



Gambier/Keats Local Trust Committee

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I am delighted to be acclaimed for a 4th term as a Trustee for Gambier Island.

I have been a strong community advocate over the past three terms as Islands Trustee for the Gambier Local Trust Area and have brought our regional voice to the wider Islands Trust federation.

Locally, the past three years have been an unprecedented focus on supporting island communities as they navigated the pandemic and its impacts on essential services on a remote island. There has also been the ongoing challenge of finding a long-term solution to the New Brighton Dock. The Riparian Area Protection regulations on Gambier are slowly reaping the benefits for better protection around wetlands and streams. And doing a targeted review of the Gambier Official Community Plan will hopefully modernize our approach to forest ecosystem protection, marine interface issues and First Nations Reconciliation.

The completion of the Keats Camp and cottages rezoning, a 40+ year process, was a high-point in the last term. I look forward to furthering the Keats Island Foreshore Protection Project and seeing how other local islands can benefit from this work.

I have been on the Islands Trust Conservancy Board for eight years at the Trust Federation level and chaired the organization this past term. Highlights included helping secure significant Federal Species at Risk funding and successfully advocating for a permanent fund development staff position. Advancing the goals of the ITC is one of the most effective responses to the climate change emergency we have, and I am proud to be a part of this incredible organization.

The Trust Council has pushed hard on important questions this term. I look forward to the renewal of the Policy Statement, especially around biodiversity protection, appropriate community housing options and First Nations recognition. I've participated on the Regional Planning Committee, Finance Committee and the new Governance Committee and I support their ongoing efforts to advance the mandate and evolution of the Islands Trust.

I will continue working with the UNESCO Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region as an active local government representative and be a strong advocate for the critical work this body does.

I still revel in the feeling of coming home as I step off the Stormaway passenger ferry. Even after 20 years of living full-time in the West Bay area of Gambier Island with my family, I never take living on these incredible islands for granted - they are wonderful.

-KL Stamford