

Committee members standing for re-election:

Gemma Colin (Chair)
Judith Anastasia
Ian Palmer
Margaret Pethick
Larry Smith
Tina Wai
Eva Wetzel

We are pleased to have Ian Palmer join the committee. He is replacing Lyle Chambers, who kindly is continuing as a volunteer.

Cemetery Committee Report for April, 2017

In the past year there has been one full body burial and one interment of ashes.

We are fortunate to have hard working committee members with many practical skills. We have had two work days, one in November and one recently in March to maintain and up keep the cemetery. On site we also discuss and make decisions regarding maintenance and other issues.

Our recent workday was originally scheduled for Family Day in February. We were encouraging families and community members to join us in cleaning up the cemetery and burning leaves and branches downed in the winter. And quite a winter it was. We had to reschedule three times because of the snow. 3rd time lucky, as the saying goes. Finally on March 17th, the luck of the Irish prevailed and we were able to have a very productive work day. We had 6 of our 7 committee members and 4 community members working together. Many branches, more than usual, were burned on the bonfire, the encroaching salal was cut back in many areas, some small dead alders were removed, and leaves were raked. We would like to encourage more community members to come again next Family Day to tend to their own family graves and help others.

Projects Completed

- The first bronze memorial plaque was placed in the portal. This is a new way in which to remember community members who are not buried in our cemetery. Information about how to have such a plaque placed on the portal is available on the HIRRA website and from committee members.
- A donation of \$1,000 was made by an individual to help with maintenance and care of the cemetery.
- We are very happy to have the ad hoc committee researching the possibilities of land for a new cemetery. This new group is comprised of Ellen Leslie, chair, and 3 other committee members. Eva Wetzel will act as liason with the Cemetery Committee.
- Professional removal of three large overhanging fir and alder trees and pruning of the cherry trees was completed in the Fall.
- Numbered markers have been placed in the ground to mark the sites for ashes.
- Several new head stones have been added to graves. We strongly encourage families to make sure headstones honouring their loved ones are in place within one year of burial in order to identify their grave sites.
- Work continued on updating the new cemetery brochure.

Upcoming Projects

- We plan to complete the new cemetery brochure and have it published and posted on the HIRRA website in the next few months. It will also be available at the Clinic and the Home Support building.
- Further removal of encroaching salal on the east and north sides will take place.
- Investigating possible removal of large leaning and aged alder trees.
- Continue to encourage community participation at two annual work days in Fall and Spring.

Hall Committee Annual Report 2016-17

Members: Vicki Bale, Ben Berkeveld, Wendy Burton (Chair), Clair Cronia, Melisa Devost, Judith Lawrence, John McLachlan, Derek Ward

The roof replacement was completed in early 2016, with the exception of some aesthetic work and some repairs to the roof over the porch facing Sollans Road.

The heat pump was installed in the Round Room. Completing this project lead us to discover some interesting electrical anomalies in the Round Room: There was insufficient depth to run the electrical line from the chair room to the Round Room, so Ian Emberton managed, with difficulty, to run an electrical line from the main panel. The heat pump mechanisms had to be placed on the parking lot side of the chimney in the Round Room, not our first choice.

Beginning in January, 2016, the committee has been working on the acoustic improvements in the main Hall and purchasing a public address system. Based on reports and consultation beginning in 2014, in late October the criteria for a public address system was produced by the sub-committee of John McLachlan, Judith Lawrence, and Clair Cronia. The process to gather expressions of interest and requests for proposals was begun by Wendy Burton with the guidance of the HIRRA Administrator. In order to comply with CVRD requirements for projects above \$5000, our first step was to determine the "ball park" cost of the proposed public address system based on the criteria the sub-committee produced. The advice of three companies was sought, using the sub-committee's criteria as the basis for discussion, in order to determine the projected cost of the public address system. One 2014 estimate placed the cost at \$15 000.

This process was halted by the Executive in early November. The funds for this project were moved into the 2017 budget. A public meeting was held in February at the request of the Executive to present the plans for acoustic improvements in the main Hall. At the February HIRRA meeting the assembly approved two motions to do with extending the stage (completed) and the alterations to the stage to improve acoustics (underway through a contract with Ted Tanner, based on his proposal).

