

TĒTĀĆES Climate Action Project — milestones 2019-20

- May 9: The TĒTĀĆES Climate Action Project is launched at a gathering of 26 representatives from WŚĀNEĆ First Nation and Southern Gulf Islands. A 15 person representative working group (link to TĒTĀĆES working group) is established to develop three intensive climate action courses under the guidance of the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre (CRC) and the WŚĀNEĆ School Board (WSB).
- May 13 The CRC applies for a \$98,600 grant under the Federal Government's Climate Action Fund to support the development and delivery of three 5-day courses to "...combine current climate science with Traditional Knowledge of the WŚĀNEĆ people to inform climate action decision-making at the community level".
- May 30 CRD Director Dave Howe approves a \$3,000 community action grant to support planning (phase 1) for the TĒTĀĆES Climate Action Project. The funds are used primarily to provide honorariums for WŚĀNEĆ Elder and knowledge keepers to participate in the planning.
- June 7 The working group meets to develop curriculum frameworks for three separate courses: 1. Indigenous Perspectives focusing on S,DA'YES/Pender Island; 2. Youth Leadership for climate action focusing on the four Southern Gulf Islands; and 3. Climate Change in the Salish Sea Archipelago focusing on the Gulf and San Juan Islands.
- July The Climate Action Fund grant is not approved. The CRC applies for a \$25,550 for a CRD Community Works Fund grant. The TĒTĀĆES project logo is developed by Emily Olsen with art by WŚĀNEĆ teacher and artist PENĀĆ (David Underwood).
- Aug. The CRC applies for a \$68,000 matching grant from the Real Estate Foundation of BC. Curriculum frameworks for the three courses are completed.
- Sept. The CRD approves the \$25,550 Community Works Fund grant for the 2-day curriculum review symposium (phase 2). The major portion of the grant provides honorariums and expenses for WŚĀNEĆ Elders, leaders and knowledge keepers.
- Oct. 9-10 The curriculum review symposium is held at Poets Cove Resort. The symposium is attended by 23 WŚĀNEĆ Elders, leaders and knowledge keepers and 23 Gulf Island representatives including Island Trustees, CRD and community leaders. Workshops are held to review each course curriculum for feedback and suggestions.
- Oct. 18 The Real Estate Foundation invites the CRC to file a part 2 application to be considered by their Board of Governors.
- Nov. The working group reviews the 3 curriculum frameworks to reflect the ideas and suggestions from the symposium workshops. The CRC initiates a bursary fund in cooperation with the Anglican Parish of Pender and Saturna to help cover the course cost for participants who required financial assistance.
- Dec. 6 The Real Estate Foundation Board approves the \$68,000 matching grant for the 3 courses (phase 3). The grant helps fund up to 24 sponsored seats for WŚĀNEĆ participants and 8 sponsored seats for Gulf Island youth and young adults. The course tuition fee is set at \$1,995 for non-sponsored seats to cover course expenses, accommodation and meals. Course registrations begin.

TETÁCES Climate Action Project — milestones 2019-20

- Dec. 10 The CRD indicates that a Community Works Grant will not be available to fund project evaluation (phase 4). The CRC (with assistance from CRD Director Howe) initiates plans to apply for a Federal Investment Readiness Grant to develop a self sustaining social enterprise initiative to support future development of the project.
- Jan. Donations from individuals and organizations provide a bursary fund of \$11,200. Registrations are slow and the bursaries provide support for some course applicants who required financial assistance. The project working group decides to go ahead with course #1 although registration is low.
- Feb. 9 Course 1 — Indigenous Perspectives for eco-cultural revitalization begins with 13 participants. (add link to course summary). The course completes on February 14 on a very positive high note as reflected in the course evaluations (add link to evaluation summary).
- Feb. 10 The CRC applies for a \$50,000 Investment Readiness Grant with the Victoria Foundation.
- Feb. 16 Course 3 — Climate Change in the Salish Sea Archipelago begins with 16 participants. The course completes on February 21 with very positive evaluations. (add link)
- Feb. 24 CRD Director Howe approves a \$4,360 community action grant to support a scaled down project reporting and evaluation back to the larger community (phase4).
- Mar. 1 Course 2 — Youth Leadership for climate action in the Southern Gulf Islands begins with 18 participants. (add link) The course completes on March 6 with cultural ceremonies and a focus on climate action plans. Course evaluations were very positive. (add link)
- Mar. 16 Project working group now with 19 members plans reviews of each course evaluations to develop plans for each course curriculum based on the feedback.
- April Zoom meetings are held with participants of each course to identify lessons learned from the pilot delivery and revise each course curriculum to incorporate participant feedback.
- May The working group approves a \$4,500 to provide mini-grants up to \$250 each to participants of the Youth Leadership course to support climate action plans.
- May 21 The application for the Investment Readiness Grant is not approved.
- May 25 The working group meets to plan the phase 4 project evaluation.