

collected would go toward community projects, to be determined. (On hold due to pandemic.)

### **SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS**

\* New Art Centre HICEEC contributed \$25,000 from the economic reserve fund towards the planning and construction of the new art centre.

\* Shoulder Season Events HICEEC was successful in obtaining a Destination B.C. grant to support Hornby's shoulder season festivals & events: HIAC Film Festival, CHI Herring Festival, Blues Camp, and No Horses Jazz Festival.

\* Publicity We provide social media support for sharing information on upcoming arts events. Currently we are revamping hornbyisland.com website, which will improve the Events Calendar function.

\* Ongoing Support HICEEC provides \$5,000 annual contribution to Arts programs

## **2 IMPROVE AFFORDABILITY**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING** The community identified the need for more affordable housing a priority on our Economic Action survey. HICEEC has lobbied Islands Trust to expedite the legalizing of all planning aspects of the 26-unit Beulah Creek Village. Long-time board member, Katherine Ronan and former staffer, Daniel Arbour worked for many years towards the advancement of this project, which, hopefully, will start construction fairly soon.

**TRANSPORTATION** 10 volunteers and staff are working to repatriate the approx. \$63,000 levied on Hornby property taxes for Transit. Gradually this is happening and we were on the way to providing public transit for the fourth year until the pandemic hit. Thanks to HIRRA and to the ten local businesses that sponsor our public bus service.

**FERRY** We advocate for better service and affordability through participation on the Ferry Advisory Committee.

## **3 ENHANCE SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

**PROMOTE AND INVEST IN GREEN ENERGY:** The electric vehicle charging station was repaired and upgraded

by Emberton Electrical. Special thanks are due to the Union Bay Credit Union for supplying the electricity

**PROMOTE AND INVEST IN FOOD & WATER SUSTAINABILITY:** Following on last year's Septic Maintenance workshop, this year's workshop on Rainwater Harvesting is on hold due to the pandemic.

**HORNBY WATER PLAN:** \$1000 was given to the Hornby Water Plan's ongoing implementation. (hornbywater.org).

## **4 ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION** Through extensive community consultation a number of years ago, we developed the two documents, Vision 2020 and Economic Action Plan (EAP 2015), that guide our Annual Plan. As both are now up for review, a working group has started the process by evaluating whether targets were reached for each sector. We are trying to determine how to do comprehensive community consultation during the pandemic.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS** We provide grants to support the work of our island non-profit societies. (On hold due to pandemic)

**COMMUNICATION** HICEEC endeavours to keep the community informed about our work through monthly reports at the HIRRA meetings, articles in the First Edition, and reports posted on hiceec.org.

**HORNBY STATISTICS** We collect data about the island for use by our non-profits and businesses.

**OFFICE** HICEEC's office is open to the public one day/ week or by appointment. We'd like to hear your ideas. Please drop by!

These projects are done by two part-time staff, a bookkeeper, 8 hands-on board members, and numerous committees of dedicated volunteers.

*Sincere thanks to all of you volunteers for the hours you put in for the benefit of the community.*

The HICEEC Board: John Heinegg, Katherine Ronan, Carlyn Bishop, John Grayson, Jeff Zamluk, Jim Bulmer, Jack Hornstein and Peter Wardle

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