



**Salt Spring Island  
Referendum**  
Vote November 15

**Nov. 12, 2008**

**A MESSAGE FROM  
THE ISLANDS TRUST  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Following some recent letters and advertisements published in local media, we have received requests for clarification regarding the upcoming referendum about the size of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee.

On November 15, voters on Salt Spring will be asked if they favour increasing the number of locally-elected trustees on the committee from two to four. I would like to confirm the following information:

- A “YES” vote on the referendum question would mean two additional locally-elected trustee positions would be created. All four locally-elected trustees would be equal voting members of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee which makes decisions about local land use issues. All four could be voting members of Trust Council’s three advisory committees and all four could attend and speak at Trust Council meetings. Only two of the four would be able to vote at Trust Council meetings.
- A “NO” vote on the referendum question would mean no change to the current structure. There would continue to be two locally-elected trustees on the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee. As is the case now, both could be voting members of Trust Council’s advisory committees and both would attend, speak and vote at Trust Council meetings.
- The Ministry of Community Development has confirmed that a “YES” vote would not prevent the Salt Spring Island community from considering other governance options in the future.
- The Islands Trust treasurer has estimated that the costs of adding two additional trustee positions amount to approximately \$1.65 per year for the average property owner on Salt Spring Island.

More details about the referendum are available at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ssireferendum.cfm>

Sincerely,



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