

I was born in Sechelt, on the Sunshine Coast, and am from a family of loggers and mariners. I have deep roots across the Salish Sea region both personally and professionally. I have served as one of the two Trustees for North Pender for the last four years while also working full time. More about me at www.debmorrison.me/vita/about-my-life.



Here are some of my political principles that guide my actions:

- I am an advocate for protecting and preserving the unique amenities and environments of the Trust Area.
- I believe that all levels of government and community must work to repair past injustices with respect to reconciliation and find new ways to be in collaboration with First Nations going forward.
- I believe in strong, resilient, equitable, and sustainable rural communities.
- I like efficient, low cost government and minimal bureaucracy.
- I believe that regulations are needed but should be clear and understandable.
- I think that the Province of BC should support the preservation of land within the Trust Area by significantly funding the budget of the Islands Trust Conservancy so that this tax burden is not only on the rural residents of the Trust Area.

On any specific issue, I'm open to conversation. I've had conversations with folks across our community about issues of tree cutting, land use bylaw review, and other local concerns. I have found that we as a community have mixed understanding of government regulations, proposed changes in regulations and governance, and issues of reconciliation and climate change. We need to improve this as a community and that is not wholly on any one official or person. We are a strong and vibrant community, one that cares a great deal about each other generally. I see the extensive volunteer efforts happening. I get great communications from folks offering their deep expertise and advice. We all need to all speak plainly and clearly to each other.

The Islands Trust, myself included, needs to own it's responsibility to not only communicate more clearly about what it is doing but also to foster really authentic community conversation opportunities so that we all feel more in touch with local government and can more easily have our multiple perspectives clearly heard and carefully considered. To this end I reorganized my professional life significantly in the past year to make more space to be home more and to have the capacity to respond to the firehose of email I get. Hopefully this will resolve any tensions about getting in touch with me. Even when we have perfect communication though, we still may not reach consensus on some issues; however, at a minimum we will better understand each other and hopefully avoid the harmful polarization that I fear is starting to happen when we put each other in oversimplified boxes of this or that belief. We are better than that. I love all you eclectic, unique Penderites, even when I don't agree with you.

If you want to get in touch the best ways are:

- Text to 250-539-8200 - best to arrange meetings or conversations.
- Email to dmorrison@islandstrust.bc.ca or 2debmorrison@gmail.com
- Catch me in the grocery store, at the market, or wherever you see me about the Island.

Be safe and well Pender.

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