



June 2021 First Edition

Home grown?

HICEEC and the H.I. Farmland Trust are continuing to work together to investigate opportunities for a Food Hub/community commercial kitchen. Currently the CVRD has contracted a feasibility study regarding a regional food hub, probably in Black Creek. We are making the argument that for Hornby and Denman, a local satellite would be more suitable. We hope that our participation in this initiative could result in some funding for a building here.

Who speaks for Hornby?

We thank the HIRRA assembly, and many others, for the positive reviews on the newly renovated website, www.hornbyisland.com. This has been a lengthy project, with much thought going into presenting "the Hornby Way". Special thanks to the committee that worked tirelessly with the contractor on production: Jake Berman, Jeff Zamluk, Carlyn Bishop, and Karen Ross. If you are an advertiser, please proof your presence, and send any changes to: rowan@hiceec.org

They're here!

The 2021/2022 Hornby Denman Visitor Guides, and new Visitor Guide signs, are now on the island. This year the guide includes a section with enhanced safety and consideration messaging. **Advertisers can email info@hiceec.org to coordinate pickup of your brochures.**

An ambassador program for Hornby

We're currently in the research and development stage of the Ambassador & Education Centre pilot program, funded by a grant from the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET). If you/your business would like to discuss the direction of the program, advise on what you'd like to see accomplished, offer insight or recommendations on how the program could help support your local business, or provide any other directives relevant to your employees or visitors on what "The Hornby Way" means to you, feel free to reach out directly to Bryn Weiner, the program coordinator, at info@hiceec.org.

A bit of blue on the horizon

After sitting out last year because of the pandemic, the blue Hornby bus is on track to return this summer, thanks to the dedicated work of the Bus Steering Committee. Operations will be the same as in past summers, but with the addition of COVID protocols.

AGM, and a full-grown Board

The HICEEC AGM is scheduled for Monday June 21st 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom. For AGM registration, send a request to rowan@hiceec.org.

Attendance is open to all members, existing and new, as defined in the Bylaws. The Bylaws/Articles state: "Membership in the Corporation shall be available only to individuals interested in furthering the Corporation's purposes". A complete list of the Articles, "HICEEC Statement of Purpose", "a" through "h" can be found on our website, at <http://www.hiceec.org/about.html>

If you're considering participating, and being on one of the HICEEC committees, please indicate your points of interest. The committees are:

1. Business Services
2. Community Marketing
3. Housing
4. Food & Agriculture
5. Energy, Transportation, & Environment (includes Bus and Ferry Advisory)
6. Arts and Culture
7. Community Grants and Statistics

Welcome to the 2 HIRRA Board Appointees: Rudy Rogalsky and Bee Ray-Wolf. And thanks to Donna Tuele for standing for election at the AGM. These 3 additions would complete the maximum complement of 9 Board members. So, we'll all be in good hands!

We hope you got to enjoy the sunshine and patio dining at our local Hornby Island restaurants this past month. And as public health directives allow, please get out and support your local Hornby businesses as they start opening back up.

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

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