

Meet the Gwaii Trust's chief operating officer

Our new chief operating officer, Carla Lutner, started working at the Gwaii Trust on December 1.

Carla is looking forward to getting out in the community and hearing from islanders about how the Gwaii Trust can best contribute to making Haida Gwaii a good place to live. Many of you might have already met her: Carla has worked for Northern Savings Credit Union for the past 15 years, and has lived on Haida Gwaii since 1999. She has served a term as the school trustee for South Graham Island and represents Queen Charlotte on the Haida Gwaii Community Futures board.



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Photos & story by Alex Rinfret.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each community on Haida Gwaii receives \$10,000 at this time of year for Christmas celebrations. Some communities use their grant to buy turkeys for every household, while others host holiday gatherings or dinners. The Christmas grant is one of our longest-running programs.

Carla lives in Miller Creek with her husband Rick McDiarmid and their two sons. The whole family enjoys living off the land as much as possible and are often out hunting, fishing and crabbing.

Although she wasn't looking for a new job, Carla said the ad for a chief operating officer caught her eye because she has always had a positive impression of the Gwaii Trust. "Once I looked at the position, I thought it would be a good fit with what I had been doing," she said. "I've always been interested in community improvement - and there's so much opportunity with the Gwaii Trust to make a difference."

Carla will be working out of both our offices, in Old Massett and Skidegate. She will be managing the day-to-day operations of the Gwaii Trust, including staff management, member relations,

community engagement and overseeing the wide variety of projects the Trust administers.

Our executive director Errol Winter will continue on in his role of investment management oversight, but will now also be able to devote a portion of his time towards developing the many board-driven initiatives currently underway.



Wishing a Wonderful Christmas and Joyous New Year to all!

From the Gwaii Trust board of directors and staff.