The issue of governance has engaged the Hall Committee for much of this year. Starting with conflicting directions about how to restore the number of the committee to five, through seeking clarification about the role and responsibility of the HIRRA Executive liaison to the committee, through last-minute budget changes as a result of perceived inability to complete the acoustic improvement/pa system project in 2016, through questions about what constitutes approval to proceed with aspects of the project, the Hall Committee has had three resignations and one interim appointment. The Hall Committee remains unclear about the responsibility of standing committees with relationship to the HIRRA Executive and the Assembly.

Wendy Burton (Chair)

March 2017

Resend
from Wendy



Annual Report 2016

Callouts and activities

The Department recorded the following summary of volunteer time for regular training and incidents for 2016. This summary doesn't account for informal time in unrecorded training and home study:

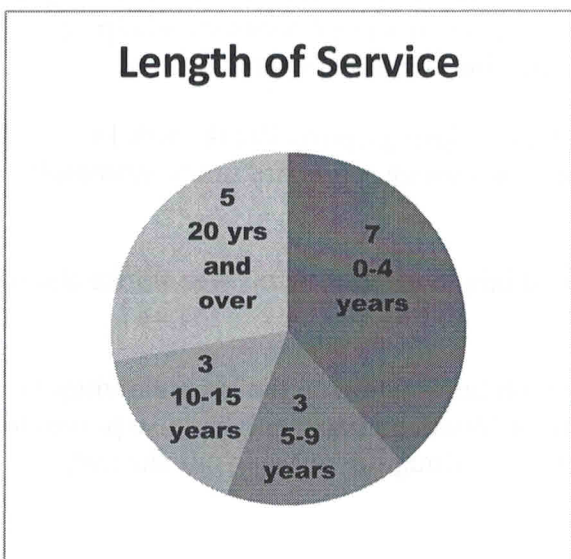
	<u>Practices(hrs)</u>	<u>Incidents(hrs)</u>	<u>Courses(hrs)</u>	<u>Total(hrs)</u>	<u>Incident #</u>
2016	2499	898	472	3,869	140
2015	2164	824	275	3,263	129
2014	2171	918	236	3,325	130
2013	1790	585	220	2,595	102
2012	2197	983	576	3,755	130
2011	1922	1018	390	3,330	114

Our incident breakdown for 2016 with a total of 140 calls:

- 92 medical
- 18 Duty Officer
- 1 structure fire
- 1 brush/beach fire
- 1 vehicle fire
- 4 MVI
- 5 hydro lines down
- 1 chimney fire
- 2 RCMP assist
- 1 Rescue & Safety
- 1 missing person
- 8 false alarms
- 5 Public Service

Medical calls accounted for 66% of our incidents in 2016. We have come to expect that medical calls (First Responder) form the majority of our responses.

Recruiting new members is a challenge in a dwindling, ageing population and remains one of our priorities. Our roster at the end of 2016 included 13 fire fighters 4 recruits undergoing training and 5 auxiliaries. (welcome to our new recruits!)



The graph shows the distribution of years of service for our members. The Auxiliaries are included in the graph which may show a higher number in the 0-4 years of service.

Recruiting new members is essential to build up the future of the department. We have to think about who will replace the aging volunteers.

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Finance

The Operations budget for 2016 was \$190,765 with a Protective Gear and Equipment budget of \$8,500. The Department ended the year with a deficit of approximately \$2,000

The total budget amount for the Regional District was \$524,059 and represented a tax requisition of \pm \$1.015 per \$1,000 assessed value.

Fire Hall Construction

2016 was the year for the construction of the new fire hall with completion expected to be in early 2017.

The two person building committee of Rob and Giff spent many hours in meetings and going over details to ensure the final building will provide the facilities the department needs for the foreseeable future.

This has been a difficult process in balancing the needs and costs for the building and some things like a training area and fully sized generator have to be left for the future.

Community Water Tank Program

The community water tank program for providing water storage around the Island in preparation for Superior Tanker Shuttle included the installation of two large poly tanks on Strachan Road. These tanks and the new intake in the pond on St. John's Point Road, will provide for better water shuttling coverage in the event of any house fire.

