of local trust committees
December 8-10	First regular meeting of new Trust Council in Victoria



Election Resources

- Islands Trust: islandstrust.bc.ca/elections
 - Candidate information package
 - Nomination papers and brief candidate bios
 - Updates and links to other resources
- Email: elections@islandstrust.bc.ca
- Elections BC: elections.bc.ca
- Provincial government: www.gov.bc.ca/localelections
- **Candidates are responsible for compliance with all applicable legislation and regulatory requirements**



Questions



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