

Gary Holman

Your MLA,
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represent
Saanich North
and the Islands

New Democrat
Official
Opposition
Critic for
Democratic
Reform, and
Deputy Critic
for Environment
and BC Ferries



YOUR MLA, PROUDLY SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Neighbour,
It is my honour to serve the citizens of Saanich North and the Islands as your representative at the B.C. Legislature. My storefront Community Office is now open in downtown Sidney and is here to help on a strictly non-partisan basis. My constituency assistants and I are working hard on local issues and helping citizens to access provincial government programs and services.

As your MLA, I am committed to being available and accessible, to advocate for the rights of my constituents, and to bring local issues to the attention of government.

Over the last few months, I've heard the frustration from Island residents and businesses about bonuses being awarded to BC Ferries executives — despite huge increases in ferry fares and the threat of service reductions. I am working with Transportation Critic

Claire Trevena to continue advocating for ferry-dependent coastal communities, and for building new ferries right here in B.C.

I've been working with the members of the Southern Gulf Islands Recycling Coalition and the Capital Regional District to ensure that the new

funding mechanism for recycling does not jeopardize the viability of rural depots. I am also working to oppose increased oil tanker traffic on our precious west coast.

As Opposition Critic for Democratic Reform, I am pressing for more accountable government and fairer elections. To that end, I support banning corporate and union political donations, adequately supporting independent watchdogs such as the Auditor General, and restoring

BC Utilities Commission authority over power development.

Just prior to the publication of this householder, a confidential provincial cabinet document was leaked, outlining the effective elimination of the Agricultural Land Reserve in many parts of B.C. Along with the Premier's post-election flip-flop on the Enbridge pipeline, this shocking betrayal of ALR policy that has enjoyed overwhelming public support for 40 years demonstrates the need for a strong opposition representing the public interest.

I've had a busy six months with a summer legislative session, establishing a new Community Office and hiring staff, touring B.C. with the bi-partisan Finance Committee, meetings with local governments and First Nations, and hosting public meetings throughout the constituency. I have also been attending workshops on issues such as affordable housing, public transit, Salt Spring's governance study, and marine shoreline protection.

As we head into the festive season, we must remember those in need. As social democrats, my colleagues and I are standing up for a comprehensive poverty reduction action plan. But please remember to donate, if you are able, to our local food banks and charities who do so much to help those less fortunate. My Community Office will be collecting non-perishable food donations from the public for the Sidney Lions Food Bank.

All the best to you and your loved ones this holiday season.



Gary Holman
MLA, Saanich North and the Islands



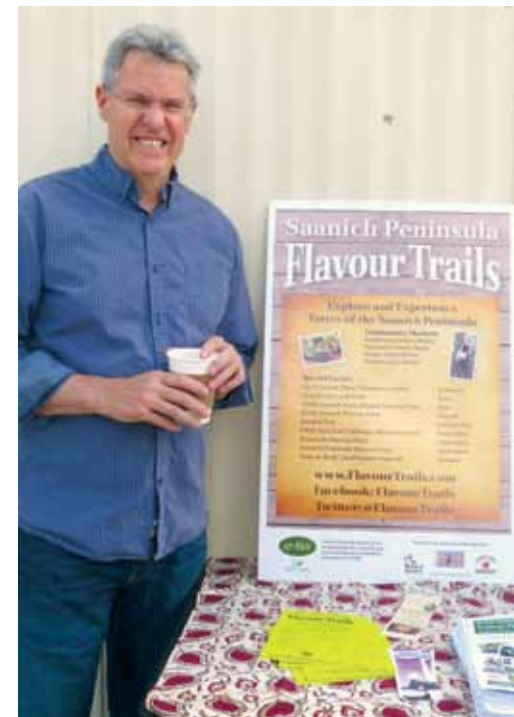
Gary and Constituency Assistants
Debra Hartung and Leah Squance

Gary with Salt Spring Ferry Advisory
Committee Chair Harold Swierenga
on CBC Radio



Advocating for reopening of the Centre
of the Universe Observatory with
Saanich South MLA Lana Popham

Sampling some delicious local fare at the
Saanich Peninsula Flavour Trails event



YOUR MLA, SERVING OUR COMMUNITY AT THE LEGISLATURE



YOUR VIEW

How concerned are you about the following issues:

	LEAST CONCERNED			MOST CONCERNED	
	1	2	3	4	5
BC Ferries services and costs					
Protection of Agricultural Land Reserve					
Access to health care					
Cost and availability of housing					
Transportation infrastructure including public transit					
Coastal conservation and environmental protection					
Democratic reform (more responsive and accountable government)					

Other specific areas of concern:

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General comments:

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Your contact information (*optional, but needed if you wish a response*):

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Here's how to reach me and respond to the survey:

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