

I spent many family vacations in the beautiful Gulf Islands. My career was as an architect in local government in Vancouver and Surrey before retiring and fulfilling a dream of building my house in Magic Lake.

Listening to the Pender community, so many have expressed a common vision: we value the natural, rural beauty of this place and want to preserve it. This can be the basis to move forward with a shared future that is unique for North Pender Island led by residents and stakeholders including First Nations.

Our island businesses and artisans are amenities and our economy needs support. Inadequate housing for workers is increasingly the reason businesses are curtailing hours, leaving many wondering what is ahead. I would work with the community to create a diversity of housing options and support island businesses.

Budget and taxes have expanded 30% in the last decade. Asking the small Trust Area population to pay for the steady expansion of services, many of which are already provided by other governments, is not sustainable. Many islanders want taxes reduced and I would work for that in the coming March 2023 budget.

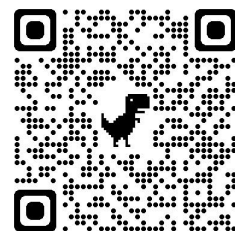
Land use permitting and enforcement are concerns for so many islanders. I support going back to basics for delivering land use regulation that is timely and fair.

Environmental considerations are important. With my architectural education in the environment, I worked with teams to translate environmental science into planning policies. The controversial revisions proposed for the trust policy statement have shown that it is vital to identify environmental objectives that address real responses to slow climate change in balance with community needs.

**I would be my honour to serve the community of  
North Pender as your trustee.**

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