

Sea-to-Sky Clean Air Society

Key Milestones – 2011





History

An Air Quality Coordinating Committee (AQCC) was developed in 2002 to bring together stakeholders, industry, First Nations, and local representatives to:

- ensure that air quality is managed at a regional level
- ensure issues & goals of each municipality are addressed
- identify immediate synergies

The AQCC developed an Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) for the corridor in 2007 and decided to transition into a non-profit society to manage the AQMP.

Sea-to-Sky Clean Air Society was formed in 2010.



Society Purposes:

- To organize and participate in environmental projects and programs designed to improve the air quality within the Sea-to-Sky and Howe Sound Airshed.
- To educate and increase the public's understanding of the environment, specifically the improvement of air quality, and its importance by offering courses, seminars, conferences and meetings, and by collecting and disseminating information on that topic.
- To conduct research relating to the improvement of air quality and to disseminate the results of such research.

2011 Partners

Board members represent:

- Bowen Island Municipality
- Town of Gibsons
- Village of Lions Bay
- District of Squamish
- SLRD

Meeting attendees:

- Gambier/Keats Islands (Islands Trust)
- Howe Sound Pulp and Paper
- BC Ferries
- Vancouver Coastal Health
- RMOW
- Village of Pemberton
- Ministry of Environment
- Metro Vancouver
- Sunshine Coast Clean Air Society
- Squamish Climate Action Network

www.seatoskyairquality.ca

2011 Funding

Revenue comes from a mix of partnering communities who contribute a combined total of just over \$10,000 and the Ministry of Environment who contributes \$10,000. This provides \$20,000 for core operating costs such as staffing, projects, events, and overhead. New partners include Gambier/Keats Islands and Vancouver Coastal Health.

In 2011 the SSCAS also applied for and was awarded funds from MoE to oversee a Woodstove Exchange Program. To date, 33 exchange rebates of \$250 have been issued. This program will be administered by the SLRD from January – April 2012 therefore the SSCAS will have minimal involvement in 2012.

Unsuccessful grant applications were made to:

- FP Innovations
- Pacific Institute for Climate Studies (PICS) internship program
- Whistler Blackcomb Foundation
- Whistler Blackcomb EnviroFund
- Squamish Community Foundation
- Mountain Equipment Co-op
- BC CLEAR Fund

2011 Funding

2011 Revenues

\$17,000: Woodstove Exchange (WSE) coordination, workshops, advertising
+ \$10,000: MoE contribution
+ \$10,100: Partner community contributions
= \$37,100

2011 Expenses

\$20,733: Salaries (Exec. Dir.: 12hrs/wk annually and WSE coord. 5hrs/wk for 4 months)
+ \$5,200: Annual report
+ \$3,500: WSE Burn-it-Smart workshops and advertising
+ \$3,100: Meetings and travel
+ \$1,400: Overhead (Office supplies, telephone, insurance)
+ \$500: Miscellaneous (graphic design, etc)
= \$2,667

Outcomes 2011

- Woodstove exchange: Burn-it-Smart, rebates, coordination
- Promoting an integrated and accessible transit system: corridor-wide transportation committee meetings, BC Transit communications
- Provincial regulatory outreach: asphalt regulation, open burning smoke control regulation (OBSCR), HSPP permit
- Local regulatory outreach: anti-idling, backyard burning
- 2011 Election Questionnaire for Local Candidates
- Meetings: Sunshine Coast Clean Air Society, UBCM
- Society Administration: CRA registration, 3 Board meetings
- Website maintenance
- Fundraising and financials

Priorities 2012

- Transit will be a big focus of work
- Airshed issues: gravel pits, asphalt plants, HSPP
- Board meetings x 3
- Board member succession, attracting new members
- Fundraising – new avenues?
- 2011 financial/tax statements for registered non-profit
- Woodstove exchange – transition to SLRD

Budget 2012

Revenue

\$10,000: MoE contribution
+ \$11,160: Partner community contributions
= **\$21,160**

Expenses

\$10,000: Part-time ED
+ \$5,000: Annual Report
+ \$3,000: Meetings and travel
+ \$2,000: Overhead (Office supplies, telephone, insurance)
= **\$20,000**

Additional funding will be sought through grants, but is not confirmed.