

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



2009 Recipient Profile

Nominee: Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association (HIRRA) Trails Committee, Hornby Island

Category: Organization/Group

Project: Hornby Island Non-Motorized Trails Network

Nominator(s): Kurt and Eva Wetzel

Letters of Support: N/A

Project Description: The Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association (HIRRA) Trails Committee was established in 2001. As a member of the Trails Committee since its inception, Andrew Carmichael has been a prime mover of the initiative and currently serves as chair of the Trails Committee. Andrew and other Trails Committee volunteers have fundraised, built, and maintained trails along many Hornby Island roads, including St. John's Point Road and Central Road, and upgraded the Seadollar Road path to allow use by bicyclists, walkers, and joggers in all seasons. The process used by the Trails Committee to plan the recent St. John's Point Road trail has been highly participatory and community-based – local residents and landowners had opportunity to voice their opinions, make suggestions, and shape trail design through public HIRRA meetings and on-site visits. The Trails Committee also consulted with Jan Bevan, an island authority on native plants.