



ISLAND COASTAL ECONOMIC TRUST ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION OF GERRY GILES AS CHAIR OF CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND – REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Courtenay, B.C. – The Island Coastal Economic Trust is pleased to announce the re-election of Gerry Giles as Chair of the Central South Island Regional Advisory Committee (CSIRAC).

At the last meeting of the CSIRAC, held on February 17, 2012, Gerry Giles was re-elected Chair, a role she has held since 2009. Gerry is currently an area director for Electoral Area “C” in the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

The CSIRAC plays an advisory role and undertakes the primary project review and screening of all project proposals submitted to the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET). The CSIRAC complements the work of the North Island Sunshine Coast Regional Advisory Committee (NISCRAC).

The role of these two advisory committees is to determine project eligibility under ICET’s Strategic Plan and Application Guidelines. These advisory committees also address local support and references for projects and ensure that ICET stakeholders become familiar with submitted funding applications. In short, the committees make recommendations to the ICET Board of Directors which ultimately votes on each funding application.

The CSIRAC, established under the North Island Coast Development Initiative Trust Act, is comprised of all mayors, regional district representatives and MLAs within the Central South Island Region. The Central South Island includes all municipalities in the regional districts of Cowichan Valley and Nanaimo.

“I am pleased that Ms. Giles will continue in her role as Chair of the Central South Island Regional Advisory Committee” stated Phil Kent, Mayor of Duncan, CSIRAC member and Chair of the Island Coastal Economic Trust. “Since first being elected Chair in 2009, Ms. Giles has shown strong leadership and her re-election will lend continuity and strength to the Committee.”

About Island Coastal Economic Trust

The Island Coastal Economic Trust was established in February 2006 under an Act of the Province of British Columbia. It provided a \$50-million endowment that is managed by an independent Board of Directors comprised of thirteen members – eight Mayors and five provincial appointees from the prescribed area.

The Board’s mandate is to make strategic investments in economic development priorities including forestry, transportation, tourism, mining, energy, economic development, agriculture and aquaculture, and

small business. The ICET region encompasses all Regional Districts and municipalities on Vancouver Island north of the Malahat as well as the Powell River and Sunshine Coast Regional Districts.

ICET has approved approximately \$46 million for over 80 projects on the Island and Sunshine Coast since implementing its grant program in 2007. The total compounded impact of these investments is estimated at \$245 million.

A complete list of members of the Central South Island Regional Advisory Committee and the North Island - Sunshine Coast Advisory Committee and the members of the Board of Directors is attached.

A full overview of ICET can be found at www.islandcoastaltrust.ca

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Island Coastal Economic Trust Board of Directors

Mayor Phil Kent, Duncan - *Board Chair*
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Arlette Raaen – Provincial Appointee
Mayor John Ruttan, Nanaimo
Joe Stanhope, Chair, Nanaimo Regional District

Central South Island Regional Advisory Committee

Gerry Giles, Director, Cowichan Valley Regional District – *CSIRAC Chair*
Joe Stanhope, Chair, Nanaimo Regional District – *CSIRAC Vice-Chair*
Mayor Chris Burger, Parksville
Ron Cantelon, MLA, Parksville - Qualicum
Mayor Jack deJong, Lantzville
Mayor Ross Forrest, Lake Cowichan
George Holme, Director, Regional District of Nanaimo
Mayor Rob Hutchins, Ladysmith and Chair, Cowichan Valley Regional District
Mayor Phil Kent, Duncan
Leonard Krog, MLA, Nanaimo
Mayor Jon Lefebure, North Cowichan
Bill Routley, MLA, Cowichan Valley
Doug Routley, MLA, Nanaimo-North Cowichan
Mayor John Ruttan, Nanaimo

North Island-Sunshine Coast Regional Advisory Committee

Mayor Teunis Westbroek, Qualicum Beach – *NISCRAC Chair*
Mayor Paul Ives, Comox – *NISCRAC Vice-Chair*
Mayor Jan Allen, Port Alice
Mayor Craig Anderson, Gold River and Chair, Strathcona Regional District
Mayor Leslie Baird, Cumberland
Mayor Michael Berry, Alert Bay
Mayor John Douglas, Port Alberni
Gary Feschuk, Chief Councillor, Sechelt Indian Government District
Mayor David Formosa, Powell River
Scott Fraser, MLA, Alberni-Qualicum
Mayor Gerry Furney, Port McNeill
Edwin Grieve, Chair, Comox Valley Regional District
Mayor John Henderson, District of Sechelt
Al Huddleston, Chair, Mt. Waddington Regional District
Mayor Bill Irving - Ucluelet
Mayor Walter Jakeway, Campbell River
Mayor Larry Jangula, Courtenay
Mayor Edward Lewis, Zeballos
Mayor John MacDonald, Sayward
Honourable Don McRae, MLA, Comox Valley
Garry Nohr, Chair, Sunshine Coast Regional District
Colin Palmer, Chair, Powell River Regional District
Mayor Bev Parnham, Port Hardy
Mayor Wayne Rowe, Gibsons
Mayor Perry Schmunk, Tofino
Mayor Jude Schooner, Tahsis
Nicholas Simons, MLA, Powell River-Sunshine Coast
Claire Trevena, MLA, North Island
Glenn Wong, Chair, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District