

Boat Ramp report AGM 2020

We did not get funding for the boat ramp this year, however Daniel May of the CVRD has told me that repairs are possible to the surface of the ramp this year, he will reapply for funding. The derelict trailer was removed from the ramp area. The re-bar has also been removed from the base of the ramp.

The ramp is most functional at higher tides and if the tires of the user's trailer are not too small.
By John Struthers

Cemetery Committee Report for HIRRA AGM, June 2020

Stats:

In the past year from Jan.1 to Dec. 31 of 2019, the cemetery had one full body burial and two cremated remains interred.

Work parties:

Our annual scheduled community work party for a general clean up after winter was held on May 4. As usual we cleaned up leaves and branches and had a fire. The numbers painted on the concrete grave markers set in the ground have faded and are no longer legible. We put in new stainless steel posts to indicate the rows of full body burial sites in order to facilitate locating grave sites.

Meetings:

At our meeting of Feb. 12, 2020, in the Greenroom, we welcomed Gloria Herbert to the committee. She will now take care of certificates of burial and payments for the sites from families. And we discussed creating a form letter to remind families of the need for having headstones placed on graves preferably within one year of interment. We also had a mini meeting at the cemetery to discuss future projects as well as the new numbering markers.

Projects completed:

- Regular maintenance including tree pruning and mowing was done.
- Last winter ditching was carried out on the west side near the portal.
- Larry Smith made new metal and concrete row markers and installed them.
- We appreciate the two new signs installed for Reserved Parking for the cemetery.
- Thank you to those families who have placed headstones on grave sites this year.
- The wall inside the portal is a wonderful place to put up small plaques memorializing community members not buried in the cemetery. If you wish to honour loved ones in that way, more information is available in the cemetery brochure available on the HIRRA website. Hard copies are available at the clinic or Home Support office.

New Projects:

- There are three rows of 36 cremation plots each, allocated in the cemetery. One row is now full. A second row is being prepared and new location markers will be placed in the ground. At our next meeting, we will discuss clearing salal roots to develop the third row on the cemetery's north side, along with possibly removing the old wire fence, leaning alders, and small fir trees.

- Throughout the cemetery the small cement blocks in the ground marking grave locations all need to be repaired as the painted numbers have been disappearing. We plan to install new

aluminum location markers with vinyl numbers as grave location markers at the beginning and end of each row.

-In a meeting with HIRRA executive earlier this year, we discussed getting professional expertise to search for suitable crown land for future cemetery expansion.

-In preparation for this we plan to do the following: the cemetery boundaries will be surveyed and flagged.

-Adjacent crown land to the north and west will be explored and marked to see if it could be used for future expansion of the cemetery.

Submitted May 20, 2020 by Tina Wai on behalf of the Cemetery Committee

Hornby Island Emergency Preparedness Committee Second Annual Report

Our Committee has been very busy. We meet monthly and have taken on these roles:

David Wiseman (Chair) ongoing compiling and revising Hornby's resource list for shelter, food and water. Present at meetings of HIRRA, Community Health Network, CAST and Covid Community Response group.

Russel Roy (Secretary) in charge of purchasing first aid and search and rescue kits and community training on safe response, rapid damage assessment and search and rescue (three events so far).

Gary Burtinsky communications network formation, purchase and field testing of radios, educating in radio use at community events and liaison with Fire Department.

Amy LeBaron community education (26 weeks to preparedness notices in First Edition). Also involved in formation of Neighbourhood Teams and household surveys.

Mike Berman research on Emergency Social Services and discussion with Denman group regarding their plans.

Albini Lapierre liaison with Fire Department and evacuation plans.

Helen Grond education regarding personal preparedness through First Edition articles and personal contacts.

We are all involved in creating a Hornby Evacuation Plan with assistance from George Doerksen of the Comox Valley Emergency Preparedness team. We also communicate with the Clinic, HealthCare Society, Co-op and BC Ferries.

Recently we started to address concerns about psychological and emotional health during the Covid crisis and in the event of any other crisis in the future. We had planned to host a First Aid training course with our two paramedics and John Heinegg, but this has been postponed until gatherings are permitted.

We want to express our appreciation for the great cooperation shown by everyone we have contacted about helping to respond in the event of any emergency affecting the community.

We also want to thank HICEEC, BC Hydro, Baynes Sound Lions Club, the Hornby Co-op, the Hornby Community Fund and the Comox Valley Community Fund for funding to purchase

equipment and support our training programs. We also want to thank HIRRA Administrator, Reina LeBaron, for the time spent on grant applications, updating the resource list and ideas for improving our activities.

By David Wiseman

Fall Fair 2019 HIRRA AGM Report – June 10, 2020

Mother Nature cooperated with us for our 19th annual Fall Fair at the Geekie's farm. The parade was led by Queen Ben who officially opened the fair. The Medieval theme saw many costumes, and we had animals, the quilt raffle, music, zucchini races, art challenge competition, harvest baskets, the competition tent, vendors, and pies/soup/corn from Heron Rocks and the HI Housing society. So much fun! And with all that, we were able to recycle, compost, return almost everything – only a small bag of garbage remained at the end of the day.

We had about 1200 people attend the fair and we brought in \$4,875 in revenue. Our expenses were light this year at \$2,888 so we ended up with a surplus of close to \$2,000.

We thank our sponsors, the Coop, UBCU and BC Ferries. We also thank the Geekies for use of their beautiful farm. So many hours of work go into putting on this event for the community and we couldn't do it without all our volunteers. Thank you!

Sadly, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the 20th Anniversary Fall Fair has been cancelled. But we will be back!!!

Fall Fair Committee: Alsoon Brine, Landys Klyne, Anita Lewis and Alison Stevenson.