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TRUST COUNCIL ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE AND CONSERVANCY BOARD MEMBERS

VICTORIA — Yesterday, at its first meeting since the local government elections in October, the Islands Trust Council elected a chair and three vice-chairs to form the Islands Trust Executive Committee for the 2018-2020 term. Council also elected two representatives to sit on the Islands Trust Conservancy Board.

The Chair of the Islands Trust Council remains **Peter Luckham** from the Thetis Island Local Trust Area, now serving his second term as chair. The three new vice-chairs are: Trustee **Sue Ellen Fast** of the Bowen Island Municipality, Trustee **Laura Patrick** of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area, and Trustee **Dan Rogers** of the Gambier Island Local Trust Area.

The elections took place Thursday morning and came after a session on Wednesday where nominees made presentations and answered questions from trustees about the skills and values they would bring to these leadership positions.

While the entire Islands Trust Council meets quarterly, the Executive Committee oversees the daily business of the Islands Trust. It has legislated responsibilities to consider approval of bylaws developed by local trust committees and the Bowen Island Municipality. Members also serve as chairs of the twelve local trust committees that have authority for land use planning and regulation in the Islands Trust Area. The Chair of Islands Trust Council will appoint the chairs of the individual local trusts committees on November 14, 2018.

“It is such an honour to be elected by Trust Council to once again serve as chair of the Islands Trust Council,” said Chair Peter Luckham on his re-election. “I look forward to working with the new vice-chairs who were chosen this morning from amongst a group of worthy candidates. During the presentations yesterday, we heard the impassioned voices of trustees who are eager to tackle the important issues we face including affordable housing, climate change, and environmental sustainability. The beginning of a new term of office represents a time of renewal for the Islands Trust but we remain, as always, committed to preserving and protecting these precious islands in the Salish Sea for all British Columbians.”

On Thursday, the Islands Trust Council also elected Trustee **Doug Fenton** of the Thetis Island Local Trust Area and Trustee **Kate-Louise Stamford** of the Gambier Island Local Trust Area to serve on the Islands Trust Conservancy Board, a land conservancy for Canada’s islands in the Salish Sea. In the afternoon, the Executive Committee elected Trustee **Sue Ellen Fast** of the Bowen Island Municipality as its representative to the Islands Trust Conservancy.

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The Islands Trust is a federation of local government bodies representing 26,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property-owners. The Islands Trust’s local trust committees are responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, co-operation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

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