

NEWS RELEASE

Fire-Pit Pavilion soon to be built on Hornby Island to enrich a historical gathering place

Opportunity to donate and support the community build project still available.

For immediate release

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COMOX VALLEY, B.C. – Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Society has joined forces with the Timber Framers Guild for a major build project that will enhance the esthetics and extend the use of a popular education and training center located on beautiful Hornby Island.

Touted as the jewel of the Pacific, the Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre (TBOEC) will soon have a fire-pit pavilion erected on its grounds, replacing the current open pit.

A new covered structure will become the architectural focal point and enhance the setting and the environment of Tribune Bay. Added protection from hot sunny days and days of inclement weather allows will allow for year-round programming thus meeting a new mandate of the Society to increase use of the Centre.

The fire-pit has become a historical gathering place over the past 29 years when the Centre first opened, according to Paul Berry, Director Health and Safety for Comox Valley School District and TBOEC instructor.

“The fire pit at Tribune Bay has for years been a focal point for youth and adults alike. This is the greeting point, the daily meeting point, the muster station, the theatre, and a welcoming place for the evening ritual around the glow of the fire,” expressed Berry. “The addition of the pavilion structure will further enhance these experience and create deeper, lasting memories for decades to come for all visitors and for residents of Hornby Island.”

Ground will break this September to begin this significant build led by Timber Framers Guild (TFG) who will manage the project and contribute several volunteer labour hours.

“Our Guild partners with other non-profits to take on community building project of mutual interest, often those projects would not happen without the cooperative environment created to promote education and fostering of building with common purpose,” expressed Randy Churchill, TFG member and owner of Churchill Timberworks - a Comox Valley based timber framer.

The project is made possible by the generous donations of several other contributing organizations including Timber West with a significant in-kind donation of cedar and fir timbers; SLEGG Lumber’s contribution of a crane truck and operator, foundation blocks and hardware; a monetary donation of \$10k from The Comox Valley Community Foundation; financial

assistance from the Centre's two governing organizations, Comox Valley and Qualicum School Districts; and from the support of the Hornby Island Community.

As a special feature to the project, high school and post-secondary carpentry students will lend their skill and talent during a three-day "community build" phase planned for October.

"We have realized that these projects really are more about 'building community' than building a structure; that just happens to be a great additional benefit," shared Churchill. "Folks here in the Valley and on Hornby will be amazed at the skill level of volunteer attendees and the work ethic they bring. This will be a very rewarding project for all involved."

"I extend my heartfelt thanks to the businesses, community groups and individuals that are contributing to this unique timber-frame project and helping extend the Tribune Bay Outdoor Education experience with our expanded year-round, all-ages mandate," expressed Sheila McDonnell, Comox Valley School District Trustee. "I too have enjoyed many magical evenings, gathering round the fire with children, parents and teachers. Please contact us to get involved."

More sponsorship opportunities are available and needed to complete the fire-pit pavilion. Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Society in partnership with its governing organizations, Comox Valley and Qualicum School Districts, are calling on the community for support. To donate to the project or get involved please contact:

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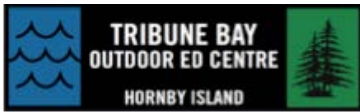
For more information about Timber Framers Guild International, visit <https://www.tfguild.org/>

ATTACHMENT

Fire-pit Pavilion' Project Donor Information Package

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Donor Information for the 'Fire-pit Pavilion' Project

Background about the Society and Centre:

The non-profit Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Society is a federally registered charity. The Society operates the Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre which is located on 17 acres in the incredibly beautiful Tribune Bay Provincial Park, on Hornby Island. The Centre has a Park Use Permit with the Province of BC, and is in a partnership with two school districts; *School District 71 (Comox Valley)* and *School District 69 (Qualicum)*. This Society fund raises and operates all programs and services for the Centre. Any new capital funds for the Centre are raised solely through grants and donations. The Centre offers multi-day, residential experiential outdoor education programs to school and youth groups primarily but also some family, adult and corporate programs. The Centre, which is in its 29th year, has had an average of 2500 people a year come through its programs.

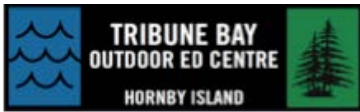
Society Mission statement:

To provide outdoor learning experiences that stimulate, encourage and challenge each participant to discover their potential and expand their abilities to adapt and succeed in a changing world.

