



April 2021 First Edition

Hornby/Denman Visitor Guide

This year's guide is now in the production stages! Contributors who have secured their spot in the guide will reap the added bonus of seeing their ads on new signs going up at entry points to the island.

For British Columbians who have the good fortune to be able to travel to Hornby and Denman, (and us locals, too) the guide will provide advertisements of services, the summer ferry schedule, the detailed reference maps, and travel advisories to keep our communities safe and thriving.

HICEEC's New Office

HICEEC has officially moved into the former Gift Shop at The Thatch. Stop by on Tuesdays between 10AM-2PM (with your mask on) to say hi and check out the new space! We have kept our current mailbox, so continue to send any HICEEC mail to 2115B Sollans Road, Hornby Island, BC V0R1Z0.

The HICEEC staff would like to thank the board members who helped lug our office contents from our previous location. And special thanks to Jack Hornstein, who stepped in at the last moment to provide us with a new home.

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The New Website, Finally

The HICEEC team and Jake Berman have worked tirelessly to re-launch the new and improved www.hornbyisland.com. We are pleased to announce that the updated website is due to go live at the end of the month. Check it out!

A Near Miss

Raise your hand if you know of young people who've had to leave Hornby because they couldn't find a place to live. Or if you know older residents who've opened their property assessment forms and discovered that they're supposedly millionaires. Yeah, thought so. At HICEEC we're especially aware of this, since our community survey identified affordable housing as one of the island's top concerns. So we find it worrisome that a faction of Islands Trust trustees proposed that the Trust's mandate should no longer include "healthy communities and culture" and instead focus on climate change and coastal marine issues.

Which sounds good—except that climate solutions need to include people, particularly those most at risk and impacted by our current system. That's climate justice. With smart planning and incentives from the Trust and others, this could be done with less impact on our environment than the mansion-driven rural sprawl our system encourages now. Deleting "communities" language from the Policy Statement would have removed important socio-economic and climate justice issues from the regional mandate and called into question whether resources and approvals for local housing actions would be granted.

HICEEC joined in a strong lobby effort, centered on Salt Spring Island, to tell the Islands Trustees not to abdicate their role in finding solutions to housing and protecting our unique Gulf Islands culture and community. At the March Trust Executive meeting, the proposal to remove housing from the Trust Council priority list and community from the Trust's mandate was defeated.

Do you want to join the HICEEC Board?

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the HICEEC Board—it is a great way to give back to the community—please let us know. For more information, check BOARD RECRUITMENT on <http://www.hiceec.org/about.html>

We hope you got to enjoy the incredible herring spawn that bloomed in the island's waters this past month!

Submitted on behalf of the volunteer HICEEC Board: John Heinegg, Katherine Ronan, Carlyn Bishop, Peter Wardle, John Grayson, and Jack Hornstein.