

November 14, 2022

To Incoming Trustees:

Though the February 2022 Islands Trust Governance Review strongly recommended giving all trustees a reasonable amount of time before votes are held for the election of Chair, Executive Committee members and other Committee Chairs in order "to get to know one another and hold an informed election" (page 74), the Trust has scheduled this important election for the upcoming Trust Council meeting at 11:15 on Saturday, November 19.

The Trust Council Meeting agenda - <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/trust-council-meeting-agenda-7/> - lists the newly elected or acclaimed trustees who have put their names forward so far for these positions. Other trustees may be added to this list up to the time of the election.

The agenda package also includes background statements/bios from the current candidates regarding their interest and suitability for a committee position, with the exception of one trustee-elect, Ben Maberley (Galiano) who has not provided any information. In order to add to the information about the candidates for whom you will be voting, we thought it might be useful for you to read the responses to the "Friends of the Gulf Islands" questionnaire from those who completed this prior to the Municipal/Trust elections. Of those currently running for executive and board positions, regrettably responses were only received from Deb Morrison (North Pender), Tobi Elliott (Salt Spring - listed as a candidate in the Trust Executive agenda of Nov. 2) and Susan Yates (Gabriola). Ben Maberley (Galiano) submitted only one sentence in response to the 11 question questionnaire, "The answer to all of these is that Ben would work closely with islanders to develop consensus around the best ways to proceed to achieve fairness, reconciliation, and real community."

It has come to our attention that there is an outstanding Notice of Civil Suit (attached) between Mr. Maberley and the Galiano Local Trust Committee regarding a variety of bylaw violations on his Forest Lot. Warren Dingman, Manager of Compliance and Enforcement for the Islands Trust confirmed in a Nov. 2 email that, "The legal action is still proceeding but there has been no trial date set". As you may know, legal suits are not entered into by an LTC unless there has been repeated and flagrant bylaw infractions.

We hope this information will be useful in your consideration of the best candidates for these important executive and board positions.

Sincerely,

for Friends of the Gulf Islands
<https://friendsofthegulfislands.ca>