



## Bio: John Ronsley

When Barbara and I first came to live on Galiano nine years ago, we saw immediately what a special place it is. We saw a stunningly beautiful island and the people who call it their home are as diverse and interesting as you will find anywhere, as is their community.

But we knew that it must never be taken for granted.

Then, as we learned more about the history of this island paradise we became aware of the commitment by those who were here before us even in recent years to “preserve and protect” what is special and unique about Galiano for future generations.

Over the past couple of years I have been dismayed by what I see as special interest groups working through our Local Trust Committee against principles of good governance and out of step with our Official Community Plan. The hard won accomplishments of the past that took on the interests of big corporations such as MacMillan Bloedel and through careful crafting of our OCP were still under threat. That is why I decided to run for Galiano Local Trustee.

My background is not in politics but I bring to this role a passion for listening and for governing with integrity. Before I retired in 2021 I worked as a physician in mental health for thirty years. Throughout my career, I worked collaboratively and as part of a team. I listened to others who often had different opinions from my own.

I know the value of putting first and foremost the interests of those who have put their trust in me. I have no obligations to any special interest groups here on Galiano or elsewhere. Since I have fully retired from my previous career, I have not only the motivation but the time to work hard for my constituents and to represent them well.

My motive is only to do an excellent job and to govern responsibly.