March/22

Provincial Sales Tax Act **– Hornby Island**

**MRDT** ABBREVIATED **PROGRAM OUTLINE**

As of June 1, 2022, a 3% tax on the purchase price of qualifying Hornby Island accommodation will be implemented. (Order in Council Feb.28/22).

FMI on the program: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/taxes/sales-taxes/publications/pst-120-accommodation.pdf>

The eligible entity to administer the program is the Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation (HICEEC).

Authorized purposes: As stated in the One Year Tactical, and the Five Year Strategic Plans approved by Hornby Tourism Stakeholders, submitted, approved, and to be administered by HICEEC. Under the Order in Council, the money is to be used for:

1. Tourism marketing, programs or projects which contribute to increase in local tourism revenue, visitations and economic benefit
2. Spending on affordable housing initiatives. Parameters:
   1. Housing for workers in tourism-oriented communities
   2. Acquiring, constructing, maintaining, or renovating housing or shelter
   3. Acquiring, or improving, land to be used for housing or shelter
   4. Supporting the above
   5. Supporting housing, rental, or shelter programs
   6. Paying expenses related to administration or disposal of housing, shelter, or land acquired with MRDT revenues.

Eligible entities are not permitted to delegate the administration of MRDT program to a service provider

Termination of MRDT:

a. Designated recipient fails to do the required reporting

b. Designated recipient written request to the Minister of Finance

FMI: https://hiceec.org/mrdt