

## ᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕ working group

On May 9, 2019 at a gathering of 26 representatives from the ᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕ First Nation and Southern Gulf Islands launched the ᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕ Climate Action Project. The representatives present established a 15 person representative working group to develop three intensive climate action courses under the guidance of the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre (CRC) and the ᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕ School Board (WSB). The working group met over 20 times to plan the development and delivery of the project.

**Tye Swallow**, MA— project co-coordinator (ᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕ). Tye is the SENĆOTEN Language Revitalization Coordinator with the Saanich Adult Education Centre (ᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕ School Board). He is the lead instructor for both the Indigenous Perspectives and the Youth Leadership courses.

**Paul Petrie**, MA —Paul is project co-coordinator (CRC) and past president of the South Pender Historical Society where he coordinated a series of community to community projects with the ᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕ First Nation.

**Elder Belinda Claxton** (SELILIYE) — SELILIYE is an Elder with the Tsawout First Nation and deeply involved with the SENĆOTEN Language Revitalization Program. She has a background in ethnobotany and generously shares the wisdom of the ᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕ 13 moon calendar.

**Chief Nick Claxton**, PhD (XEMᑕOLᑕᑕᑕᑕ)— Nick is elected Chief of the Tsawout First Nation and a Director of the ᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕ Leadership Council. He is Assistant Professor in the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria.

**Dr. Peter Paré** — Peter is a Board member and treasurer with the CRC. He is an Emeritus Professor of Respiratory Medicine and Pathology at the University of British Columbia and active in many Island organizations.

**Deb Morrison**, PhD — Deb is a Learning Scientist with the University of Washington College of Education as well as a North Pender Trustee with the Islands Trust ([www.debmorrisson.me](http://www.debmorrisson.me)). She is the lead instructor for the Climate Change in the Salish Sea archipelago course.

**Gord Elliott**, Gord is Director of Operations with the ᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕ Leadership Council. He previously worked as the Operations Manager at the ᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕ School Board for the past 30 years.

**David Underwood**, MA (PENÁĆ) — PENÁĆ is a leader in the SENĆOTEN revitalization movement. He contributed valuable insights in ᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕ Traditional Knowledge and provided the artistic design for the ᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕᑕ project logo.

**Ginny Broadhurst**, MS — Ginny is Director of the Salish Sea Institute at the Univ. of Western Washington. She plays a key role in the planning the Salish Sea Ecosystem Conferences and provided a valuable cross border perspective to the project.

## TETÁCES working group

**Emily Olsen**, — Emily lives with her family on Tsartlip First Nation and is founder of The Connection Project that provides mental well being support for persons with mental health challenges. Her many project contributions include composition of the project logo.

**Maeve Lydon**, MS — Maeve Lydon is Program Director for the University of Victoria-Community Living Lab Project which includes support for eco-cultural restoration with WŚÁNEĆ and Songhees First Nations. She is the co-instructor for the Climate Change in the Salish Sea archipelago course.

**Lillian Underwood**, BA, Lillian is Southern Tutchone from the Kluane First Nation. She is a trained facilitator for the Kairos Blanket Exercise and a Certified executive coach from Royal Roads University.

**Robert Dill**, MA — Robert is the treasurer with the South Pender Historical Society where he has facilitated a number of community to community projects with WŚÁNEĆ First nation. He has served as secretary of the working group and course evaluator.

**Judith Lyn Arney**, MS — Judith is Ecosystems Director with PEPÁKEN HÁUTW native plant nursery. She coordinates local restoration projects including SNIDØEŁ (Tod Inlet), ŽIXEN (Cordova Spit), and ŽIKEL (Maber Flats).

**Mary Anne Paré**, MA — Mary Anne is a passionate climate activist who works with the Pender Ocean Defenders and the Pender Earth collective. She is the Youth Leadership course co-facilitator.

**Paul Brent**, — Paul is Saturna Island Trustee and chair of the SGI CRC. He has a long career in the transportation and resources sector and serves on a number of Boards and Commissions.

**Steve Wright**, Steve is a South Pender Trustee. He has worked as an Island building contractor and is a strong advocate for responsible tourism and ecological protection.

**Sarah Jim**, BA, Sarah is with the TSECUM First Nation and is an emerging artist involved with restoration work at SNIDØEŁ (Tod Inlet). She joined the working group to assist with recruitment of WŚÁNEĆ youth and contributed to the delivery of courses.

**Erich Kelch**, Erich is Community Engagement Coordinator with the CRD First Nations Relations Division. He has served as a valuable resource person for the project and has contributed to course development.