



I acknowledge that I live on the Island known in the SENĆOŦEN language as SKƆAK, a part of the un-ceded traditional ancestral territories of the WSÁNEĆ First Nations, who have been here for millennia. I extend thanks and gratitude to them and acknowledge the privilege of enjoying this beautiful place in their territory.

My name is Deb Foote. My husband Garth Owen and I have been landholders on Mayne Island since 2007. We owned an organic food store in Surrey for 27 years. I was responsible for managing the finances of our business. I worked remotely years before it became commonplace so that I could be more active in the community.

I have been an active board member for several Mayne Island based non-profit organizations – Mayne Island Recycling, Mayne Island Conservancy, and The Early Childhood Society.

The development and good governance of these organizations are important to me. I helped to organize successful fundraisers for the establishment of the Conservancy's CAMAS fund, the acquisition of St John Point and the establishment of the Mayne Island Daycare.

Why am I running for Islands Trust? I recognise that The Islands Trust Act and the institution which it established represents a promise from the provincial government to islanders and to the people of BC that the islands would be protected for all time from over development. I can stand behind this statement.

If elected on October 15<sup>th</sup> I will bring to the table the skills I developed over my career and through my time serving on provincial, national, and local boards as well as my nearly 30 years of experience in responsible fiscal business management.

My priorities over the next 4 years will include:

- 1) Ensuring that all avenues are explored, and amendments made to the OCP to address the lack of affordable rental housing.
- 2) Addressing the lack of recognition for the WSÁNEĆ and other First Nations history on SK̄FAK̄
- 3) Continued pressure on the Province to take meaningful action on the Fallow Deer issue
- 4) Utilizing best practices in land-use planning to help address issues related to climate change
- 5) Supporting island driven economic development initiatives

I believe that honesty is the best policy and that Trust has to be earned. I am ready to earn the Trust of Mayne Islanders.