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ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lək̓ʷəŋən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. - Islands Trust Council is pleased to announce the hiring of Rueben Bronee as Islands Trust's new Chief Administrative Officer. Bronee will replace Russ Hotsenpiller, who retired in June 2024 after more than eight years in the role. Julia Mobbs, Islands Trust's Director of Administrative Services, has served as the Interim Chief Administrative Officer since July.

"After an extensive search process via an executive search firm, I'm delighted to announce that Rueben Bronee will be joining us as our new Chief Administrative Officer," said Peter Luckham, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. "Rueben is a trusted public sector executive. He has extensive experience leading high-profile transformation initiatives and providing strategic advice. We look forward to working with him as we finalize and implement our strategic plan, and as we carry out the preserve and protect mandate of Islands Trust."

"We also wish to provide our sincerest thanks to Julia Mobbs who stepped in as Interim Chief Administrative Officer," continued Luckham. "Julia has done an excellent job as Interim Chief Administrative Officer and advanced critical initiatives, while also serving as Director of Administrative Services."

The Chief Administrative Officer position is the most senior staff position at Islands Trust, responsible to the Islands Trust Council for providing advice, and implementing Trust Council's policies and decisions. The Chief Administrative Officer is also responsible for smooth delivery of daily operations and for creating a positive organizational culture.

Bronee brings more than 15 years of public sector leadership experience. Most recently, Bronee was the Assistant Deputy Minister for Communications, Learning and Engagement with the BC Public Service Agency. Prior to that role, Bronee held the role of Assistant Deputy Minister/Executive Lead for Policy, Innovation and Engagement with the BC Public Service Agency. He has also held executive roles in the Ministries of Advanced Education, Education, and Citizens' Services, and in the Office of the Premier.

"I have a deep appreciation for the unique role of the Islands Trust, and I am very much looking forward to playing a part in advancing this important work," said Bronee. "It's exciting to join such a skilled and passionate team of professionals in working with trustees to help lead the Islands Trust forward."

Bronee is expected to begin his first day of work at the Islands Trust in late November 2024.

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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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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
