

General Local Elections

Like other communities in British Columbia, island communities elect their representatives (Local Trustees) every three years, following procedures laid out in the *Local Government Act*. The last General Local Election in British Columbia was in November 2008. The Local Trustees elected then began their term in December 2008 and will complete it in early December 2011. **Voting day for the next General Local Election will take place on November 19, 2011.**

The Islands Trust is responsible for coordinating its General Local Elections process. For cost-effectiveness and for the convenience of voters, it contracts with the following Regional Districts for administration of its elections:

- Capital Regional District
- Comox Valley Regional District
- Cowichan Valley Regional District
- Nanaimo Regional District
- Powell River Regional District
- Sunshine Coast Regional District

If you would like more information about procedures for nominating candidates, for running as a candidate, or for voting in the upcoming elections please visit the Islands Trust website:

www.islandstrust.bc.ca/elections.cfm

In addition, starting in September 2011, Regional Districts will be placing formal notices regarding nominations and elections in local newspapers and on their websites to let prospective candidates and eligible voters know about opportunities for nomination and voting.

The Islands Trust website provides links for you to access the website of each Regional District noted above.

- For further information about the upcoming election, you may contact Islands Trust Legislative Services Manager, Carmen Thiel, at (250)405-5188 or by email at cthiel@islandstrust.bc.ca
- General information for local government candidates and voters is also available on the BC Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development website: http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/gov_structure/Elections/
- More general information about the Islands Trust may be found on our website: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Preserving **Island** communities, culture and environment



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INFORMATION FOR VOTERS and CANDIDATES

Do you live or own property in the Islands Trust Area?

Are you a resident of British Columbia?

Are you a Canadian citizen?

Are you 18 years of age or more?

Islands Trust Local Elections take place this November.

Read more to learn about opportunities to vote for your Islands Trust representative, or to nominate or be a candidate for election.

The Islands Trust

The Islands Trust is a unique organization created by the Provincial Government of British Columbia to preserve and protect the unique amenities and environment of the Islands Trust Area (shown on the map at right).

The Islands Trust Council

The Islands Trust includes the Islands Trust Council, which is made up of two trustees elected from each of thirteen parts of the Islands Trust Area, to make decisions about overall policy and budget matters to further the Islands Trust's object.

Local Trust Committees and Island Municipalities

The Islands Trust also includes Bowen Island Municipality and twelve Local Trust Committees, which are independent bodies with all the power and authority of a regional district board for the purposes of land use planning and regulation in their Local Trust Area. Local Trust Committees consist of two Local Trustees and a chairperson appointed by the Islands Trust Executive Committee.

Our Provincial Mandate

"to preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the trust area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia"

