

Big project planned for Hornby Isle

Construction activity is definitely picking up on the North Island and we will see more new projects getting started in the next few months.

A development permit has been approved for a 15 unit ocean front project by the **Hornby Island Ferry Terminal** on Hornby Island.

This project will include one tri-plex and six duplexes, making up the 15 units. The development will also include a new 5,000 sq. ft. structure for **The Thatch**, a neighbourhood pub and restaurant. An ice cream parlour and a liquor store will also be constructed on site.

Construction is expected to begin in the next 6-9 months. This project will be developed by **Hornby Island Resort Ltd.** and is designed by **Helliwell & Smith Blue Sky Architecture Inc.**

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The City of Powell River will receive \$1.6 million in federal funding that will go toward repairing tarmac and other upgrades at the **Powell River Airport**.

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The project will include repairing the asphalt on the airport's apron, where planes are boarded, and taxiway. Drainage will be upgraded as well and upgrading the lighting for the apron area and installing an automatic gate on the east side of the airport terminal.

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BC Hydro is hoping to start its billion dollar **John Hart Generating Station** replacement project in 2012/13 - six months later than the original plan.

The current scope of the project is to replace the above ground pipelines with a two-kilometre underground tunnel, and to construct a new powerhouse beside the existing one. Throughout construction, the generating station will continue to supply power.

Construction could begin in the summer of 2013 and last for approximately five years. The upgrades at John Hart will increase system capacity and reliability of supply and improve the seismic safety of the plant. The budget for this project is

estimated at \$1.35 billion.

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The construction of a new **Thrifty Foods** store in Courtenay, at the corner of Ryan and Lerwick, adjacent to **Crown Isle**, is going to be underway very soon.

An invitational tender has been sent out to six general contractors for the construction of the new Thrifty's: **AFC Industries Ltd.**, **Norson Construction Ltd.**, **Eton-West Construction Ltd.**, **Ketza Pacific Construction Ltd.**, **Ventana Construction Corp.** and **Knappe Projects Inc.** The tender closes September 8.

A building permit application states that the size of the building is 38,000 sq. ft. and is scheduled to be completed later in 2012, at an estimated \$5 million. Additional buildings will be built alongside Thrifty's. Negotiations are currently underway with potential tenants.

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