

DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATES

PETER HAWKES



Peter has been a part of the Salish Sea Community for 20 years including frequenting the San Juan Islands in his youth. He has designed and built a home on Crane Island where he enjoys time with his family and community. Peter currently is in his 2nd term on Crane Island Association's Board of Directors. You will often find him on the water paddle boarding through Wasp Passage or trolling a line for salmon anywhere in the islands, just as his mother and grandfather did when his family lived on Orcas during WWII.

Peter currently consults with various companies helping businesses develop strategic and operational planning leveraging his 25-year tenure in mobile/wireless telecommunications, most recently at AT&T. He has led many wireless network acquisitions and partnerships, delivered new network products & services solutions for the customer and is regarded as an excellent builder of teams, organizations and communities.

Peter's wireless background well suits OPALCO's Rock Island internet services and OPALCO's future.

"I wish to share my technology experience in strategy, planning and engineering with the OPALCO community to further realize the future of OPALCO and see the community benefit further from the offerings technology has to offer. To help keep cost low, I'll work to build efficiencies and encourage transitions of energy use to balance the best use of our valuable assets focusing on renewables. I want to incorporate infrastructure modernization, as well as solar capabilities, to support safety of OPALCO's work force and maintain reliable-delivery to the island's critical care facilities and services."

I encourage carbon-reduction initiatives where the community can explore ways to reduce our overall footprint. I'd like to see an increase in the implementation of wireless technologies available for lowering consumer cost to preserve and add value to the current fiber-optic and wired networks.