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HORNBY ISLAND BY-ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NEW YEAR

VICTORIA — The October 25th resignation of Tony Law from his position as trustee for the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee and the Islands Trust Council will trigger a by-election.

The Islands Trust is currently seeking to appoint a chief elections officer to administer the election and re-establish the election process. The Islands Trust will formally announce the date of the by-election as soon as possible.

“The procedures governing a local by-election are defined by the *Local Government Act*,” explained Chief Administrative Officer, Russ Hotsenpiller. “There are no short cuts and due process must be followed. The election itself must take place within 80 days of the appointment of a chief elections officer. Obviously, it is unusual to be conducting a by election so soon after a general local election. We are working hard to make sure that the election takes place as soon as possible.”

Until the by-election is held, the Hornby Islands Local Trust Committee will continue to meet and perform its functions with Trustee Alex Allen and a chair appointed by the Islands Trust Chair. The name of the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee chair will be confirmed on November 14, 2018.

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The Islands Trust is a federation of local government bodies representing 25,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property-owners. The Islands Trust’s local trust committees are responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, co-operation with other agencies, and land conservation. The 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 5200 square kilometres.

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