

**Hornby Island's Motorless Traffic Trail Network Committee (the
"Trails Committee") Annual Report for 2006/07
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The Trails Committee is a volunteer committee of the Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association.

The Trails Committee was formed in 2001 with the intention of constructing a core network of trails on the island. The network is intended to connect the major activity centres on the island by providing corridors—separated from motorized traffic—for walkers, bicyclists and equestrians. In the busy summer season, the motorized traffic on our rural roads is heavy. The network comprises existing serviceable trails, upgraded existing trails and new trails. Many of the routes parallel existing roads but are sited approximately 3 to 5 metres from the travelled way used by motorized vehicles. Most of the network has been sited on the highway right-of-way.

Trail construction this year was along the south side of St John's Point Road from a point halfway between "the hill" and Gurney Road westward past the outdoor education centre, past the Big Tree and then southwards on the east side of the road to the new Co-op property at Shields Road. The trail section from the Outdoor Education Centre to the Co-op property runs partly on the highway road allowance and partly in Tribune Bay Provincial Park. Work on this section is ongoing and is expected to be in reasonable shape for cyclists by early summer.

Funding for the current projects has been provided by:
The Direct Access Program (Gaming Commission)
RBC Investments
Regional District of Comox-Strathcona
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The expenditures that occurred during 2006 totalled \$7,804 while the revenue totaled \$6,662 from which \$1,337 as a core services levy was deducted. The balance of the funds at the end of the year was \$7,177. The credit (\$1,327) for overcharged levy will be applied to 2007.

The total of the volunteer hours worked during the year was 500.

The trail network is used by islanders on a year-round basis and by the many visitors during the summer season between June and September.

For the Trails Committee: Andrew Carmichael, Chair