

# Hornby Island Community Vision 2040

## **ADDENDUM 2: A RECAP OF THE PAST 20 YEARS**

### **What have we already done?**

Based on feedback from the community open-house and community groups, some of the many ways we have made progress toward the original **Hornby Island Community Vision 2020** were identified.

#### **ADDENDUM-I AGRICULTURE**

- Amount of food grown and produced locally increased.
- Hornby Island Farmland Trust Society formed, acquired 28 acres and assumed a leadership role.
- Donny Farris Community Garden & Market established and expanded; land cleared and fenced, water system installed and food hub building started.
- Farmers Market expanded.
- Private value-added food businesses developed—e.g. sushi, tea, jam, coffee, chicken products, energy bars, dips, sauces, juices.
- Locally raised chicken, beef, and lamb meat sales increased.
- Gleaning project started.
- Growers and Producers Alliance (GPA) formed and offered workshops.
- Gardeners Club active.
- Facilities with tasting rooms and sales of value-added products opened: 3 wineries, 1 cidery, 1 distillery, 1 meadery.
- Many local markets and roadside stands opened: eggs, baking, produce, juices.
- Ford Cove Orchard rejuvenated and maintained.
- Heron Rocks Plant Sale expanded.
- Kitchen affordable meals program expanded
- Food bank opened
- Golden Supper and Lunch Clubs started for elders
- Community-supported agriculture (CSA) deliveries of fresh produce increased.
- Succession, inter-generational farming, and farm revitalization continued.
- Internships, WWOOFers, and new farmer training enhanced.
- U-pick opportunities started.
- Annual Fall Fair showcasing agriculture and island abundance established.

#### **ADDENDUM-II ARTS**

- New Arts Centre designed and construction started

- Music festivals and events increased: Blues, Jazz, Hornby Festival, independent performances, weddings, and house concerts
- Growth of art education: youth fiddle, Blues camp, visual arts, dance, theatre, writers, etc.
- Recording studio opened for musicians and writers' podcasts
- Number of outlets for selling Arts and Crafts, including the Farmers Market, numerous small galleries, studios and shops increased
- House and garden tours, studio tours and studios open to the public increased
- Live theatre re-established
- Spring Film Festival started
- Hornby Arts app created

### **ADDENDUM-III BUILDING PRACTICES**

- Carpentry apprenticeship program for Hornby youth initiated and ISLA tiny home built
- The Leaf House at Ford Cove Orchard preserved
- Septic maintenance workshop offered
- Hornby Water Stewardship website developed: [hornbywater.org](http://hornbywater.org)

### **ADDENDUM-IV COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

- New Community School constructed and portables converted to house HICEEC office and Natural History centre
- New Hornby Clinic constructed
- New Recycling Depot, Free Store, Product Care building and composting biffy constructed
- New firehall constructed under the authority of the CVRD
- Emergency Preparedness Committee formed
- Ford Cove Harbour dock rebuilt and expanded
- Community Garden & Market established and food hub building construction started
- New Co-op gas-bar constructed, parking lot expanded and Ringside Market improved
- Summer bus service initiated and bus shelter constructed
- Public Electric Vehicle charging station installed
- The Copse Farmers' Market area developed and expanded
- Hornby Community Radio station constructed and started broadcasting
- Installation of high-speed, fibre optic service underground to the whole island commenced and copper wired internet service to the S.E. corner of the island upgraded
- Covid pandemic increased opportunities for people to work remotely and live on Hornby
- Online meetings and use of social media adopted by local government bodies and community organizations
- Mount Geoffrey Escarpment Provincial Park established including protection for the Ford Cove Leaf House and Ford Orchard
- Beach Access Regional Parks established—e.g. Sandpiper Beach, Grassy Point, Clamshell
- Extensive network of hiking and biking trails maintained, upgraded, and expanded
- Permanent public outhouse installed at Sandpiper Beach Park

- Hornby Spark Society formed and operating a Makerspace in the old firehall
- Hornby Arts Centre construction started
- New Horizons Centre renovated
- Archives building constructed to house the collection of Hornby Archives

## **ADDENDUM-V EDUCATION**

- Hornby Island Daycare preschool building expanded
- Natural History Centre created, expanded, and relocated
- New Community School constructed
- Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre expanded facilities and programming
- The Spark makerspace began operating out of the old firehall
- Literacy outreach programs and Lifelong Learning programs for adults initiated
- Raise a Reader program for children initiated