Guiding Principles for the work of the Board of Directors and all society members:

- *We honour the people of this land – past, present and future. Our planning and programs will take us back to nature, where indigenous principles of living, sustainability of a healthy environment and understanding and respect for the outdoors are at the core of learning.*
- *We address physical, social and emotional components of learning and inspire participants to be confident and successful.*
- *We design our programs around relationship building and connections. Core design principles are collaboration, awareness, rediscovery and leadership in order to support the best in the human endeavour.*
- *We offer programs that are fully experiential, with a focus on enjoyment through project-based, place-based and exploratory learning.*
- *We design programs in response to changing needs and circumstance, whether for personal challenge, enjoyment, team building or certification.*
- *We cooperate and collaborate within our organization in order to focus on care for others and for group success in all of our work.*
- *We are stewards of Tribune Bay and the Outdoor Education Centre and demonstrate and lead an understanding of healthy ecosystems and sustainable land-use practices.*

Centre Programs offered:



- A. **Team building and Initiative Tasks**- on ground and using low ropes challenge course
- B. **Ocean** – Stand-up-paddle Boarding, Kayaking, Marine adventure and interpretive boat tour
- C. **High Challenges** - High Ropes (7 elements), Climbing Rappelling Tower, Giants Ladder, Leap of Faith
- D. **Forest and Ocean - Interpretive Environmental Programs**
- E. **Island Hikes** – of varying distances complete with interpretive program
- F. **Orienteering** using maps, compass and GPS
- G. **Educational ‘wide’ and animal role play activities**
- H. **Campfire programs** appropriate for all ages

Recent Program additions:

- A. **Outdoor Leadership and Theme Academies** for High School Students
- B. **Summer Family Adventure Camps**
- C. **Adult and Seniors Programming** - Team Building, Retreats

Programs in the planning stage:

- A. **Dual Credit** (High School to College/Trade School/University) outdoor leadership & skills certification
- B. **Sustainable Forest Practices and Economic Value**
- C. **Local and Indigenous Peoples** – Culture and History: Past, Present and Future

I. **The Project: ‘Fire-pit Pavilion’**

A. Rationale

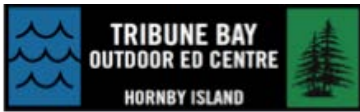
1. The current fire pit is our historical gathering place since inception of the Centre 29 years ago. Here the Centre staff welcome groups, celebrate accomplishments, set instruction and direction for participants, meet between activities, story tell and play games and where we have the nightly fire to close off the day’s proceedings. It is currently open air.
2. With the Society’s new mandate to offer 12 month programming and to increase use, a new covered structure over the fire-pit will complement the setting and the environment of Tribune Bay and provide protection from hot sunny days and days of inclement weather.
3. This structure will enable the Centre to have more people experience the campfire area in this “jewel” of a site and the programs all year long.

Note: All structures we have built over the years belong to the taxpayers of British Columbia via oversight of Parks BC.

B. Concept and Engineering (see attachment “61133 Tribune Bay Firepit_2017_06_15_Permitting”)

C. Build highlights (scheduled for Fall of 2018)

1. Significant collaboration and partnering
 - a. The **Timber Framers Guild International** is the Project Manager and builder



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- i. Significant donation of time re- project management, engineered drawings, liaison with TBOES staff and directors and builder presence
- b. Collaboration with high school and college carpentry students
 - i. Carpentry credits awarded to SD69 and SD71 students
- c. Collaboration with the Hornby Island Community

2. Materials

- a. Yellow/Red cedar and fir poles and timbers
- b. Steel roofing
- c. Concrete footings – precast offsite
- d. Electrical supply to support evening use and for multi-media presentations
- e. Provisioning for future gas line should wood burning be permanently banned in BC Parks

3. Build event

- a. Crane/Pulley and Rope requirement
- b. Generator requirement
- c. Commercial BBQ
- d. Accommodation and Meals provided at no charge by the Centre

II. Specific Donation Request for consideration by *NEW DONOR

**If you are interested in become a part of this important community build project, information specific to your contribution and your organization will be inserted in this section.*

III. How the Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Society will recognize you:

- A. You will be recognized in our Press release and Social Media
- B. Your name will be placed on a Plaque on the structure
- C. Your name will be posted on our website acknowledging supporters of the project
- D. You will be Invited to the Grand Opening and Activities Experience Day
- E. You will be acknowledged by Comox Valley and Qualicum School Districts
- F. You will receive an official donation receipt for Revenue Canada

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