

# GILLES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Serving our community since 1965*

## What is the GBID/Gillies Bay Improvement District?

The GBID is an improvement district; a local authority responsible for providing drinking water, street lighting and fire protection services for the benefit of the residents in our community.

There are over 200 improvement districts in BC. They vary considerably in size, from small subdivisions to larger communities, and are usually located in rural areas of British Columbia.

“Improvement districts are empowered to provide local services such as water, fire protection, street lighting, dyking, drainage, garbage collection and parks, rather than general governance or land use planning that municipalities and regional districts provide to residents. Typically an improvement district provides one or two services. These services are generally financed by taxation or user fees.

Every improvement district is governed by a board of elected trustees (elected by area property owners) one of whom acts as the board chair. The powers exercised by the trustees (to enact and enforce its regulations and charges, to assess and collect taxes, to acquire, hold and dispose of lands, to borrow money and to expropriate lands) flow from the improvement district's bylaws, the *Local Government Act* and other applicable provincial statutes.

Most improvement districts are located within the boundary of a regional district, yet the improvement district and regional district are independent of each other.”

## Are you interested in becoming a Trustee?

We're looking for people who want to make a positive impact in our community!

Are you someone who values creativity and diversity, and works well in a constructive team dynamic?

The Board of Trustees provides leadership, governance and strategic guidance for the improvement district.

If you're willing to contribute your time and skills to the stewardship of critical community services like water provision and fire protection, contact us for details!

### NOMINATIONS

Please contact [admin@gillies-bay.ca](mailto:admin@gillies-bay.ca) or call 604-223-7757 to put your name forward, or to nominate someone who you believe would be an asset to our team.

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