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Executive Committee and Islands Trust Conservancy Board Election Results, and Local Trust Committee Chair Appointments

Lək'ʷəŋən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – At its first meeting since local elections in October, Islands Trust Council elected a chair and three vice-chairs to form the Islands Trust Executive Committee for the 2026–2030 term.

Trustee Andrew Leonard of Bowen Island was elected Islands Trust Council Chair. Islands Trust Council also elected Trustee Sam Borthwick of the Denman Island Local Trust Area, Trustee David Maude of the Mayne Island Local Trust Area, and Trustee Tim Peterson of the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area as Islands Trust Council vice-chairs.

Islands Trust Council also elected Trustee Lisa Gauvreau of the Galiano Island Local Trust Area and Trustee Robin Jenkinson of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area to serve as its representatives on the Islands Trust Conservancy Board. Vice-Chair Sam Borthwick was acclaimed as the Executive Committee representative to the Islands Trust Conservancy Board.

The 26-member Islands Trust Council meets quarterly, primarily to establish general policies for carrying out the Object of Islands Trust, and to develop and monitor the organization's annual budget. The four-member Islands Trust Executive Committee oversees the daily business of Islands Trust, and has legislated responsibilities to consider approval of bylaws developed by local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality, and to act as a local trust committee for the Ballenas-Winchelsea Island Local Trust Area.

Executive Committee members also serve as chairs of the 12 local trust committees that have authority for land use planning and regulation in the Islands Trust Area. The six-member Islands Trust Conservancy Board, comprised of three trustees and three provincial appointees, oversees protection and management of ecologically significant lands and investment and use of donated funds.

"The Islands Trust has a remarkable mandate and I am privileged to have been elected to its leadership," said Andrew Leonard, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. "Trustees are clear on the complexity and challenges ahead, coming into this term with a clear mandate from the interest holders of their islands. There is a unity and eagerness in getting to work to address the issues across the federation that matter most to them, advancing the unique preserve and protect mandate across our islands in the Salish Sea."

As guided by the *Islands Trust Act*, the Islands Trust Chair appoints local trust committee chairs from among the four members of the Executive Committee. On November 14, following the inaugural Executive Committee meeting, newly-elected Islands Trust Council Chair Andrew Leonard appointed chairs for each of the 12 local trust committees in the Islands Trust Area.

Each appointed chair joins two local trustees, elected during October's general local election, to form the local trust committee for their local trust area. Local trust committees are responsible for land use planning and regulation. Their responsibilities include the preparation and adoption of official community plans, zoning and subdivision bylaws, regulation of soil removal and deposit, and the authorization of permits.

The Islands Trust Executive Committee for the 2026–2030 term:

- Trustee Andrew Leonard of Bowen Island (Chair)
- Trustee Sam Borthwick of the Denman Island Local Trust Area (Vice-Chair)
- Trustee David Maude of the Mayne Island Local Trust Area (Vice-Chair)
- Trustee Tim Peterson of the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area (Vice-Chair)

LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE CHAIR ASSIGNMENTS

Denman Island Local Trust Committee
Chair David Maude

Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee
Chair Tim Peterson

Galiano Island Local Trust Committee
Chair Tim Peterson

Gambier Island Local Trust Committee
Chair Andrew Leonard

Hornby Island Local Trust Committee
Chair Sam Borthwick

Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee
Chair Sam Borthwick

Mayne Island Local Trust Committee
Chair Tim Peterson

North Pender Island Local Trust Committee
Chair Sam Borthwick

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee
Chair Andrew Leonard

Saturna Island Local Trust Committee
Chair David Maude

South Pender Island Local Trust Committee
Chair Sam Borthwick

Thetis Island Local Trust Committee
Chair David Maude

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About Islands Trust

Islands Trust is a special-purpose government representing over 30,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and 10,000 non-resident property owners. The Islands Trust Area is located within Coast Salish territory and is the homeland to many Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment through conservation-oriented land use planning and regulation, education, and cooperation with First Nations and other agencies. The Islands Trust 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 5,200 square kilometres.

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