

So....The HIRRA Privy Council will bring a formal motion to the October HIRRA Meeting stating that:

“The HIRRA Membership supports in principle the installation of year-round, accessible, high-holding-tank capacity outhouses at Sandpiper and Grassy Point Parks and authorizes HIRRA to enter into negotiations with CVRD regarding this project.”

Come to the October 10 HIRRA meeting to vote on this motion or, since I am chairing the Privy Council this year, call or email me with questions or comments. Or do you want to do a walk-around the parks to talk about outhouses?¶

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Hornby Island Trustee Alex Allen Report

Islands Trust Once again we had a healthy turnout at our Local Trust meeting in September. As our Chair, Sue Ellen Fast, was too ill, we had an alternate Chair (Dan Rogers from Keats Island). And I have to say, it's nice to see more engaged community members attending our meetings. As we all know, you can only be 'engaged' when you play a meaningful role in decision-making. Likewise, we, your local government, are not just elected talking sticks; we are also facilitators, supporters, collaborators, and often, counsellors.

At the Town Hall, 15 community members stood up to voice their issues and concerns. A group shared the urgent need for letters of support for fibre-optic internet connectivity

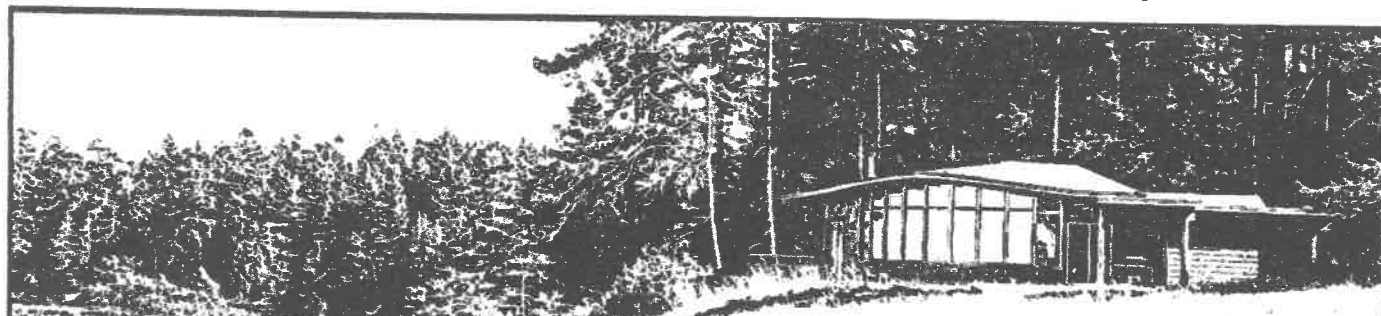
on Hornby and Denman Islands. A member of the Sustainability Forum Group offered two profiles of Hornby Island residents [you can read the report in this issue], while another shared concerns with housing and the need to protect “non-conforming” dwellings. Others shared concerns with the Bylaw Enforcement Notification ticketing system and the need for off island resident owners to be a part of the discussion, as well.

Karen Ross, Alternate Director A (for Arbour), provided a brief report. Topics included: public works (Gas Tax) money for HIAC, the CVRD composting toilet study for Hornby Island, the boat ramp application, fibre-optic planning better internet connectivity and having a connector bus on Denman Island.

We unanimously approved the Ford Cove application, disagreeing with the Staff report that we needed more drawings and plans to make an informed decision. We both visited the site separately with the applicant and felt that the previous plans/drawings, permits, surveys, archaeology studies, septic field reports, water license application and VIHA follow-up reports would suffice.

We also all approved the Wiseman application to go to the next level for his subdivision, which is a community public consultation. This one is unfortunate, as the original survey for the property in question was not done properly. As this one has been in limbo for years, because of this discrepancy, we hope it will be processed soon.

We are pleased to announce that we now have a robust and fulsome APC team. Members are: Karen Ross, Christine Hunt, Jeff Zamluk, Cassandra Bassett, Vicki Bale, Joanne Ovitsland,



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and Daniel Siegel. After they have received their dossiers in the mail, we will be forwarding the Vacation Home Rental package for the APC to address and make recommendations on, as well as, our local bylaws and OCP. Take note that the public can attend these meetings. (Stay tuned for APC meeting dates.) And then? We go to you as a community for public consultation on our LUB/OCP and BEN.

I'd like to finish with our promise to you. As your local Trustees, we will:

- Keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge your concerns and provide feedback on how your input influenced our decisions.
- Work with you to ensure that your concerns and issues are reflected in our decisions.

And finally, over the next few months, the Islands Trust will be seeking input from members of the public in and around the region. We want to understand your priorities for the next 30 years as we face this critical time in preserving and protecting this unique region.

What do you value about the Islands Trust Area? In the context of changing climate, what concerns do you have for our region over the next 30 years?¶

**Join the conversation at the
Islands 2050 Engagement Community
Open House & World Café
Monday, October 28: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at
the Hornby Island Community Hall.**

**Next LTC meeting Friday, November 8,
11:30 am at New Horizons.**

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Community Appreciation . . .

HIES Room To Grow committee wishes to express gratitude to each person who sat in the Ringside selling quilt raffle tickets and to each person who bought tickets. Without your combined efforts the quilt raffle would not have been such a valuable fundraiser. The quilt has been won by a woman living in the lower mainland who was "absolutely ecstatic" upon learning of her win.

All of the funds raised this summer will go directly into maintenance work for the RTG community owned building. The RTG is home to our beloved quilters - without whom this fundraiser would not exist. Over the 43 years the quilters have created a community quilt - more than a quarter of a million dollars has been raised for numerous Hornby community groups. This is economic enhancement. This is community volunteerism at its very best.

Besides housing the quilters, the Room To Grow is home to Toddler Drop-In, After School programs, Recreation programs, Teen Tutoring, Kids Birthday Parties, the Ukulele group, Summer Pre-school Forest Camp, Friday Exercise group, Linda Weech's art classes, individual art shows and the meeting space for several island groups. In addition, a shared office space provides a working area for Child, Youth & Community School programs, the Natural History Centre, Hornby Recreation and HIES.

It has also been the home classroom for Hornby students over the years. In 1980 members of the Hornby community built the RTG purposely for use as a classroom because the existing school could not accommodate all of the students. Again, it reverted to a classroom last fall when the school fire displaced students.

Now it has returned specifically for community use. While the community - under the wing of the Hornby Island Education Society - owns this building it resides on SD71 property. Next year the RTG turns 40; look for your invitation to help us celebrate Hornby's first community volunteer building project. Meanwhile to enquire about using the space, please email: bookingroomtogrow@gmail.com¶

Submitted by Joy Jeffries for the RTG Committee.