The local co-ordinator for the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region (MABR) is happy to be travelling to Ottawa Monday to take part in a celebration of Canada’s 18 UNESCO biosphere reserves. Especially since she helped put the event together.

The Canadian Commission for UNESCO and the Canadian Biosphere Reserve Association will host a special Day on the Hill May 29, in Ottawa. The goal is to allow Members of Parliament to discover the important role and contributions of Canada’s 18 UNESCO biosphere reserves with regard to biodiversity conservation, sustainable development, and reconciliation.

Monica Shore will be representing the Mount Arrowsmith UNESCO Biosphere Reserve (MABR) in Ottawa. Since November 2016, Shore has been working closely to co-ordinate this national event with federal MP Gord Johns, whose riding includes the Mount Arrowsmith and Clayoquot Biosphere regions.

This non-partisan Day on the Hill is co-organized with the support of Gord Johns (BC: Courtenay-Alberni, NDP), as well as Hon. Ginette Petitpas Taylor (New Brunswick: Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe, Liberal), and Robert Sopuck (Manitoba: Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa, Conservative).

“I’m so pleased to be representing the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region at this national event,” said Shore. “Canada’s biosphere reserves have such a unique and important mandate, and I’m looking forward to how the MABR meets this mandate at the local level.”

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Canada’s 18 UNESCO biosphere reserves span an area of 235,000 square kilometers in over 40 federal ridings, with 1.2 million Canadians within their boundaries. They are part of the greater World Network of UNESCO Biosphere Reserves, which cover 669 regions in 120 countries. UNESCO biosphere reserves promote and support biodiversity conservation, sustainable development and tourism, ecosystem services, land management, and reconciliation.

— NEWS Staff and MABR submission