

## **Community Hall Management Committee (CHC) 2023 Annual Report**

2023 represented another full year of regular activities at the Hall as well as marked progress on a green roof replacement project, and learning that a community heritage register will be established by the Islands Trust in the 2024/25 program year.

Winter markets and farmers markets continued, along with art and music shows, festival, workshop, recreational, private, and food service events.

After 37 years of excellent service as the Hall Cleaner, Colleen Work retired during spring. Sanae Kawahara Work provided part-time cleaning services through fall, when the CHC completed the process to advertise and interview for the regular part-time position. Melissa Lampman was the successful candidate, and is a wonderful addition to the team.

Various trades were hired to assist Tom Howard, the Hall Maintenance Contractor, and the Committee with repairs to improve safety and other issues, e.g., railings, a new fire panel, a portable backup generator for emergencies, grounds, and other Hall maintenance.

The CHC completed a contract with cultural heritage consultant, Dr. R Hutchings, to prepare three Statements of Significance for the Community Hall, the first Schoolhouse and the Room to Grow, with support from a \$5,000 grant from the CVRD – the first steps toward developing a Hornby Island Community Heritage Register. Following two CHC Delegation presentations to the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee (HI LTC) January 20 and December 13, 2023, the HI LTC approved a Project Charter to establish a Hornby Island Community Heritage Register as part of their 2024/25 work program. Through spring 2024, Islands Trust staff will begin their work on the heritage register with a consultation process with Komoks First Nation.

The Community Hall Green Roof replacement project, on the Sollans Road-side, to replace 1,200 sq ft of green roof was awarded to Nelson Roofing early 2023. However due to availability, weather conditions, and priority summer Hall bookings, the roof installation began early fall. The final stage of work is targeted for completion during April/May 2024.

The CHC engaged AFC Construction to assist with providing cost estimates for an accessible washroom addition for the Hall, as well as a high-level scope and budget assessment for additional capital improvements for the Community Hall, that could be funded through future climate change, heritage, and accessibility grant opportunities.

Plans for a grant opportunity for an accessible washroom upgrade did not materialize as hoped, however an intake through Heritage BC grant funding program intake due late April 2024, will provide the opportunity to move forward with this project. With assistance from Sarah Mulhall, an option for a handicap and family accessible washroom that fits with the “heritage” Community Hall and doesn’t destroy the existing interior spaces that the community loves so much, and maintains needed storage was prepared. The proposed plan is attached with this report. This plan meets our goals and for the best cost and least interior impact to the existing washroom facilities. It is hoped that the HIRRA membership will support the committee’s grant application with this plan concept in mind. The estimated cost is \$117,000, of which \$65,000 is budgeted from the Hall’s Capital Reserve budget (via

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CVRD tax-funding) and the remainder is being applied for through Heritage BC's "Heritage Legacy Fund Heritage Conservation Stream" and "in kind" volunteer contributions.

The CHC is supported by the Booking Clerk and Maintenance Coordinator, Hall Cleaner and Hall Maintenance Coordinator, all who keep busy with ongoing maintenance, and management of the Community Hall.

Our committee welcomes residents to volunteer to serve on the Community Hall Committee. The Hall is a vital heritage resource much loved and enjoyed by the community that requires ongoing oversight to operate effectively and safely for everyone. The CHC welcomes year-round and part-time residents, as we convene hybrid (in-person/zoom) monthly meetings. We need support in advancing significant projects and ongoing programming to ensure the Hall building(s) meet the needs for the community. Contact us through [office@hirra.ca](mailto:office@hirra.ca), or reach out to one a committee member to express your interest.

Thank-you to the CHC members, Hilary Wood-McDonnell, Gabriel Jeroschewitz, Judith Lawrence, Margaret Birch, our Hall staff, Lynn Nunley, Colleen Work and Sanae Work, Melissa Lampman, Tom Howard, for managing another eventful year!

Vicki Bale, Committee Chair

Community Hall Management Committee

Proposed Washroom Plan Idea A

Hornby Island Hall  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

