

## DELEGATION REQUEST

**Names of persons speaking:** Ellen Leslie, Dr. John Cox, Darren Bond

**Organization you are representing:** Hornby Water Stewardship - a project of Heron Rocks Friendship Centre Society

**Primary purpose of the organization:** Foster personal responsibility for water conservation and protection

**Number of members:** 4

**Mailing address:**

General Delivery  
Hornby Island, BC V0R 1Z0

**Contact name:** Ellen Leslie

**Subject matter:**

Through the creation of a Hornby Water Plan - "to strive to ensure the quantity and quality of water for Hornby Island, both in the short and long-term" - the community indicated a priority in helping individuals take action beyond merely raising general awareness and education. The vast majority of residents are, in effect, managers of their own private water system, both potable (wells, rainwater collection) and septic (pit toilets, advanced systems). Specific items desired include: conservation devices for wells, collection tanks, filtration systems, converting from pit to composting toilets, and a water testing service. This should help not only themselves and their families, but also neighbours. We are beginning a water testing service, and will be regularly testing ditches to see if this is making a difference.

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

Creation of a program to assist residents - many below the LICO (low-income cut-off) level - to improve their water quality through the conversion of old pit toilets to composting toilets.

**Requested meeting date:** September 20, 2021

**Audio-visual equipment needed:** none - will share information over Zoom