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Islands Trust Council elects new Executive Committee and Islands Trust Conservancy Board members

Lək'wəḡən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – At its first meeting since local elections in October, Islands Trust Council has elected a chair and three vice-chairs to form the Islands Trust Executive Committee for the 2022-2026 term. Council has also elected two representatives to sit on the Islands Trust Conservancy Board.

The Chair of the Islands Trust Council remains Peter Luckham from the Thetis Island Local Trust Area, now serving his third term as chair. The three new vice-chairs are Trustee Tobi Elliott from the Gabriola Island Local Trust Area, Trustee David Maude from the Mayne Island Local Trust Area, and Trustee Timothy Peterson from the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area. Trust Council has also elected Trustee Grant Scott from the Hornby Island Local Trust Area and Trustee Susan Yates from the Gabriola Island Local Trust Area to serve on the Islands Trust Conservancy Board. Islands Trust Conservancy is the conservation land trust for over 450 islands of the Salish Sea and is a part of Islands Trust. On Saturday afternoon, the Executive Committee elected Vice-Chair Tobi Elliott as its representative to the Islands Trust Conservancy.

These elections took place on Saturday, following a session on Friday where nominees made presentations and answered questions from trustees about the skills and values they would bring to these leadership positions.

While the entire Islands Trust Council meets quarterly, the Executive Committee oversees the daily business of the Islands Trust. It has legislated responsibilities to consider approval of bylaws developed by local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality. Members also serve as chairs of twelve local trust committees that have authority for land use planning and regulation in the Islands Trust Area. The Chair of the Islands Trust Council will appoint the chairs of the individual local trust committees on November 23, 2022.

“It is an honour to be elected by Trust Council to once again serve as chair of the Islands Trust Council,” said Chair Peter Luckham on his re-election. “I look forward to working with the vice-chairs who were chosen from amongst a group of worthy candidates. During the presentations yesterday, we heard the impassioned voices of trustees who are eager to tackle the important issues we face including, affordable housing, climate change, and environmental sustainability. We also heard a deep desire to further reconciliation and improve communications and engagement with communities, and review opportunities to improve governance. The beginning of a new term of office represents a time of renewal for the Islands Trust but we remain, as always, committed to preserving and protecting these precious islands in the Salish Sea for all British Columbians.”

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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's 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

Preserving and protecting over 450 islands and surrounding waters in the Salish Sea

Bowen, Denman, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Hornby, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis

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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