

ISLANDS TRUST CANDIDATE: PACHIEL SMITH

The following words and photo were submitted to *Our Isle & Times* by the Candidate

[Ed: Pachiel's response does not appear in accordance with his wishes.]

On Wed, Sep 23, 2026, 3:29 p.m. isleandtimes@lasqueti.ca wrote:

Hi again Pachiel!

I haven't heard back from you about this and time is running out...this Friday is the hard, completely unbendable deadline for all of us and I don't want you to miss out! Please let me know if you can send your message in by Friday...

Dave Olsen

Editor and Publisher of *Our Isle & Times*

On Sun, Sep 20, 2026 12:20 p.m., Dave Olsen wrote:

>Hi Pachiel,

>I didn't see a response to this email below and want to make sure you know about it so you can contribute your platform in time...can you let me know if you get it? I've been trying to track you down in person but my mom is in palliative care in Nanaimo so time is shorter than it has been...

On Mon. Sep 14, 2026 3:39 p.m., Dave Olsen wrote:

>First congratulations and my gratitude for stepping up for our community.

>As you likely know, I'm also running for Islands Trust Trustee, and the monthly newspaper I publish and edit has focused on Islands Trust issues for over 5 years already.

>October's issue will focus on the upcoming election, and that's why I'm writing to you.

>I want to be as transparent as I possibly can with the next issue, so this may be longer than you'd like.

>The next issue will dedicate 6 full pages to us candidates: pages 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13; the paper has 18 pages in total. The cover will highlight the fact that each candidate has a page to highlight their campaign, as well as remind everyone when and how to vote.

>Again, each candidate gets a full page. The format can be flexible, but given the limitations of a printed newspaper, you can decide between:

- 1 1 full colour photo (2" x 3"/5cm x 7.5cm) with a hard limit of 630 words or
- 2 no photo and 710 words.

>You are also welcome to pick your page number; if more than one of you pick the same page #, the first one to submit gets priority. I'll try my best to keep us updated about what's available. I'll also wait and choose the last page that is not selected by anyone else.

>If no one picks a page number, then I'll print them in order of how they will appear on the ballot.

>After you submit your content, I'll lay it out without any editing and send it back for you to proof. You'll be able to see how it will look on the page and submit any changes.

>The next edition will arrive in everyone's mailbox on Monday, September 28th. The last day to submit changes is Friday, September 25th. I strongly recommend setting Monday, September 20th as the day to get your content in, so that you will have lots of time to see how it looks and make any changes. The hard deadline for changes is midnight on Friday, September 25th. You'll still get another proof after Friday's deadline, but you won't be able to make any more changes.

>If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let me know.

>Best of luck with the whole election process and I look forward to talking politics with you at the All Candidates Meeting (Oct 5) and at the Pub on Thursday, October 1st (Lynn Sprague is organizing that event).

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