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2025 Annual General Meeting

29 November 2025

Housekeeping

- Voting:
  - We are a mix of Conservancy members and non-members
  - **Please vote only if you are a member of the Conservancy**

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Today's agenda

- Announcements and introductory remarks
- Formal business meeting
- Break
- Dr. Wendy Palen: *Caring for Nature: maps and models for better decision-making*
- Closing remarks

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Announcements

- It's the time of year for charitable donations: **please think of the Conservancy**
- Please remember the Conservancy in your legacy planning
  - Our Vancouver Foundation endowment funds protect our capital and provide income for our operations
- 2026 memberships are due
  - All memberships are renewable annually
  - $15 individual, $25 family
  - E-transfer to "banking@bowenislandconservancy.org"
  - Mail cheque to P.O. Box 301, V0N 1G0

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How do we get things done?

- Board of Directors
- Committees and Advisory Groups
  - Governance
  - Communications
  - Finance and Fund-raising
  - Land Acquisition
  - Land Management
  - Implementation
  - Municipal Liaison
  - Technical Advisory Group

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Thanks to our volunteers!

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Committees/Advisors

- **Technical Advisory Group**
  - Bonny Brokenshire (Chair)
  - Bob Turner
  - Mark Edmonds (WCNR Operations Lead)
  - Sue Ellen Fast
  - Will Husby
  - Jeff Matheson
- **Implementation Committee**
  - Nerys Poole (chair)
  - Holly Cleator
  - Jeremy Howe
  - Louise Loik
  - Katherine Wolters
  - Plus many who report on things of interest on our land
- **Bookkeeping**
  - Karen Pineau
- **Communications Committee**
  - John Dowler
  - Sheree Johnson
- **Land Management Committee**
  - Allie Drake (Chair)
  - Ellen Coburn
  - Mark Edmonds
  - Louise Loik
  - Maureen Witney
- **Caring for Nature**
  - Bob Turner (lead)
  - Bonny Brokenshire
  - John Dowler
  - Sue Ellen Fast
  - Judi Gedye
  - Len Gilday
  - Edward Wachtman
  - Alan Whitehead
  - Paula Hay
  - Will Husby
  - Sheree Johnson
  - Louise Loik
  - Jeff Matheson
  - Pam Matthews
  - Erica Olson
  - Wendy Palen
  - Tom Sisk

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Our volunteers: Wild Coast Nature Refuge

- Brenda Addison-Jones
- Lori d'Agincourt-Canning
- John Bakes
- Stephanie Bolton
- Jackie Bradley
- Kaveen Chainani
- Uma Chainani
- Gillian Corless
- Ian Dunn
- Michael Eden
- Phil Gregory
- Jeremy Howe
- Nicholas Johnstone
- Deborah Kirby
- David Koeplin
- Annie McDonagh
- Brenda McLuhan
- David McCullum
- Emily Erickson McCullum
- Pasha and Serguei Mourachov
- Erin Olson
- Caroline Parker
- Dr. Lynne Peters
- Cathy Robertson
- Peter Robinson
- Wendy Seale-Bakes
- Reiden van Kervel
- Sierra Wolfe

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Retiring Directors: Thank you!

- Allie Drake; joined the Board in 2013
- Nerys Poole; 2011
- Peter Williamson: 2017

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2025 AGM Formal Business

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of 2024 AGM minutes
- Report to the members
- Financial report
- Directors
- Other Business

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Report to the members

- Conservancy Protected Lands
- Wild Coast Nature Refuge
- Lot consolidation
- Caring for Nature initiative
- OCP submission

- Events
  - Feb: Environmental Literacy WCNR Walkabout
  - May: BICS class WCNR walkabout

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Conservancy Protected Land

- 160 acres of land at Cape Roger Curtis
- Adjacent to Wild Coast Nature Refuge
- Signs installed (thanks to the Implementation Committee)
- Comprehensive assessment prepared by Claudia Schaefer
  - Includes a draft Management Plan
- January-March 2026: finalize the Management Plan
  - Identify short/medium/long term actions
- Work on a more permanent name for the area
- How to balance conservation with public access?

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Some of our challenges

- Understanding what we have
- Protection of delicate/ sensitive features and areas (not just the coastal bluffs)
- Camping and fires
- Increased visitation and public access
- Graffiti
- Unauthorized tree cutting and theft of logs
- Property taxes
- Rezoning
- Driveways
- Dumping of garbage
- Toilet facilities
- Roaming dogs
- Roads
- Trails
- Signage

Help us by reporting items of interest to "**crc-reports@bowenislandconservancy.org**"

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Wild Coast Nature Refuge

- Vehicle intrusion last February
  - Offending party donated $1,000 in compensation
- Invasive species removal
- Ongoing monitoring
- Addition of lot 23 (east of the original area)

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Wild Coast Nature Refuge

- Bike rack installed
  - Thanks to Mayor and Council for the grant!

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Consolidation of our lots

- The CPL and WCNR, and our EcoGift lands, were divided into 21 lots
  - CPL: 15
  - WCNR: 4
  - EL: 2
- We have consolidated them into single lots
  - 1 lot at the Cape
  - 1 EcoGift lot
- We had the covenants on the Cape Lands updated correspondingly (thanks to Metro and BIM)

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Caring for Nature initiative

- A large, multi-year collection of projects
- 2025 Photo Contest
- Input to OCP submission

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OCP submission

- Available on our website
- Comments fall into two categories:
  1. Conservation as a key consideration in planning and development on the island (Municipal planning and decision-making should have high regard for conservation)
  2. Cooperation and assistance from the municipality regarding BIC lands (holding covenants, tax exemptions, management assistance through enacting and enforcing bylaws, on the ground assistance)

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Financial statements

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Directors

- DG Blair
- Joyce Ganong (Secretary)
- Jennifer Hall
- Paula Hay (Treasurer)
- Louise Loik
- Cooper Maguire
- Brenda McLuhan
- Owen Plowman (President)
- John Rich
- Bob Turner

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Other business

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Voting on resolution

Pursuant to S 25 (2) of the Conservancy bylaws, the number of directors is set at 15

Why?

- Current maximum is 10
- Raising to 15 will provide the Board with flexibility to appoint, as and when appropriate, new Directors who possess specific skills in areas that are of value to the Conservancy's mission

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Break

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Dr. Wendy Palen

Caring for Nature: data, maps, and models developed to support how we consider biodiversity in making decisions about the future of Bowen Island

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