

Gale Lyttle



Candidate Statement

I grew up visiting friends and family on Bowen since I was a child, and those wonderful memories made me look on Bowen when I was house hunting. I purchased one of the two properties for sale at the time, and moved here in 1989. Shortly after moving here, I started working with the BC Ambulance Service. It was essentially a volunteer job then, but it has become my career for the last 30+ years. As I approach retirement, I am looking for other ways

to contribute to the island I love.

What do I love about Bowen? The outdoors here, the slow pace of the island, the connections to the neighbourhood and the community. The quiet walks and quiet, dark nights. I loved having a safe place to raise my son. All these things are precious.

Why am I running for Council? I want to make sure that the next Council provides the maximum benefit for the people who live here – in terms of ensuring tax increases stay at a moderate level and that Council is accountable to the public who are paying the taxes. Taxpayer money spent should have a clear benefit to as many of those taxpayers as possible.

Why am I running for Islands Trust? Islands Trust is a unique governing body that helps to ensure that we are able to preserve and protect this island we live on. We need to be smart about the expenditures at the Islands Trust and make sure any decisions made are those that benefit our island in the future.

With respect to both Council and Islands Trust, it is important to have a long term financial vision. Too often decisions are made looking no further ahead than the next election.

I have worked in many volunteer organizations during my thirty plus years here. I was on the original Emergency Services Committee as a volunteer. I have volunteered at the school, the library, the Neighbourhood Emergency Response Program (NERP), the Eagle Cliff Water Board (prior to incorporation as a municipality).

My career in the Ambulance Services has given me a lot of experience with negotiation, conflict resolution, and listening to people and consensus building. Dealing taught me the importance of working with teams.

I look forward to serving on Council and giving back to the community that has given me so much. Please vote for me on October 5th or 15th

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