The new tanker (tender) was ordered and delivery is expected in July/August of 2017. This new truck will be a purpose built truck specifically to move the most water on a single axle in the fastest time possible.

The accreditation challenge should occur in the last part of 2017 once the department has had some time to train on water shuttle operations using both of the tanker trucks.

Giff La Rose
Fire Chief

Housing Report

The new HIRRA Housing Committee began its first official year in April of 2016. The committee is an outgrowth of a series of more informal gatherings, the first of which happened in May, 2015. The results of that meeting were tabulated by Tony Law and appended to this report.

The primary needs identified then were matchmaking between potential landlords and tenants, summer accommodation for workers and displaced tenants, making affordable housing units available, improving financing options, addressing regulatory barriers, and supporting ISLA.

A second meeting to create a working group took place in November of 2015. At that time, it seemed best to focus on people who are already on Hornby and helping them find secure housing so they can stay. It was noted that the pre-school is full. Ideas included use of an existing website, a rental village, and how could owners of second homes be enlisted to support year-round rentals, such as allowing caravans to be located on their properties or even a voluntary "tax" to support other efforts.

The group met again in January of 2016 and it was at that meeting that becoming a HIRRA committee would give significance to requests and other communications. It was also agreed that a summer survey would be helpful. The group went back and forth about the best ways to let people know that you are looking to rent or that you are an owner with a place to rent to others. Issues around privacy were of concern, and the idea was floated to have a mediator who could help out when there is conflict. Following this meeting, a request was submitted to the HIRRA executive and then to the assembly to officially create the committee.

In May of 2016, the committee held its first "official" meeting. At that time several ideas were explored which, in the end, did not produce actions to be pursued. Two things that were unexpected did happen then. The first is that the committee became a place where groups involved in housing could come together and share information. This has continued to the present, with members of HICEEC, Elder Housing, ISLA, and others participating. Second, it was suggested that the committee focus immediate attention on supporting the ISLA project, so that the entire community would be behind it. Both these developments were seen as positive and enthusiastically endorsed. In particular, this led to letters of support for ISLA and a meeting between the committee chair and Bruce Joliffe.

In addition, a summer survey was put together using a generous grant from HICEEC, to which 169 people responded. The executive summary reads as follows:

The most significant finding is that contrary to the general assumption that presently Hornby does not have adequate rental supply to meet demand—that we are tapped or maxed out—in fact, with better communication, accountability, and with determined focus on the positive rental stories that we know exist in our community, the Housing Committee should be able to significantly transform the "crisis." Respondents were supportive of developing an online platform to advertise those in need of renters, those in need of rentals, and also to facilitate private match-making. There are homes, right now, that people are not offering for rent that they are willing to rent provided the Housing Committee and our

entire island can improve home owner confidence through a variety of strategic means. The above finding also demonstrates that both past and recent negative rental experiences should not be underestimated in determining the present crisis. These stories and experiences are overshadowing crisis mitigation. The survey also revealed the challenges of the Islands Trust's new Temporary Use Permit and Secondary Suite policy.

Based on these responses, the committee has undertaken or will soon undertake the following:

1. We decided that a web page as part of the HICEEC.org website was the best way to go. The chair had a meeting with Daniel Arbour and all is ready to begin.
2. We decided to place notices over the summer designed to correct the one major error in the survey which is that we didn't give people the option to contact us if they had a place to offer as a rental.
3. A major focus is to change the narrative about rentals on Hornby by collecting "success" stories and placing them in The First Edition and on the website. Interview questions have already been created along with the beginnings of a list of people to interview.
4. The website can become a place where both those seeking and those offering rentals can notify each other. We further decided that such notices would be anonymous and that one person would know each person by name and would arrange meetings through personal contacts. In addition, we will add the possibility of people offering storage space.
5. We would discuss with the three trained mediators we know of on the island whether they would be available to help with landlord-tenant conflict. One has already agreed.
6. We will draft a sample tenancy agreement for Hornby Island. We learned that such agreements are actually legally required. We want one that will satisfy that requirement and, at the same time, express it in language which reflects our shared values.
7. We will draft a revision of "The Hornby Way" which will include attention to the reasons why everyone who loves Hornby is encouraged to think about housing.

