



Islands Trust

### **South Pender Local Trust Committee**

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Following the election, the four-person Executive Committee will be voted in by Trustees as a first order of business at their initial Council meeting of the new term, scheduled for December 3 - 5, 2014, in Victoria.

By the way, all meetings are open to the public. For more information on December's meeting agenda and other details, please check the Islands Trust homepage.

At the same time, each LTC in the broader Trust Area serves its community as an autonomous entity, with a unique and individual Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw. Protecting the autonomy of our communities is a deeply-held value across the islands. For South Pender Island, one pressing priority for

the upcoming term is completion of the land use bylaw (LUB) review. I want to publicly express my deep appreciation and thanks to those community who contributed many hours of detailed and thoughtful review in community focus group meetings last spring and summer. Their work has laid the solid groundwork for the APC and Trustees to move forward.

Incoming Trustees will soon identify their top priorities and projects. No matter what the work may be, the Islands Trust will stay strong only insofar as it maintains the support of its communities. I believe and hope that, Trust-wide, valuing and listening to our communities will be an important focus for attention and renewal in this new term.

For myself, I plan to remain engaged as a resident who wants the best for our islands. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Trustee. I will continue to participate on the Steering Committee for the Southern Gulf Islands Food and Agriculture Strategy, representing South Pender Island.

Many thanks to my fellow islanders, members of the broader community, and

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fellow Trustees across the Islands Trust Area, for your support, your community work and your good company.

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