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ISLAND TRUSTEES BEGIN FOUR YEAR TERM

Lək'wəḡən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – Following local elections held on October 15th, 2022 11 incumbents, 12 new trustees, and three former trustees have now been confirmed as elected or acclaimed as Islands Trust trustees.

Fifty-three candidates, including 15 incumbents, submitted nomination papers for Islands Trust trustee. In two of the local trust areas – Gambier Island and Saturna Island – no ballots were cast as candidates were acclaimed.

Like other communities in British Columbia, island communities elect their local representatives every four years. Voters in each of the twelve local trust areas elect two trustees to serve on their local trust committee and to represent their area on Islands Trust Council. Local trustees serve a four-year term and make land use policy and regulatory decisions for their communities. Local trust committees are responsible for decisions about preparation and adoption of official community plans, zoning and subdivision bylaws, regulation of soil removal and deposit, and authorization of permits. On Bowen Island, the community elected two municipal trustees at the same time they elected the Bowen Island Municipal Council. The municipal trustees represent Bowen Island on the Islands Trust Council.

The Islands Trust Council has a provincial mandate to preserve and protect the Islands Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for residents and all British Columbians. To carry out this mandate, it makes decisions about overall policy, staff resources and budget. Three elected trustees will serve on the Islands Trust Conservancy Board which is made up of three members appointed by the Province of BC, two members elected from Islands Trust Council, and one member appointed by the Islands Trust Executive Committee.

The trustees will be sworn in at a ceremony on Thursday, November 17, 2022 in Victoria. The inaugural Islands Trust Council meeting on November 18 -19 in Victoria will be focused on orientation and elections to committees/Islands Trust Conservancy positions. The meeting agenda will be posted in early November.

The elected trustees are:

Bowen Island Municipality

Sue Ellen Fast**

Judith Gedye

Denman Island Local Trust Area

Sam Borthwick

David Graham ^

Gabriola Island Local Trust Area

Tobi Elliott

Susan Yates^

Galiano Island Local Trust Area

Lisa Gauvreau

Ben Maberley

Gambier Island Local Trust Area

Joe Bernardo~

Kate-Louise Stamford**~

Hornby Island Local Trust Area

Alex Allen**

Scott Grant**

Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area

Timothy Peterson**

Mikaila Lironi

Mayne Island Local Trust Area

Jeanine Dodds**

David Maude**

North Pender Island Local Trust Area

Deb Morrison**

Aaron Campbell

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

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area

Laura Patrick**
Jamie Harris

Saturna Island Local Trust Area

Mairead Boland~
Lee Middleton**~

South Pender Local Island Trust Area

Dag Falck
Kristina Peszel

Thetis Island Local Trust Area

Peter Luckham**
Ken Hunter^

** incumbent

~ candidates elected by acclamation

^ former trustees

Full election results for the Islands Trust area are available on the Islands Trust website at:

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/about-us/governance/2022-local-election/>

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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 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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