



Regarding the Hornby Island Arts Council's Plans for building, September 27th, 2018

The Hornby Island Arts Council (HIAC) is in the final stages of retaining funding to build a much-needed Arts Centre. A secure site is essential to meet our funder's imminent October deadline.

As such, HIAC has been closely examining the advantages of different sites for some time, including its present location on HIRRA Crown Land and the possibility of HIAC Crown Land. In May, the HIRRA membership voted to allow HIAC to explore HIRRA-owned Land including the Hall Lot and the Credit Union Lot. On September 12th, HIAC retained permission through a slight majority vote to build on HIRRA-owned Land pending a second vote on a specific site on October 10th.

Having retained this permission, before moving ahead with a final motion, we have pored over our available information once again. We have gone back to the experts who felt there were viable possibilities on HIRRA-owned Land—worthy of an initial vote—and re-confirmed their opinions. We have solicited and received feedback from people with many perspectives inside and outside of our community including experts in septic systems, variance approvals and development permits, building design and architecture, and engineering.

At this time, we have come to the conclusion that our community is now ready to support the construction of a home for the arts, and that by siting this new building on **HIRRA Crown Land**, next to the Teen Trailer, HIAC will advance a proposal on October 10th that will receive a clear majority. We feel this is a site the community is prepared to fully support, though some will be disappointed with our final recommendation. As ever, HIAC's aim is to serve public interest. We thank everyone for putting their energy into this decision and now ask for your full support.

We will be hosting an information session at the Community Hall on October 5th from 3-8pm. We hope you will visit to learn about our process and plans, and even to draft letters of support to our funders.

Please plan to attend the October 10th HIRRA meeting to vote in favour of our motion to place an Arts Centre on HIRRA Crown Land near the Teen Trailer (above the Credit Union). Your voice is needed.

On the reverse side of this letter (or page 2), you will find a chart that summarizes many of our deliberations—though certainly not all of them. More announcements, plans, and information will continue to be made available at www.hornbyarts.com

Thanks as always for your attention,

The Hornby Island Arts Council

***The proposal
HIAC will make***



| Considerations | <i>HIRRA Crown Land</i> | HIAC Crown Land | Credit Union Plot (HIRRA-Owned) | Hall Plot (HIRRA- Owned) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Services (Septic, Water, Elect) | <i>Some</i> | None | Some | All |
| Environmental Impact | <i>Low</i> | High | Some | Low |
| Earned Revenue | <i>Restricted</i> | Restricted | Permitted | Permitted |
| Parking | <i>Existing</i> | Undeveloped | Possible | Possible |
| Community Sensitivity | <i>Low</i> | Lowest | High | Highest |
| Site Preparation and Development Needed | <i>Less</i> | Most | Some | Less |
| Most \$ Value for Building | <i>High</i> | Lowest | Low | Highest |
| Accessibility / Visibility | <i>Low</i> | Low | High | Highest |
| Expansion | <i>Flexible</i> | Difficult | Difficult | Possible |
| Best Use of Existing Infrastructure / Synergistic Programming | <i>Low</i> | Lowest | High | Highest |