

Fall 2024 Newsletter from The Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society



ÁTL'KA7TSEM
HOWE SOUND
BIOSPHERE REGION



Bringing people together in-person from around the region is a rewarding part of our work. The networking, knowledge sharing, effective dialogue, and good food all build relationships that lead to cooperation and collaboration within our biosphere region.

We hear the common concerns regarding affordability, transportation and extreme weather events. In contrast, we also hear of the many actions tackling climate change and biodiversity loss. The West Vancouver Sea to Sky region just voted its first Green Party MLA as an indicator of people's environmental priorities. Our two newly elected MLAs, [Randene Neil](#) and [Jeremy Valeriotte](#), will serve key roles over the next four years in representing our biosphere region. Congratulations to them both.

Part of our role is to lift up the organizations and the projects aligning with our Unity Plan. Help us to support these projects through charitable giving. Your gift of support would help us help others, including our current donation campaigns outlined below.

We have also been working hard to improve our communications materials in recent months. We recognize that too few people know about the biosphere region. As residents of the region are in this together, the more there is understanding and a striving for a more sustainable, equitable future, the better a place we will all be in. We have assembled a [Communications Toolkit](#) and are

immensely proud to share our new video, “The Biodiverse Átl'ka7sem/Howe Sound.”

Enjoy,

Ruth Simons,

Executive Director, [Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society](#)

Bringing People Together

Convening people for knowledge sharing, learning, and collaboration kept us busy this fall with the [Howe Sound Community Forum](#), [Howe Sound Roundtable](#), the [Howe Sound Conservation Network](#), and [three Intergenerational Conversation events](#) co-hosted with Squamish Climate Youth Corps.



Communicating about the Biosphere



Our [new 5-minute](#), [1 minute](#) and [30 second](#) videos are for sharing widely.

Coming in 2025, we will launch our Biosphere 101 online course.

Year-end Charitable Gifts

HSBRIS is now a registered charity.

Your tax-deductible gift will support community projects.
We collaborate with local groups to make your donations go further.



Donate to train more
Streamkeepers

Donate to respond to urgent
clean ups



Donate for a new sign to
share pride of place

Donate to sustain our work
bringing people together

What's Happening in the Biosphere



Every Friday [we share Good News Stories from the region](#) on our social media channels. These can make for good dinner conversations.

[Read here](#) about *Knowing our Fish Creeks in Howe Sound* and share some fun facts about all the fish species that call this watershed home. [Read here](#) *Summarizing our Actions on Ocean Health*.

Follow us on our socials to receive current news



CONSERVATION MILESTONE MADE ON BOWEN ISLAND



JAKE VACEK

SQUAMISH NATION GENERATIONAL PLAN



RUTH SIMONS

Learn More About Howe Sound



We will co-host a workshop with the Howe Sound [Marine Stewardship Initiative](#) on December 12th from 1 to 2 p.m. Our Terrestrial map is a companion to the Marine Stewardship Initiative's Howe Sound Marine Reference Guide. These maps capture publicly available data applicable to the biosphere region.

[Register here](#)

Knowledge Sharing – Canadian Biosphere Network



A few of us travelled to the National Gathering in [Waterton Lakes Biosphere Reserve](#) in Alberta, where the prairie meets the mountains. We learned how Ranchers steward their lands, manage the presence of Grizzly bears, and how the Blackfoot Nation is working on the return of bison. We enjoyed wonderful hospitality and stories from people who care.

[Mt. Arrowsmith Biosphere Region](#)

Oceanside hosted the BC Biosphere Region gathering. The Snaw-na-as First Nation welcomed us to the territory oceanside at Lantzville. We visited the biosphere's new home in downtown Qualicum Beach, where visitors are welcome, and attended the official opening of the new Indigenous Art installation.



Want to get involved?

If you care for this region and are looking to get involved, [please get in touch with us](#).

We are members of the Canadian Biosphere
Regions Association



Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region is located in the unceded territory of the
Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) people.



*Copyright © *2023* *Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society*, All rights reserved.*

Our mailing address is:

howesoundbri@gmail.com c/o Box 465 Lions Bay, B.C. V0N2E0
www.howesoundbri.org

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

