



**ISLAND COASTAL ECONOMIC TRUST ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO NORTH ISLAND - SUNSHINE COAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**Duncan, B.C.** – The Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) has elected Phil Kent, Mayor of Duncan as its new Chair, Camela Tang as the Board's Vice-Chair, Bev Parnham, Mayor of Port Hardy as Secretary and Dallas Smith as Director at large of its Executive Committee. ICET also announced the outcome of the election of three new members to its Board of Directors and the new Chair and Vice Chair to the North Island - Sunshine Coast Advisory Committee (NISCRAC).

The recent municipal elections created three vacancies on the Board of Directors, to be elected from the North Island Regional Advisory Committee in addition to vacancies on the Board of Directors Executive Committee.

On January 13, the Trust's statutory stakeholders – Mayors, Chairs of Regional Districts and MLAs within the Trust's NISCRAC mandate area – came together in Courtenay and elected Mayor Bev Parnham of Port Hardy, Mayor Edward Lewis of Zeballos and Mayor John Henderson of Sechelt to the Board of Directors. These stakeholders also elected Mayor Teunis Westbroek of Qualicum Beach to serve as the NISCRAC Chair and Mayor Paul Ives of Comox to serve as Vice-Chair.

“The Trust is pleased to welcome these new representatives to the Board and the Executive. The newly elected members to the Board of Directors represent some of the smaller communities in our constituency and will no doubt bring new ideas and a new outlook to our Board,” stated Phil Kent, new Chair of the Trust. “This new energy will help guide our Board forward, in the coming years, as we continue our work to foster new economic growth in our region,” added Kent.

Mayor Kent also acknowledged the hard work and contributions of former members of the ICET Board including Barry Janyk of Gibsons (former Board Chair), Charlie Cornfield of Campbell River, Ken McRae of Port Alberni, and former NISCRAC chair, Greg Phelps of Courtenay.

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

*ICET election process*

The 13 person Board of Directors, plus the two Chairs of the Regional Advisory Committees sitting ex-officio, meet monthly to consider and make decisions regarding projects submitted for funding support.

Under the Trust's enabling legislation, eight (8) Board members must be elected by the two Regional Advisory Committees every two years or when vacancies occur. Four members are elected from each of the North Island-Sunshine Coast Regional Advisory Committee and Central South-Island Regional Advisory Committee. The current term for all elected Board members will end in July 2012.

The five provincially appointed Board members have a three year term ending in August 2012.

The Regional Advisory Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs are elected annually or when vacancies occur. The election of the new CSIRAC Chair and Vice-Chair will occur on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

A complete list of members of 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](http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca)

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## **Island Coastal Economic Trust Board of Directors**

Mayor Phil Kent, Duncan - *Board Chair*  
Camela Tang – Provincial Appointee - *Board Vice-Chair*  
Mayor Gerry Furney, Port McNeill – *Board Treasurer*  
Mayor Bev Parnham, Port Hardy – *Board Secretary*  
Dallas Smith - Provincial Appointee – *Member at Large*  
Bob Bennie - Provincial Appointee  
Mayor John Henderson, Sechelt  
Mayor Rob Hutchins, Ladysmith  
Mayor Edward Lewis, Zeballos  
Dave Mannix - Provincial Appointee  
Arlette Raaen – Provincial Appointee  
Mayor John Ruttan, Nanaimo  
Joe Stanhope, Chair, Nanaimo Regional District

## **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

## **Central South Island Regional Advisory Committee**

Joe Stanhope, Chair, Nanaimo Regional District – *Current 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