Other ideas, such as a free loan society to help both owners and renters, were noted and placed on the back burner for now.

Respectfully submitted
Daniel Siegel, Chair

HIRRA AGM April 12, 2017 Invasive Plant Committee Report

Daphne by Anna Zielinski

There are 4 excellent persons cutting Daphne Laurel in the Ford Cove area. This is about a 200 acre area, which starts at the top of Ford Cove hill and goes to the waterfront on the south and includes the properties situated above the cliffs, which run east and west, and below the cliffs to the Shingle Spit Trail and Ford Cove

Most of the area has not been cut for 6-8 years which is 3-4 years longer than what is ideal. They should be cut every 3 years before seeds are set on the new young plants.

There are thousands of them in this area but the goal is to have the Ford Cove area cleared of Daphne by the end of 2017 or earlier.

The winter and spring have been challenging, as the cutting has to be done during dry weather. So it has been happening slower pace than expected.

Broom by Eva Wetzel

The broom eradication becomes easier after a few years of regular pulling. However, this past summer two good rains helped a great many plants grow with vigour. There was more broom to pull this season than the previous one.

Broom eradication started early this season – pre-Christmas. Smaller plants are easy to spot when the grass is not actively growing. The strategy has been to target the identified 35 sites early, and revisit if the infestation is heavy. An example is the old gravel pit, top of Lea Smith Road, and the school property. The other sites have either been, or will be visited before the end of April.

The Regional Parks committee is tackling a stand of broom on park land and that effort will involve sharing our extraction tools.

We have succeeded in increasing volunteer participation in monitoring and pulling broom and therefore decreased the use of funds for paid help. Thank you to everyone who has helped, and continues to help, with the broom busting. Together everyone achieves more.

Holly and Others by Ilze Raudzins

Holly is an ongoing and huge concern as it is found everywhere on public and private land. Each year their numbers are increasing. The small ones can be pulled by hand but some holly requires chain sawing, and every cut stem needs a herbicide application, something our group is not qualified, nor licensed to do. The daphne and broom removers pull holly when they come across it. I bushwhack through the Mt. Geoffrey area and try to deal with the holly I find.

Note: You cannot kill holly by cutting it. It has devious methods of staying alive; it can layer its lower branches, re-sprout from cut stems, and come up from under ground web of roots. Best is, of course, to pull it up by the roots. This works for small plants, but for the bigger ones the best solution is to cut it about 3 or 4 feet above ground and remove all branches. This way re-sprouting will occur mainly at the top, which can be cut off in the following years, finally exhausting the plant, hopefully before exhausting yourself. Never cut holly at ground level, as the following years you will have a hard-to-deal with holly porcupine.

Two other invasive plants we keep an eye on are Japanese Knotweed, which has been seen in 3 locations on the island, and Giant Hogweed, which we have under control. It would be good if we could control English Ivy which is strangling trees, and blackberries, which if not kept in check will spread and eventually cover everything such as the meadows on Big Tribune.

Recreation Committee Annual Report for HIRRA AGM April 12, 2017.
written by Jade Wilson, Recreation Coordinator.

I want to start off by sending out a few thank yous. A huge thank you to our Recreation Committee for all of their support. Tim Chapman, Eben Walmsley, Margot Bushnell, Donna Tuele and Bill Hamilton. A special Thank you to Donna Tuele for being Chair who has now stepped down and thank you to Bill Hamilton for stepping into the position as our new Chair. I'm excited to announce that all of the committee members will be staying on for the next year.

Big Changes within the last year. Bonita Wexler has retired after being our amazing Recreation Coordinator for the past 12 years. We thank her for her heartfelt passion and dedication to her position and to the community and wish her an active fun retirement.

Jade Wilson, Myself was hired as the Recreation Coordinator in April 2016. I am so excited about my position as the Recreation Coordinator and am giving it my all to provide our community with opportunity to get active, stay healthy and have fun.

Here is a list of events that were held during the last year:

Spring/Fall Events:

Full Moon Walks- Every month, excluding July and August. There were less walks this year due to our cold, wet stormy fall and winter, but they will pick again this spring.

