



ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Salish View Campaign Welcomes Matching Funds** ***Deadline approaches for protecting old-growth trees on Lasqueti Island***

**Lasqueti Island, British Columbia, November 5, 2018** — An Islands Trust Conservancy pledge to match donations will boost a fundraising campaign to protect old-growth trees on Lasqueti Island. The Islands Trust Conservancy will match donations received by December 21, 2018 up to a total of \$4,500.

The Islands Trust Conservancy and the Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy are partners in an ambitious one-year campaign to raise \$250,000 to permanently protect an 11 hectare old-growth Coastal Douglas-fir forest known as Salish View. The partners have two months left to raise the final \$80,000 needed to buy the property.

“We hope this matching grant will inspire people everywhere to give,” said Gordon Scott, President of the Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy. “The opportunity to protect this incredibly important property is now. There are so many reasons to give: climate change, rare species, one of the most beautiful views in the region and many more. We all benefit from the conservation of forested areas like Salish View.”

“Protecting forests is an essential part of the fight against climate change,” said Dr. Ken Lertzman, Professor in the School of Resource and Environmental Management, Simon Fraser University. “The forests represented in Salish View are rare and represent one of British Columbia’s most heavily developed ecosystems.”

The Salish View property is adjacent to Squitty Bay Provincial Park and rises above Lasqueti Island’s rocky southern coastline to a prominent ridgetop with a stunning 270-degree vista of the Salish Sea. Once protected, the property will be open to the public, offering residents and visitors opportunities for walking on nature trails through beautiful old-growth trees and rocky bluffs to the viewpoint.

Donations made to the Salish View campaign through the Islands Trust Conservancy’s Lasqueti Island Acquisition Fund will be matched dollar for dollar to a maximum of \$4,500 total. To make a donation, visit [www.islandstrustconservancy.ca/salish-view.aspx](http://www.islandstrustconservancy.ca/salish-view.aspx). Tax receipts will be issued for gifts over \$20.

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*The Islands Trust Conservancy is the conservation land trust for Canada's islands in the Salish Sea. Since 1990, the Islands Trust Conservancy has protected more than 1,290 hectares of natural island ecosystems. This success is thanks to the vision, support and generosity of our donors and partners. Visit us online at [www.islandstrustconservancy.ca](http://www.islandstrustconservancy.ca). (Note: The Islands Trust Conservancy is the new name for the Islands Trust Fund.)*

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*The Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy (LINC) conserves and protects land for the benefit of wildlife, plants and the public. To achieve its mission, LINC acquires legal interests in land and provides public education on the natural and cultural features on Lasqueti and surrounding islands. Learn more at [www.lasqueti.ca/LINC](http://www.lasqueti.ca/LINC).*

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