## **ADDENDUM-VI ENVIRONMENT**

- Free Store rebuilt
- Recycling Depot redeveloped in alignment with Provincial guidelines and programs for reducing the waste stream
- Demonstration composting toilet built at the Depot
- Solar panel demonstration project installed at the Recycling Depot
- Islands Trust Riparian Area Regulations implemented
- New salmon safe culverts installed on Beulah Creek road crossing
- CVRD education program around environmental impacts implemented—e.g. woodstove emission standards, rebates for switching to heat pumps for home heating.
- CVRD annual chipping program implemented, to reduce wildfire risk and burning yard waste on Hornby
- BC Hydro Power Smart program for reducing electrical consumption implemented
- Recycle BC standardized recycling efforts and diverting products from the waste stream by finding markets for recycled products
- Herring Fest, Forage fish monitoring program and beach clean-ups organized by Conservancy Hornby Island (CHI) to raise awareness and protect our marine inhabitants and environment
- Trees for Tomorrow project organized by CHI to mitigate climate change by planting trees
- Demonstration ditch in Sandpiper, water testing pilot project and new website created by Water Stewardship
- More rainwater harvesting & water catchment tanks installed on private property
- Invasive Plant Control Committee formed
- CVRD septic maintenance workshop hosted by HICEEC hosted
- environmentally friendly products offered at the Co-op—e.g. non-GMO, toxic chemical-free products for cleaning and septic systems, bulk packaging, recyclable wrappings, etc.
- Plastic shopping bags no longer offered at the Co-op
- Fire patrol established for Hornby parks and beaches

- New homes being built more likely to incorporate updated septic systems and energy efficiency measures
- Provincial heat pump rebate program initiated offering cleaner, more efficient heating
- Government rebate programs initiated for the purchase of electric vehicles (EVs)
- Electric vehicle charging stations installed by HICEEC at the First Credit Union and at Sea Breeze Lodge

## **ADDENDUM-VII GOVERNANCE, PEACE MAKING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

- Recognition and appreciation of Indigenous territories normalized as an introduction to most meetings and gatherings
- Respectful public dialogue increased
- Enhanced presence at the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) level provided by current elected Area A Director from Hornby
- CVRD leadership and expertise increased—e.g. building the new Fire Hall, rebuilding the Recycling Depot and Free Store, taking over Regional Parks maintenance
- Taxes repatriated for economic development and recreation
- School District 71, and the Ministry of Education, were very responsive to local input on the design of the new Hornby Elementary School
- School District 71 supported the relocation of the Natural History Centre to the decommissioned school modular library, and negotiated an office lease with the vacated administration building with HICEEC.
- Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association (HIRRA) continued successful management of several community services via volunteer committees, including Recycling, Fire Protection, Community Hall, Comfort Stations, Recreation, Emergency Preparedness, Cemetery, Invasive Plant Control, and Fall Fair
- HIRRA adopted a Code of Conduct for Meetings.
- Participation in HIRRA's monthly meetings increased with the adoption of on-line option
- Islands Trust implemented the Riparian Area Regulations, short term rental rules, zoning to allow affordable housing, and policy of ticketing for Bylaw Enforcement
- Twice annual Community Action Solutions Together (CAST) meetings initiated to bring non-profit group representatives together to enhance communication and cooperation
- RCMP summer presence on island continued
- Vancouver Island Health Authority established a higher level of authority during the pandemic

## **ADDENDUM-VIII HEALTH & WELLNESS**

- New medical clinic constructed
- Dental Bus relocated
- Hornby Denman Health Care Society (HDHCS) relocated and renovated the old Arts Centre modular as an adjacent practitioner space for alternative health therapists (massage, physio, etc.)
- HDHCS Better at Home program for supporting seniors initiated
- HDHCS equipment loan program initiated for individuals to use during recovery from accident, surgery, or illness

- HDHCS Youth and Family counselling, conflict resolution, addiction support initiated
- HDHCS resource library, educational workshops and Karen Etheridge Bursary Fund and Christmas Hamper program established
- Hospice care and non-emergency transportation to and from medical appointments by volunteer drivers available
- Sun Door Yoga Centre built
- Sumana meditation centre opened
- Little Tribune Yoga Platform built
- Sound bathing, massage, chiropractic, yoga, pilates, acupuncture and physiotherapy offered on island

## **ADDENDUM-IX HOUSING**

- The two housing societies, Elder Housing and ISLA merged to become Hornby Island Housing Society.
- More homes for seniors built at Elder Village.
- Amenity zoning used to acquire land for community housing at Beulah Creek.
- Beulah Creek affordable housing project received support from BC Mortgage and Housing with construction expected to start soon.
- Some Land Use Bylaw zoning changes made to allow more housing, including temporary housing in the Public Use zone and Temporary Use Permits (TUPs) for caregiver or relative housing
- Workshops on water catchment and septic treatment offered
- Addressing the lack of affordable housing agreed by community consensus to be high priority
- Limited subdivision, especially of ten-acre parcels, was allowed for family members
- More ecologically sound homes built with improved energy efficiency and modern water catchment and sewage systems

