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## HICEEC REPORT

### **Grant-writing workshop**

If your non-profit group relies on grants for some of its funding, HICEEC would like to support your efforts. In collaboration with SPARC and the provincial Learning Initiatives for Rural & Northern B.C. program, a grant-writing workshop will be held on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

In this full-day workshop, Sarah Huebert, (Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia) will share strategies and methods for writing successful grant applications and discuss grant and fundraising opportunities for small organizations in rural communities. Workshop participants will gain a better understanding of available grant opportunities, effective grant-writing skills, and an increased awareness of fundraising strategies.

There is limited space, so pre-enrollment is required: [karen@hiceec.com](mailto:karen@hiceec.com)

### **Toward better internet service**

Together with the Denman Island Internet Committee, HICEEC has been investigating how to bring improved internet service to the Islands via fibreoptic cable. We have applied to the Island Coastal Economic Trust and the provincial Connecting B.C. program to fund a public consultation process to produce a community Digital Roadmap and Implementation Plan. We are awaiting the outcomes of these outreaches.

### **The wheels on the bus include the steering wheel**

Our funky blue Bus will once again run this summer. Many thanks to the Steering Committee for their hard work on route and schedule refinement, vehicle noise reduction, staffing, and safety improvement. One of the biggest challenges in past years has been driver recruitment, so this spring we will be bringing a professional driving instructor to the island to conduct a free Class 4 Driver's License course. This training will be of interest to anyone who wants a new vocational skill, with priority given to those who will be available to drive the community bus this summer. Applications to participate should be made to [james@hiceec.org](mailto:james@hiceec.org).

### **Sustainability Forum**

HICEEC is pleased to be participating in the Sustainability Forum that will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Cath Gray and John Heinegg, from the HICEEC Board, will be members of the forum. We encourage the public to come and participate. "Together, everyone achieves more."

### **Expert advice on septic system maintenance**

A Septic Maintenance Workshop—sponsored by HICEEC and featuring wastewater experts from the CVRD—will be presented on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, from 2 to 4 PM, at the Community Hall. The CVRD presenters will have handouts, septic maintenance log forms, and D.I.Y. site grids for the first 100 participants. Bring your questions about keeping your system in top form. Concerned about your neighbour's septic? Invite them to come and get educated!

### **Want to help shape Hornby's economic future?**

If you are interested in economic enhancement and have some business expertise, consider applying for one of the positions available on the HICEEC Board of Directors. The Board nomination package, along with the HICEEC Annual Plan, is online at [www.hiceec.org/about.html](http://www.hiceec.org/about.html).

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