

Queen Colleen's Game of Thrones

Good News: New thrones, throne seats, little garbage bins and dog poop bins are ready for use outside Big Trib, Little Trib, Whaling Station. Please use them appropriately.

The Bad News is that someone is putting garbage and white kitchen catchers with three days worth of their poop and paper into the outhouse at the end of the Co-op (Shields Road). It began with the bags being left at the Gas Bar until some strongly worded notices sent them looking for somewhere else to put them. As we prepared for summer it was time for this outhouse to be pumped out. Each one of these bags plugged up the hose to the pumper truck thus requiring discharge. Larry (from Valley Septic) and I were standing ankle deep in human poop and these f*ck@\$\$ bags. Three huge bins were employed to collect the un-pumpable mess.

I realize I can't do this again and we need to find a better solution to our outhouse needs other than eight-foot holes that have to be emptied. I have been cleaning these and the Parks outhouses for over 25 years and cleaned out the bottom lots over the years and it has never been this bad. The time has come – I've reached my breaking point – I can't do this

again. Here is my idea for a better solution:

I would like to see:

- A sani-dump at the Co-op;
- Smaller outhouse tanks so debris can be removed by hand;
- A small pumper truck to service outhouses and porta-potties to take to the sani-dump (HICEEC got us a bus – how about a pumper truck?);
- Community owned porta-potties that can be rented on island for the farmer's market, fall faire, festival, etc. (Kind of like renting dishes, chairs and tables from the community fund); and
- The Co-op taking leadership role in reducing our carbon footprint and achieving green solutions as was raised at the recent Co-op AGM.

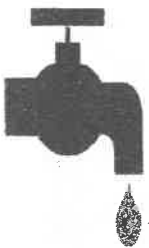
We need a round table of Poo-user groups in October. ¶

Submitted by Queen Colleen Work.



Islands Trust Report from Trustee Islands Trust Grant Scott

1. This is what I've learned since being elected one of your two Islands Trustees three months ago:
2. There are 13 gulf islands in the Islands Trust. The Trust was established in 1974 to "preserve and protect" the unique environment and character of the Islands.
3. The power of the Islands Trust is on Hornby Island. Your two elected Trustees with the Chairperson who is a Trustee from another Island pass the bylaws and approve applications for land use and subdivisions. We are your local government with powers similar to the elected representatives of Comox or Courtenay. The staff of the Trust are there to assist us in making these decisions. They are an important part of the process as they help you fill out an application and do research and report and make recommendations to the Trustees.
4. There is also a Trust Council that is made up of all the Trustees from the 13 islands.



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Twenty-six of us meet to discuss the issues that are important to all the islands. Like herring, tanker traffic, orcas, etc, etc. As you can imagine they are a diverse group of people and the Chair of the group, Peter Luckham, who is from Thetis Island has an interesting time herding these folks.

5. As you know, on Hornby, we have an Official Community Plan (OCP). It defines in general terms how the people of Hornby want to "preserve and protect" the unique environment and culture of Hornby. From that we have Land Use Bylaws (LUBs) which define in legal terms what we can and cannot do just like laws anywhere. We have passed the OCP and LUBs on Hornby, they did not come from anywhere else. The problem we have on Hornby right now is we have no way of enforcing our bylaws. If there is a complaint because someone is breaking "our" laws the Bylaw Enforcement Officer can come and check it out and issue a letter saying the person is doing something not allowed under our Bylaws. Right now the Bylaw Enforcement Officer can give someone a letter saying they are doing something in contravention of our bylaws. He cannot issue a ticket making you live up to our Land Use Bylaws. It is as if an RCMP office could only give you a letter for speeding saying you shouldn't

speed. How would that work?

6. We have Local Trust Committee meetings on Hornby where issues are discussed and decisions made. This is our Local Government.

