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Trustee Haines Resigns, Initiates By-Election for School District 46 – Sunshine Coast

SUNSHINE COAST, BRITISH COLUMBIA – Trustee Samantha Haines has formally resigned from her position as trustee within School District 46 – Sunshine Coast. Trustee Haines moved across the country earlier this year and has been participating in school board duties remotely since then. Her departure will trigger a by-election process, paving the way for the arrival of a new trustee in the upcoming months. Within 30 days, the Board will appoint a Chief Elections Officer to lead the by-election process.

An election date will be scheduled for later in the Fall to fill the now-vacant seat representing Trustee Electoral Area 1 (TEA 1). TEA 1 is comprised of Electoral Areas A and B of the Sunshine Coast Regional District and shishalh Nation Government District lands 6, 6A, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 19A, 20, 20A, 21, 21A, 22, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

Quotes:

Board Chair Amaral expressed gratitude, stating, "Trustee Haines has contributed greatly to the work of the Board during her tenure. We thank Trustee Haines for her service to our community and wish her well as she settles into life on the East Coast."

Trustee Haines also shared her sentiments, saying, "I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve the Sunshine Coast community. Being part of this team has inspired me to become the best version of myself through self-reflection, and relationship building. I have learned about the kind of leader that I will always strive to become. I wish the staff, students and community a successful future. The Sunshine Coast will always be my home."

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