## **ADDENDUM-X RECREATION**

- Mt. Geoffrey trail network and Roadside Trails expanded and upgraded for hiking and mountain biking
- Recreation Coordinator hired through repatriated tax funding allowed for year-round programming e.g., summer youth programs, after-school youth programs, adult gymnasium users, skiing outings, full moon walks, kids' tennis lessons, Terry Fox run, Sandcastle competition
- Lights installed at the multi-use court at Joe King Athletic Park (for tennis, pickleball, basketball, floor hockey, bike workshops, roller blading, and more)
- Fitness room, Disc Golf Course and Bike Pump Track built at Joe King Ballpark
- Hornby Elementary school playground basketball court covered and new playground equipment installed
- Tennis Court at Tribune Bay resurfaced
- New Horizons expanded seniors' programming (e.g. yoga, bowling, walks, theatre, golf, book club, pub nights, potlucks)
- Private facilities shared for golf, tennis, and swimming

- Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre expanded programming and physical activities including high ropes (7 elements), rock climbing, rappelling, giant's ladder, leap of faith, orienteering, low ropes, stand up paddling (SUPs), kayaks, and interpretive boat tour.
- Ford Cove Harbour rebuilt and expanded boat moorage
- Expanded businesses for bike rentals, bike sales and repairs, kayak and SUPs
- New musicians and bands to keep the dancing feet moving
- Proliferation of e-bikes that have proven an inducement to more people cycling

## **ADDENDUM-XI SOCIAL SUPPORT**

- New Horizons expanded programs including the Literary Lunches and Golden Lunch/Supper club for seniors
- Preschool expanded and added new play areas and received childcare fee reduction funding from Province
- The Kitchen and Food Bank established and expanded to operate out of Joe King Ballpark clubhouse
- Hornby Island Athletic Association (HIAA) public showers and laundry upgraded
- Hornby island Community Fund established, under the auspices of the Comox Valley Community Foundation, and awards community grants on an annual basis
- Annual book sale organized to raise funds for local non-profits, and streamlined their distribution channel through the Community Fund
- Bruce Fairbairn Bursary established for music students
- Arne Olsen Fund established to support Festival Society
- Members of the Community Fund established summer "Women's Wednesdays" as a drop-in networking event to meet newcomers and summer residents
- Community Fund received its first significant bequest, from a part-time resident
- HICEEC hosted a grant-writing workshop for 12 non-profits and offered support in writing grant applications
- Community Quilt continued to be organized by Hornby Quilters and volunteers as a raffle to raise funds for local non-profits
- Hornby Island Fire Rescue increased recruitment and new Fire Hall provided social space, laundry, shower, internet to volunteer firefighters

## **ADDENDUM-XII TOURISM**

- Off-season economy and employment increased
- Visitor accommodations, including vacation rentals, bed and breakfasts, cabins, and glamping expanded
- Restaurants and food service options increased
- Most businesses established internet presence as part of essential communication – e.g. web pages, online stores, social media sites.
- Hornby Island.com website owned and managed by HICEEC including an events calendar for local groups and non-profits to share information about upcoming events and fund raisers
- HICEEC established the Seaside Consortium for grant application purposes, and developed bcseaside.com website

- The Hornby Denman Visitor Guide printed by HICEEC improved, and now in full colour, with approx. 110 participating businesses
- Hornby Arts (formerly HIAC) and the art sector has expanded with 55 Artist profiles listed on Hornbyisland.com
- New businesses emerged to serve people and enhance lives of residents
- Shoulder season visitors increased, with Hornby being a sought-after wedding destination.
- Opportunities for off-islanders to share their knowledge and skills have increased—e.g. speakers at Herring Fest, and musicians at the Festival, No Horses Jazz weekend, and Blues Camp
- HICEEC established the Ambassador Booth at the Farmers Market in the summer
- Hornby Island Short Term Rental Association established to educate, share best practices, and consistent messaging
- Surveys of visitors showed they are mostly from British Columbia, particularly Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland

## **ADDENDUM-XIII    TRANSPORTATION**

- Hornby Summer Bus established and well-used
- Electric vehicle charging stations installed
- Roadside Trail network expanded and upgraded
- Community successfully lobbied for improved service levels on both ferry routes connecting Hornby to Vancouver Island
- Ford Cove Harbour breakwater and Marina expanded
- Funding approved to rebuild the Hornby boat ramp (expected completion 2025)