Along came BEN. BEN means "Bylaw Enforcement Notification." It is the bylaw, we need in some form, to pass if we want to have any control over what people do on their property on Hornby. Our weather is getting more extreme; summers are hotter, longer and with less rain. More people are coming here for a lot of reasons. All this has an effect on the water table, the potential for forest fires, the ability of the ground to absorb and naturally treat sewage, where people stay, and on and on. Also, it has a positive effect on our economy, more people spend more money. It's easy to see that the "good old days" are getting more complicated. We have some hard decisions to make. How do we get the benefits of the influx of people in the summer without harming the features of the Island we came here for in the first place?

What I have learned and believe so far is that we need some form of bylaw enforcement. It doesn't make sense to me to have an OCP and bylaws with no way of enforcing them. But, does the OCP and the Bylaws reflect what we believe and need in 2019? If yes, then great, but if not then we may need to change them. Most of the people of the people I talk to believe we

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June 30-July 7: Dr. Melissa Allan

July 7-14: Dr. Barbara Froehner-Bulmer

July 14-21: Dr. Barbara Froehner-Bulmer

July 21-28: Dr. Laura Chalfin

July 28-Aug. 4: Dr. Melissa Allan

Aug. 4-11: Dr. M. Sapozhnikov

Aug. 11-18: Dr. Laura Chalfin

Aug. 18-25: Dr. Barabra Froehner-Bulmer

Aug. 25-Sept. 1: Dr. R. Lewis

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need some form of bylaw enforcement. The good old days were then, this is now.

Three things are clear to me. First, many of the people of Hornby don't understand what the Trust is or how it works. Secondly, the people do not fully understand how BEN could or will be implemented. Thirdly, we need to make the Local Trust Committee meetings more "user friendly." I am committed to working with you to resolve these three and other issues important to our island paradise. ¶

Let It Grow...Let It Grow... Let It Grow...

By Catherine Cross

On Being In The Here And Now

I think that Hornby is a place where people can come to and be in the here and now with nature. I think that places like our beautiful Helliwell Park is a good example. One can't help but be assimilated into the moment when they walk Helliwell. Helliwell puts one at peace with nature.

This Spring we have had neighbours and visitors tell us how much they like all of the greenery on our property. Nothing is brown and we do not cut our trees down if we do not have to. We seldom cut our grass. At times it can be as tall as me. This keeps our little oasis moist. We have little paths throughout our property that have gravel on them to keep the weeds at bay.

People often believe that if they cut their trees down that their property will appear larger in the subdivision they live in. To me this appears to do the complete opposite.

If one of our cotton wood trees fell, we possibly would have to replace our front deck,

but they look pretty healthy to me.

In the city, people must keep their grass and yards cut down. However, to me, a view of a small sustainable forest in your front yard and shade in the hot summer months is worth the risk of a tree falling.

It's not just the beauty of the trees and the different colour greens around our property that gives me a sense of peace and privacy, it's also living in a community where people know their neighbours. Our community is big enough to sustain us, yet not too big to turn it into a town, although in the summer we must adjust.

There are few jobs on Hornby, yet it amazes me how many people seem able to live on less here. Of course Don and I worked as teachers and lived downtown and were amazed when we finally retired here how little one could live on.

As we sit on our front deck and watch the breeze moving the leaves, grass and wildflowers and the flight of brilliant birds and butterflies, we are amazed by the beauty of it all. We feel so incredibly fortunate to be living in this paradise. We belong with nature. This is our Home. ¶

Hornby Septic and Groundwater Health

On June 9, Comox Valley Regional District presented a "Septic Workshop" at the Hornby Hall. The intent was to provide information about household septic system operation. Big thanks to HICEEC (Hornby Island Economic Enhancement Corp) for arranging for this very informative workshop to be held here on Hornby. A wide range of topics and concerns were covered in the two-hour presentation and many questions, put forward by the audience, were answered.

You can check out the BC OnSite Sewage Standard Practices Manual, Version 3, available online, for more information.

The hornbyisland.com website now has a link "Water Stewardship" > What Can I Do? > Care of Septic Systems, which provides very good information.

In lay person's terms:

- Each property owner on Hornby Island is responsible for the safe collection, treatment and disposal of the greywater and sewage that is generated on their property.

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