

Elections and By-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. The next General Local Election will take place in November 2011.

In October 2010, a vacancy occurred for one Local Trustee position for the **Saturna Island Local Trust Area**. The Islands Trust is now preparing to hold a by-election to fill this vacant position until the end of the current term.

In December 2010, the Islands Trust Council appointed a Chief Election Officer. He has now set **February 19, 2011** as the date for the by-election to fill the vacant Local Trustee position.

If you would like more information about procedures for nominating candidates, for running as a candidate, or for voting in the upcoming by-election, please visit the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca/byelections.cfm

In addition, formal notices regarding nominations and elections will be placed in the Gulf Islands Driftwood and Island Tides newspapers in December and January/February.

For further information about the upcoming by-election, you may also contact:

- the Islands Trust - Legislative Services Manager, Carmen Thiel, at (250)405-5188 or by email at cthiel@islandstrust.bc.ca; or
- the Chief Election Officer, Thomas Moore, at (250)472-0059 or by email at tmoore63@shaw.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/

For more general information about the Islands Trust, please visit our website: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Preserving *Island* communities, culture and environment



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INFORMATION FOR VOTERS and CANDIDATES
for an upcoming by-election
*in the **Saturna Island***
Local Trust Area

Do you live or own property in the **Saturna Island**
Local Trust Area?

Are you a resident of British Columbia?

Are you a Canadian citizen?

Are you 18 years of age or more?

**An Islands Trust by-election will take place in
February 2011 to fill one vacant Local Trustee
position on Saturna Island.**

Read more to learn about opportunities to vote for your
Islands Trust representative on Saturna Island, 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"

