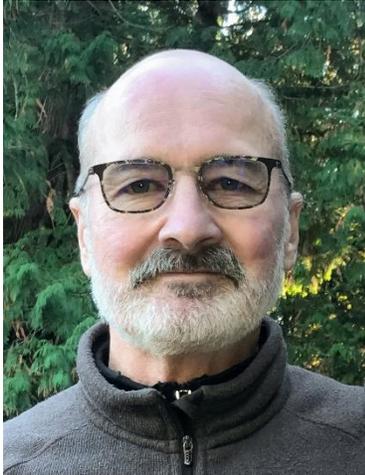


# Tim Wake



## Candidate Statement

What do you love most about living on Bowen Island? Is it the small-town rural feel, the friendly and caring community, the laid-back island lifestyle, the arts and culture scene, the abundance of activities, or the stunning natural surroundings? Perhaps it is all those things. Perhaps it is something else.

Living here certainly has its benefits, and I feel very fortunate to have enjoyed it for the past ten years. At the same time, I am concerned about where we are headed, specifically our lack of housing diversity, the severe shortage of suitable housing for staff and young families, our deteriorating infrastructure and the cost of replacing it, the lack of viable alternatives to driving cars, our inability to have a constructive community conversation...the list goes on.

I am running for council and as trustee on the Islands Trust to be part of a team that can find innovative solutions for these, and other, urgent concerns facing our island community. Running a municipality is not like running a business. When I was elected to Whistler Council in 2005, I quickly learned that municipalities work differently and there are very few quick fixes. I was fortunate to be part of a team where we respected one another, listened more than we spoke, and worked effectively with staff to tackle a variety of issues in the leadup to the 2010 Winter Olympics.

With a degree in mechanical engineering, I spent twenty years as an owner operator of Lake O'Hara Lodge in Yoho National Park, where I was responsible for all aspects of running an off-grid business at an altitude of 7,000 ft. I remain a partner to this day. After moving to Whistler in 1994, I took an interest in affordable housing and helped create the Whistler Housing Authority (WHA), which partnered with the private sector to create more than 1,000 affordable price-restricted townhomes and apartments between 1999 and 2011.

Following my term on Whistler Council, I moved to Bowen and consulted on affordable housing for municipalities in BC, Alberta, and the Northwest Territories. Working with these civic governments gave me a solid understanding not only of the impacts that the lack of affordable housing has on communities, but also the vital role of a council in facilitating effective solutions.

With this council and private sector experience, I am excited at the opportunity to contribute to sustainable housing, transportation, and infrastructure solutions on Bowen Island and within the Islands Trust.

I have seen again and again what can be achieved by a small team working collaboratively and cohesively with partners, committees, financial institutions, contractors, consultants and governments. I believe that with good leadership we can achieve better outcomes on Bowen Island.

Together, we can do this. I welcome your ideas and your support.

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