

**Hornby Island Recycling Committee  
Annual Report for 2006/07  
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This has been a busy year for all involved with the Recycling Depot. The year began with a committee of Della McCreary, Joan Harris, Kathi Sauv , Toglia Baird and Margot Bushnell. Della and Joan both resigned during the year and Tom Hayes and Steve McGrath filled in for the remaining months.

Elizabeth has supervised ongoing work in the garden with a major cleanup, weeding and moving of fencing. Several additional parking spaces were created in front of the garden thanks to Garth Millan, and signs were made and barriers created to allow safer pedestrian crossing from the freestore to the biffy and the garden.

The office saw an upgrade of the computer system, so the office can run more efficiently and have better access to the internet.

An insurance risk assessment for the Depot was conducted in August, from which came a list of changes and improvements to be made to increase protection of the public, create a safer work environment and reduce insurance risk. A lot of work has gone into implementing some of the recommendations and more will be implemented over time under a "master plan" for the depot to be created in consultation with the Regional District. Weekly inspections of the facility are now being carried out.

Fundraising was in full force this past summer with proceeds being received from the quilt raffle, sale of t-shirts, cards, concerts, cd's and garden mulch. Total proceeds from all fundraising efforts and donations were over \$8000. T-shirt sales will continue this year and new fundraising schemes are in the works.

The hydro lines have been an issue for some time and an electrical upgrade had been promised. The autumn storms added an element of urgency to this when the electrical building at the entrance to the depot was destroyed. A large generator was brought in to keep the machines and lights running, and the upgrade has been proceeding recently, with trees cleared, poles planted and the lines installation coming soon.

A new company was engaged to remove scrap metal with the agreement to pay a portion of their revenue back to the Depot. The metal yard been transformed recently with creative separators for scrap metal, fridges, stoves, etc. to make it a safer and more accessible area.

Annie Nagle submitted her letter of resignation as co-manager in December, stating a desire to return to her previous work in plastics. It had been agreed at the outset that should one of the managers resign, the position would be advertised, which it was. We wish to thank Annie and Phil for acting as co-managers for the past 2 years.

We had several applicants for the position and the decision was difficult. In the end the hiring committee offered the position to Stani Veselinovic who will begin tomorrow, Thursday March 15th. We welcome Stani to the Depot and wish him success.

Respectfully submitted March 14, 2007 Hornby Island Recycling Committee