

Re-elect Cameron Thorn

Experience, Commitment & Vision

It has been my privilege to serve our community over the past four years as your Trustee for South Pender Island. I am seeking your support for re-election in the October 15, 2022, election.

Background

My family and I have been part of the South Pender community for the past 16 years and have a strong connection with and commitment to this special island. We are privileged to be part of a vibrant community located within one of the most treasured natural environments in British Columbia. My commitment to support the values of our community and protect our beautiful island lies at the heart of my decision to seek re-election as trustee.

My Master's studies in Public Policy and Administration at UVIC and my 25 years of experience working within government and the private sector in land use planning and real estate development give me a deep understanding of land use stewardship and the relationship between the built form and the character of a community. I am Vice-President Development with a Vancouver based real estate firm and work collaboratively with local governments to build sustainable communities in the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. Collectively these experiences and the lessons learned as a Trustee in the last term make me a strong candidate to represent the interests of South Pender Island.

Reasons to re-elect me as your Trustee

Experience:

- South Pender Trustee since 2018
- Extensive experience in land use planning, architecture and design, business and, government process
- Effective communicator experienced in finding collaborative outcomes through community engagement

Commitment:

- Promote respectful dialogue on issues and ensure that all voices are heard
- Work collaboratively with my co-Trustee to serve the interests of South Pender
- Protect our Island's rural character and ecological integrity

Vision:

- Provide strong, principled leadership in accordance with community values and our Official Community Plan
- Promote non-bureaucratic, balanced and practical solutions in responding to issues facing our community
- Build common ground across our community through a focus on shared values

The Islands Trust:

If re-elected as Trustee my energies would be primarily focused on South Pender. However, I would also pursue improvements to, and efficiencies in the function and operation of the Islands Trust organization. As Trustee I voted in support of an independent review of the governance and management policies at the Islands Trust, and I strongly support the findings and recommendations in the Governance Review Report. While I support the broad preserve and protect mandate of the Islands Trust, I oppose the recent Trust push and proposed Policy Statement to undertake a range of policy initiatives that go well beyond the mandate in the Islands Trust Act.

If you re-elect me as Trustee, I will strongly represent the interests of South Pender in any interactions with the Trust Council, Trust management and staff.

I welcome your questions or comments. You can contact me at: cameron@cameronthorn.com or (604) 317-8174

