

DELEGATION REQUEST

Name of person speaking: Sheila Morissette

Organization you are representing: Hornby Island Arts Council

Primary purpose of the organization: Community Arts Council

Number of members: 150

Contact name

Sheila Morissette

Subject matter

Operating funds for new Arts Centre on Hornby Island

Specific request of the regional district, if any (i.e. letter of support, funding)

Support for operating funds for the new Arts Centre

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Hornby Island is the traditional, unceded territory and a place of cultural and economic significance for the K'ómoks First Nation and the Pentlatch Peoples since time immemorial.

We acknowledge that we are uninvited guests on this land.



Elaine Savoie, *St. Justin*, acrylic on wood.

Tucked between Vancouver Island and the British Columbia Coast is the Jewel of the Salish Sea.

It's a place where people seeking different paths were inspired by natural beauty, to think freely and live fully.

Our culture and lifestyle echo the dreams of vanguards and iconoclasts.

Art is our living, breathing tribute to them.

In art, we remember them and pursue their vision of a better world.

*We welcome you warmly to Hornby,
the "Art Island."*

We're finally building a dedicated home for the arts, designed together with our community.

Against all odds, through the COVID-19 pandemic, we leveraged a **10-fold return** on our Community Works Fund Grant from the EASC .

In October 2023 we achieved "lock-up" status, despite rising building costs and supply shortages.

We're now working the finishing touches, aiming to open the doors in 2024.



The new Arts Centre is a place with open-door public access, where we'll hold space for the Indigenous Keepers of this Land.

We hold space for Reconciliation in our annual Indigenous Peoples' month celebrations.

We're landscaping our Arts Centre with Indigenous Medicine Gardens and diverse-ability accessible interpretive trails, funded by Co-op Community Spaces and led by Pentlatch First Nation Elder Barb Whyte (Billy).

Our new Centre and future programming will continue to honor and recognise Indigenous artists, performers, and knowledge keepers.



Barbara Whyte (Billy), Pentlatch Elder

We're proud of our community for embracing both the costs and benefits of this brand-new facility serving the whole CVRD.

The new Arts Centre is a place where we can proudly welcome many more of the 40,000 annual visitors to our remote rural community, who support our recreational/cultural economy.

It's a where we can finally gather indoors, year-round, and continue to inspire one another.

Artist Wendy Lewington at the Friday Kids Club





We're opening investment up to regional and provincial partners who want to grow BC's vibrant cultural tourism economy.

Support for the Centre's operating costs will:

Ensure the ongoing delivery of inclusive programming that builds community, promotes wellness and enriches lives;

Directly support the thriving, cultural-tourism-based economy on which the CVRD, and the whole of British Columbia, increasingly rely.



Learn more about
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[Walk through the new Arts
Centre](#)

[Meet local artists in Zsofin
Sheehy's 'Art Island' short film
series](#)

[Learn about D'Arcy Jones
Architects award-winning design](#)

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Zsofin Sheehy, Filmmaker