

## 2022 Comox Valley Resident Telephone Survey on Wood Burning<sup>1</sup>

### Main Findings

- Overall, significantly more Comox Valley residents are aware of the bylaws limiting the installation of new, cleaner wood stoves to address air quality concerns in the region (89%, up from 80% in 2021).
  - Outside of Courtenay and Comox, awareness of these bylaws increased from 69% to 87%.
- There continues to be strong agreement (92%) that people should be able to upgrade their old inefficient heating systems with a newer, cleaner burning system of their choice.
  - 79% agreed that this choice should be left up to residents, not local government.
- Only 30% of residents believe it's feasible for everyone in the Comox Valley to switch to heating options that are 100% electric.
- Just over half of Comox Valley residents feel that wood burning is a renewable source of home heating.
- Generally, Comox Valley residents continue to be more opposed than supportive of bylaws restricting wood stove installation (20% support vs. 31% oppose).
- 27% of residents say they are likely to vote for a municipal candidate that opposes the new bylaw whereas 23% say they will vote for a candidate that supports it.
- Over half (56%) of residents say they are likely to vote for a municipal candidate that supports HPBAC's Three Pillar Plan.

The Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association of Canada is the national not-for-profit industry association that represents businesses which produce, sell, or service appliances and accessories in the hearth and barbecue industries in Canada.

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<sup>1</sup> Results referenced are from a telephone survey of Comox Valley residents, conducted by Leger. This survey took place from September 23 to 29, 2022. All 300 respondents are residents of British Columbia and are 18 years of age or older.