Kids Tennis: Spring 2016 we had 17 kids and in the Fall 2016 we had 14 kids attend. Thank You to H.I.T.A for sponsoring the kids fall tennis.

Terry Fox Run- We raised \$310 and had 23 people participate.

Amazing Race- We had 10 teams register. The winning team won \$100.

Games @ The Fall Fair and for Halloween.

Mushroom Walk- led by Susan and Faron Crowe with 28 people in attendance. We found a huge pine mushroom which was a big hit.

2 Skate and Swims- with roughly 30 people attending all together.

Ski Day January 13th- Mount Washington was good this year with lots of snow. We had 31 adults, 11 youth, 12 children and 2 seniors participate in downhill and 8 adults participate in Nordic. This was a large turnout. If the weather is good next year we will look into doing multiple ski days.

On-going Events:

Pickle Ball every Monday 5:15-7:15pm @ The school gym.

Summer Programs consist of:

Programs	Total	Local s	Summer Res/ visitors	
Swimming	34	22	12	A huge thank you to Bertie Stonehouse for generously donating her pool!!!
Soccer	27	9	18	We split it into 2 age groups last summer which was a great success
Artistic Movement/ Gymnastics	23	17	6	Greatly increasing in participation each summer!
Sailing	38	16	22	
Circus	29	17	12	This program fills the fastest. A great turn out as usual.
Nature Camp	16	5	11	
Dance Camp	31	19	12	
Golf Clinic	12	2	10	Thank you to Peter Wardle for facilitating this clinic and bringing over a golf pro from Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club in Vancouver.
Water sports/ kayaking	9	3	6	

We also had a sand competition with with 16 teams. The weather was overcast and windy. We did prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd place in 2 categories. Kids and adults with kids. Thank you to The Co-op, Lix ice cream, Vorizo, Jan's Cafe, Fibres, Pizza Galore, Fords Cove Store, The Bike Shop, The Thatch Pub & Restaurant and Hornby Ocean kayaks for donating all sorts of great prizes. And we had a Paddle Board Intro Event: We teamed up with Case with Hornby Ocean Kayaks and offered a paddle board intro by donation. We had all ages from 5-75 years old out there giving it a go.

Recreation Grants given out to organizations supporting physical activity for 2016.

\$500 Hornby Island Tennis Association (HITA)

\$500 Football Club- to purchase proper soccer nets for the little kids

\$300 Parents Advisory Council (PAC)- for there field trip

\$6800 Hornby Island Education Society (HIES)- to help fund after school programs and teen night.

Moving ahead with Spring we are now in the process of organizing our summer programs, hoping to introduce a few new programs like tennis camp and archery.

Our current ongoing programs are Pickle Ball every Monday night at the school Gym 5:15-7:15pm and Table Tennis (date to be set)

Thank you for supporting Hornby Recreation! Can't wait to see you all out there!

Report to HIRRA Year End April 12, 2017. Regional Parks Committee

A rough winter for all the trails in the Park but with time pretty much all of the wind falls and water erosion has been taken care of.

The CVRD and HIRRA have given the Regional Parks committee the responsibility of the roadside trails maintenance. They suffered a bit with the winter snow damage but have been cleared recently.

Another addition to the Regional Parks is the overseeing of the recovery of the boat ramp at the old ferry dock. There is a committee to take this on and the funding will go through the Parks budget.

We are working with the Fire department and the recycling committee to have funding for beach access patrols and beach access garbage pickup through the Parks budget.

The management plans for the Regional and Provincial Parks are being amalgamated and will be finalized very soon after many meetings with all parties and the Komo's First Nations to arrive at plans that will work together.

The next years capital project will be the completion of the French Connection to connect with Logging Railroad and Walton's Trail.

This summer we will try to have local on site consultations with the community to discuss the 2018 capital project to create a year round access from McClean Road along the Gull Road access to Fowler Road. This has been a highly supported project that should create a good loop trail for a large part of the Island.

I am happy to report that all of the committee will be continuing on for the next year. Thank you to Brian Kittleson, Tom Rutherford, Sasha Le Baron, Rusty Harrison, and also Yana Pethick the Maintenance contractor.