

A MESSAGE FROM

# HORNBY ISLAND WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY



Hi Everyone!

We've missed seeing everyone this summer and hope you are all well. We've really missed our Wednesday socials ... meeting old and new friends and hearing about what's new in your neighbourhood on Hornby. Several of you contacted us to try to get together when gathering limits were larger in early summer, but as Covid got worse, it was soon clear that this was not going to happen.

We are hopeful that it will be a better situation in 2021 and look forward to having our Wednesday gatherings again.

So stay well and we hope you are enjoying the holiday season. All the best for a happy and healthy New Year!

From the Women's Wednesday Team

## THE FOLLOWING IS AN UPDATE FROM THE HORNBY ISLAND COMMUNITY FUND SOCIETY



**Hornby Island  
Community Fund**

## THE GRANTING PROCESS IN A PANDEMIC YEAR

With the Book Sale being a casualty of COVID, the Hornby Community Fund earnings, available for this year's grants was considerably reduced to \$12,066. With an "ask" of \$74,715, the need to grow our capital fund becomes glaring. We simply need to be earning more in order to meet our community's needs.

**We ask that you consider making a donation, in your own name or as a Seasonal Gift in someone else's name.**

There are a multitude of ways to donate, all of them easy:  
<https://cvcfoundation.org/giving/make-a-donation/>

**Please just be sure to earmark your donation for the "Hornby Island Community Fund".**

Having said that, we were delighted when the Comox Valley Foundation used some of their money towards the Hornby applications this year. We very much appreciate their care and commitment to the whole region.

So, without further adieu, the Hornby organizations that are the successful recipients of this year's grants:

- HIES for physical upgrades to the Room to Grow
- HI Athletic Association for the laundromat/shower Wash House improvements
- HI Housing Society for a kitchen renovation
- HI Natural History Centre for strategic planning for their new exhibition area
- HI Daycare Society for a portable U.V. air purifier

**For a total distribution of \$23,366.**

It is with sadness that we could not meet all the needs, and know that the organizations that did not receive the funding they had identified as needed in their applications, will be disappointed. As we work together to increase the size of the Fund, there will be more money for supporting these organizations in the future.

# SOME OF THE PROJECTS FROM LAST YEAR



## NEW PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE FOR THE PRESCHOOL

The sandbox is the “heart” of our playground and is used daily by the children, rain or shine. The children can play happily under the roof, while the rain falls all around them, creating castles, digging for treasures, or sitting comfortably and listening quietly to favorite tales and stories.

The original structure over the sandbox had deteriorated and needed renewal. Since the onset of Covid, it has become an essential facility for daily programming and minimizing transmission.

## FOOD GROWS WHERE WATER FLOWS

In the last five years, The Fund has donated \$8500. to the H.I. Farmland Trust Society (HIFTS) in response to their applications for development at the Donny Farris Community Garden. Projects have included fencing, irrigation, storage shed and water storage. These funds for “materials” have been leveraged into meaningful projects through labour from a large contingent of volunteers. “The Gardeners” are developing space to provide food for their own families; for the Community Kitchen/Food Bank; and for making available high quality, organic food products to the public.

Thirty-five local gardeners currently have plots at the Farris Community Garden, and due to a waiting list, expansion is planned. In addition to the allotment plots there is also a fruit tree orchard site.

Another project of the Farmland Trust is the Gleaning Program, offering volunteer pickers to Island home owners who have surplus fruit on their trees. This fruit is also used to feed local families, donated to local meal delivery programs, and provide ingredients for sale of value-added food products (such as juices and jams).

Community Fund support for the HIFTS will help ensure food security on the Island for years to come.



# THE RESTORATION OF BEULAH CREEK FOR FISH HABITAT

## BEULAH CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

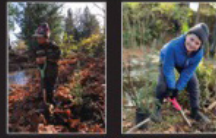
### Restoring Salmon Habitat

#### Beulah Creek

Beulah Creek is one of two salmon-bearing streams on Hornby Island. The headwaters originate near the Hornby Island Community School and the creek flows southeasterly into Little Tribune Bay 2.5 km downstream. During low rainfall summers, the habitat for cutthroat trout, threespine stickleback and juvenile coho becomes limited to isolated pools in the creek. The watershed supports other unique aquatic species, including Churn salmon and the provincially listed Red Legged Frog.

#### Habitat Restoration

In 2018, Conservancy Hornby Island (CHI) and partner organizations set out to restore the creek habitat by improving fish passage, enhancing the existing salmon spawning and rearing habitat in the creek, and taking measures to provide more resiliency against periods of drought and high flow events. The creek channel was enhanced by building a series of rock riffles, spawning beds, pools, and large woody debris structures. A partial barrier to fish migration was also replaced with a clear span bridge. The rifflepool habitat offers refuge and increases survival of juvenile salmonids during the high flows of fall and winter. After completion CHI and Hornby Island Community School volunteers planted native trees to restore the riparian zone.



Volunteers helping with riparian planting.

#### Project Support

Funding and in-kind support for this project were provided by the Conservancy Hornby Island, Fisheries and Oceans, Pacific Salmon Foundation, the Wardle Family, Comox Valley Community Foundation, Fanny Bay Enhancement Society, Hornby Island Community School, Current Environmental Ltd., Hybrid Projects, Redpine Consulting, Middle Mountains Mine and Hornby Island Community Fund Society.



Volunteers helping with planting. Thanks for your support!



Historically, Beulah Creek was salmon-bearing but with the creation of roads and culvert systems, the creek had not been fish bearing for some time. In 2019, the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure reconstructed the crossing of Beulah Creek on Central Road. This resulted in the replacement of the 4' culvert with a 5' drop to 3 new culverts at stream-bed level, resolving the upstream spawning potential. The creek restoration, downstream from this earlier work, was sponsored by H.I. Conservancy, and included removal of a restrictive downstream culvert with a bridge, streambed and vegetation renewal, and creation of riffle pools to facilitate fish spawning. This second phase was completed in the Fall 2020.

## INTERESTED IN GIFTING?

For those considering making a charitable gift, it's useful to know that the ways to donate are virtually limitless.

The following are the most common types of gifts:

- Cash can include cheques, money orders, and online credit card payments, one-time or pre-authorized repeat contributions. These gifts qualify for maximum charitable benefit under federal law.
- Publicly Traded Securities — Donating appreciated securities to the Fund allows you to eliminate capital gains tax and receive an immediate tax receipt for the market value of the securities.
- A Gift in Your Will, a.k.a. a charitable bequest, may specify a certain sum of money, a particular asset, or a portion of an estate. Donors of bequests can receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate taxes.
- RRSP / RRIF, all or a portion, during your lifetime with no tax consequences, or the Fund may also be made a beneficiary upon an individual's death.

## THINKING OF YOU

We have missed visiting with many of our generous contributors this year, and look forward to seeing you all in 2021. Our sincere thanks to those that have reached, across the miles, and made a donation to the Fund, to support their "heart home".

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a New Year of peace and happiness.

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