



March 2021 First Edition

Hornby/Denman Visitor Guide – LAST CALL!

Since the 1980s, Hornby & Denman residents have worked together to create a Visitor Guide to reflect our community voice. Traditionally, the Guide has been distributed on Vancouver Island, BC Ferry routes, and locally. Last year, as the pandemic unfolded, we limited distribution to the Comox Valley, principally the BCF ticket booth at Buckley Bay. With the continuing pandemic, distribution will again focus on educating local arrivals.

This year, for those British Columbians fortunate enough to be able to visit here, we will continue to provide advertisements for services, a curated list of Denman & Hornby Island events, the summer ferry schedule, the detailed reference map of each island, and safety advisories to keep our communities safe and thriving.

BOOK NOW: The Hornby/Denman 2021/2022 Visitor Guide is in the FINAL STAGE OF PRODUCTION! Email rowan@hiceec.org ASAP

HICEEC is moving!

As of February 28th, Rowan, Karen, Sonja, and the HICEEC Board will have vacated our cozy office at 2115B Sollans Rd.

Since office space is a rare commodity here on Hornby, we are now working remotely. We hope to find office space soon; until then we'll be busy teleworking and perfecting our Zoom call expertise.

Note that our office phone line is no longer in use, so please use email:

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Internet? Not Yet.

On Feb. 17th the Hornby Denman Internet Working Group held a panel discussion on Internet service options for our islands, with provincial experts sharing some of the realities of this volatile industry. How will this play out for all of us? Like a good mystery, we will have to wait for the last chapter to see how the story ends.

Community Grants

HICEEC is pleased to announce a \$500 grant to HIRRA to help sponsor the COVID Community Conversations on Hornby Island. This facilitated debrief and discussion of our experiences during the pandemic is open to all members of the community. It will be held, via Zoom, on March 28th.

Vision 2020 Desktop Review Update

Darlene Gage has now completed the desktop review of Vision 2020, and it has just been presented it to the Working Group—Islands Trust, School District rep., CVRD rep., HIRRA, and HICEEC . The report is available for public viewing: <http://www.hiceec.org/about.html>. Thanks to the 50 community members who participated in the interviews.

Thanks, and we'll be seeing you!

We begin this new season with the departure of two excellent HICEEC Board Members: Jim Bulmer and Jeff Zamluk have stepped down from the HICEEC board. Jim and Jeff devoted an enormous amount of time to the Board, and we thank them both for their hard work and effort toward making Hornby a better place to live. Happily, we live on such a small island that we'll be seeing them both around in the community—and most definitely seeing Jeff at the cidery this summer!

On that note, 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, click the “Board nomination package” button at <http://www.hiceec.org/about.html>.

We hope the snowfall on Family Day/Valentine's Day weekend this year offered a beautiful end of winter for you, and that you were able to spend some time (in person or over Zoom) with your loved ones!

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