

The HISTRA Report June 2021

Hornby continues to surprise and delight us over the pandemic. We've been really impressed with the respect everyone has shown during the current Circuit Breaker. Thanks to all the vacation homes and accommodation providers who cancelled their May bookings to help turn the tide as well as kudos to those secondary home owners who delayed coming to their cottages last month. While we have yet to know the outcome of the Circuit Breaker at the time of writing, we are grateful seeing the decreasing numbers of daily cases province-wide and the steady rise in vaccinations, including our own community clinic on May 3 and 4. Many thanks to our clinic staff for their efforts and the Sea Breeze Lodge for their kind hospitality.

One of HISTRA's missions is to grow visitors who actively participate in our community. We encourage all accommodation providers to prepare some friendly messaging with ideas to help our guests make a positive difference on their vacation. Simple ideas include asking your guests to slow down while driving on Hornby for the safety of our cyclists and our children. Another way is to "Adopt your favourite beach for a week" and ask visitors to go the extra mile and pick up litter they might come across. Or ask guests to carry as much recycling home with them as possible to lighten the load for our Depot staff. These and other gentle suggestions will bring a better summer to us all and make a small but worthwhile change to the world. We know our visitors will rise to the occasion as they have so often before.

A few other thoughts to prepare for the summer:

Familiarize yourself with the current PHO protocols: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions> . We will most likely see the current COVID protocols extend into the summer.

You can find a whole breakdown of COVID cleaning measures, a thorough cleaning checklist and great products at <https://histra.ca/resources>

We'll continually share any new and pertinent information with our members directly as well as post announcements to our website www.histra.ca . Also "like" us on facebook under "Hornby Island Short Term Rental Association" to get our announcements quickly.

The HISTRA board shares in the sadness of Dale Chase's passing last month. Dale was a much loved host who welcomed repeat guests like old friends. It is heart-warming to see the outpouring of love and appreciation for him and to see the many lives he touched. A dear friend to many, we hope he finds great adventures in his journey to the centre of the universe. May his legacy continue to inspire each of us to share our own unique gifts in the service of others.