

**DATE:** April 17, 2020**FILE:** 1850-20**TO:** Chair and Directors  
Electoral Areas Services Committee**FROM:** Russell Dyson  
Chief Administrative OfficerSupported by Russell Dyson  
Chief Administrative Officer***R. Dyson*****RE: GIA Request from HICEEC****Purpose**

To provide the Electoral Areas Services Committee with information with regards to a Grant-in-Aid (GIA) request from the Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation (HICEEC).

**Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer:**

For information purposes only.

**Executive Summary**

On April 7, 2020 the Board awarded a GIA to HICEEC to assist with supporting an informal Electoral Area A network that would facilitate effective online dialogue surrounding the COVID-19 crisis.

Concerns are now raised that this network is a private members only Facebook group administered and monitored by two Hornby Island residents. As a local government, grant funding should be used for public and non-exclusive activities. Comox Valley Regional District staff will engage with HICEEC and determine whether the Facebook group can be made public. Should that not occur, a staff report will be submitted to a subsequent Board meeting to recommend that the GIA to HICEEC be withdrawn.

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