

## **Service 670 Hornby Community Facilities Hornby Island Arts Council Funding**

### **PURPOSE**

- Due to a funding shortfall the Hornby Island Arts Centre is not fully operational
- Determining operation support is challenging without actual operating costs
- \$20,000 of operational support has been included in the proposed budget however, this committee is asked to consider further funding as we understand construction completion may be as early as May 2025

### **BACKGROUND**

- Hornby Island Arts Council oversees the Hornby Island Arts Centre construction
- 2024 budget deliberations approved the following:
  - \$17,500 granted to support the operations for half a year anticipating an opening in mid-2024
  - Staff directed to report back on long-term operational plan; based on discussion of the facility operations.
  - Hornby Island Arts Council submitted a 2025 Rural Community Grants application for \$12,500; in 2024 a grant of \$1,250 was approved

### **KEY POINTS**

- The Hornby Island Arts Centre is still not open therefore a long-term operational plan is expected to be completed in the fall of 2026.
- Five-year budget planning suggests it would be prudent to signal support into the future therefore the following is proposed
  - \$30,000 in 2025 anticipating an opening of the centre and \$35,000 annually in subsequent years
- Staff are hopeful the Hornby Island Arts Centre will open in 2025 allowing for the development of a long-term operational plan from Hornby Island Arts Centre. The 2026-2030 budget cycle will be chance to reconsider funding support.