

Lasqueti is World Class in Many Ways

I have been amazed at how much talent lives on our tiny island. The skills and knowledge here defy our small population but it is in keeping with our off grid lifestyle, which both attracts independent thinkers and requires creativity and collaboration. As a result, Lasquetians are World Class in at least these areas:

- The Arts (visual, textile, carving, pianists, DJing, choreography, festival organizing, the list goes on!);
- Food (so many creative chefs and innovative growers);
- Supporting our Friends and Neighbours;
- Forestry, landscaping and firewood;
- Building, roofing and electrical innovation; and
- Waste reduction, reuse and composting.

With so many brilliant minds, we can solve all our problems, IF we create an infrastructure to help us. **Imagine a Community that meets regularly**—in person and over food—to talk respectfully about what we want to do to improve our lives.

If elected and the other Trustee agrees, we will reduce the number of Local Trust Committee (LTC)

meetings from 6 to the legal minimum of 2. That will allow us to set the agenda for 4 of those meetings, and only allow the Islands Trust staff to control two.

Our OCP Review will be the focus of those two LTC meetings and with proactive Trustees, I believe it can be completed within a year, two at most.

Meanwhile, we can start figuring out what WE want to do to resolve OUR current issues. Using our own skillsets and knowledge-bases, we can tackle our most pressing issues, like:

- * Affordable and Adequate Housing,
- * False Bay Congestion, and
- * Ending Bullying, Once and For All.

It may seem inconvenient to meet as a Community regularly, but that's likely because we've fallen out of the habit. Let's heal our Community sooner than later by coming together over food and looking each other in the eye while we respectfully hear each other's concerns and desires.

Divided We Fall, United We Stand!

Why Vote for Dave Olsen?

My approach as a Trustee will be proactive, not reactive. The Islands Trust has been positioning itself for years to expand into our lives in a much bigger way, and it is long past time to push back.

It's a critical time to vote for someone who not only is willing to take the lead on this, but has the skills and determination to succeed.

To be perfectly honest, if you want to do me a favour, don't vote for me—I like my life just the way it is. But if you did NOT choose to live here to have more government in your life, then you may want to **vote for someone that will protect our Lasqueti way of life in a proactive way.**

Thank you for reading, participating, and voting.

VOTE!
October 15

What is Important to YOU?

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If elected, I will organize regular Community meetings to hear from you directly. Meanwhile, let me know what's important to you. I've received many great, new (to me) ideas from the last mailer...please add to that! Even if it's not an Islands Trust area, it's important and I'll make sure that the next Trustees receive all of your ideas. If elected, I'll ensure that we talk about them as a Community. Below are some ideas...please add anything that's important to you.

Simply cut this portion off and drop it off at our Post Office. Thank you for all that you contribute!



1. Do you want the Islands Trust to have control over what trees we can cut?

Hell NO---|---|---|---| Don't Care |---|---|---|---100%

2. Do you want fewer Local Trust Committee meetings (I propose 2/yr) and more Community meetings (4/yr)?

NO---|---|---|---| Don't Care |---|---|---|---100%

3. Do you want our OCP Review to be completed?

NO---|---|---|---| Don't Care |---|---|---|---100%

4. Do you want to be able to approve every bylaw that is passed by the Local Trust Committee (LTC)?

NO---|---|---|---| Don't Care |---|---|---|---100%

5. Do you want all LTC meetings to be held in person?

NO---|---|---|---| Don't Care |---|---|---|---100%

6. Do you want to meet as a Community before any future lockdowns are agreed to?

NO---|---|---|---| Don't Care |---|---|---|---100%

It is Time to Shrink the Islands Trust!

Of the approximately 160 people that attended the LCA's All Candidates' Meeting, not one person raised their hand when asked if they moved to Lasqueti to have more government in their life.

There will be at least 12 new Trustees out of 28 at Trust Council, which means if 3 (or more) incumbents are not re-elected, more than half of Trust Council will be new. I have already found five Trustee Candidates that also want to shrink the Islands Trust.

The Time is Now!

I have also discovered that Trustees are paid more for every subdivision created and for every person that lives on their island(s). This directly undermines the Island Trust's "Preserve and Protect" mandate!

I have also confirmed that Trustee salaries went up by 9% over the last term.

Remember, 49% of residents in the Islands Trust that

answered an Islands Trust survey this past Spring wanted a DECREASE in local government, but instead the IT increased its budget by over \$200,000.00 or 2.3%!

If elected, I will lead by example and organize Trustees to end the salary incentive to subdivide and increase island populations, as well as reduce our salaries by the 9% they just increased, in order to shrink the next budget. We'll look for other areas to shrink, too, but we already have a starting point!

The rationale behind the 2050 Islands Trust Policy Statement amendment process seems to be that the existing version has not effectively protected the Islands unique ecosystems. However, a review of the bureaucracy is more likely to achieve our goals, since incentivizing Trustees to subdivide is likely just one part of a deeper problem. I hope that you'll empower me to find out even more!

Dave Olsen's Candidacy Endorsed by Former Premier Brian Peckford

The Honourable A. Brian Peckford, the former Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the last living First Minister who helped craft the Constitution Act 1982 and The Charter of Rights and Freedoms that forms a part of it, has endorsed my candidacy for becoming an Islands Trust Trustee:

I understand Dave is running for elected office to serve on the Islands Trust.

Such positions demand integrity and sound judgement.

Having known and interacted with Dave for a number of years now, I can vouch for these qualities and his keen interest in



democratic values of individual rights and freedoms.

His concern and interest in the well being of the island is well known.

I think the citizens of Lasqueti would be well served having Dave represent their interests.

Honourable A. Brian Peckford P.C.
Parksville, BC

In the space below, please add any other island issues that are important to you and simply drop it off at the Post Office. If you include your name and contact information, I will be glad to contact you. If you want to talk to me, please call/text 604.216.6700 or email bike@lasqueti.ca. I look forward to hearing from you!

More importantly, remember to **VOTE on Saturday October 15th at our Community Hall, between 8am & 8pm.**

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