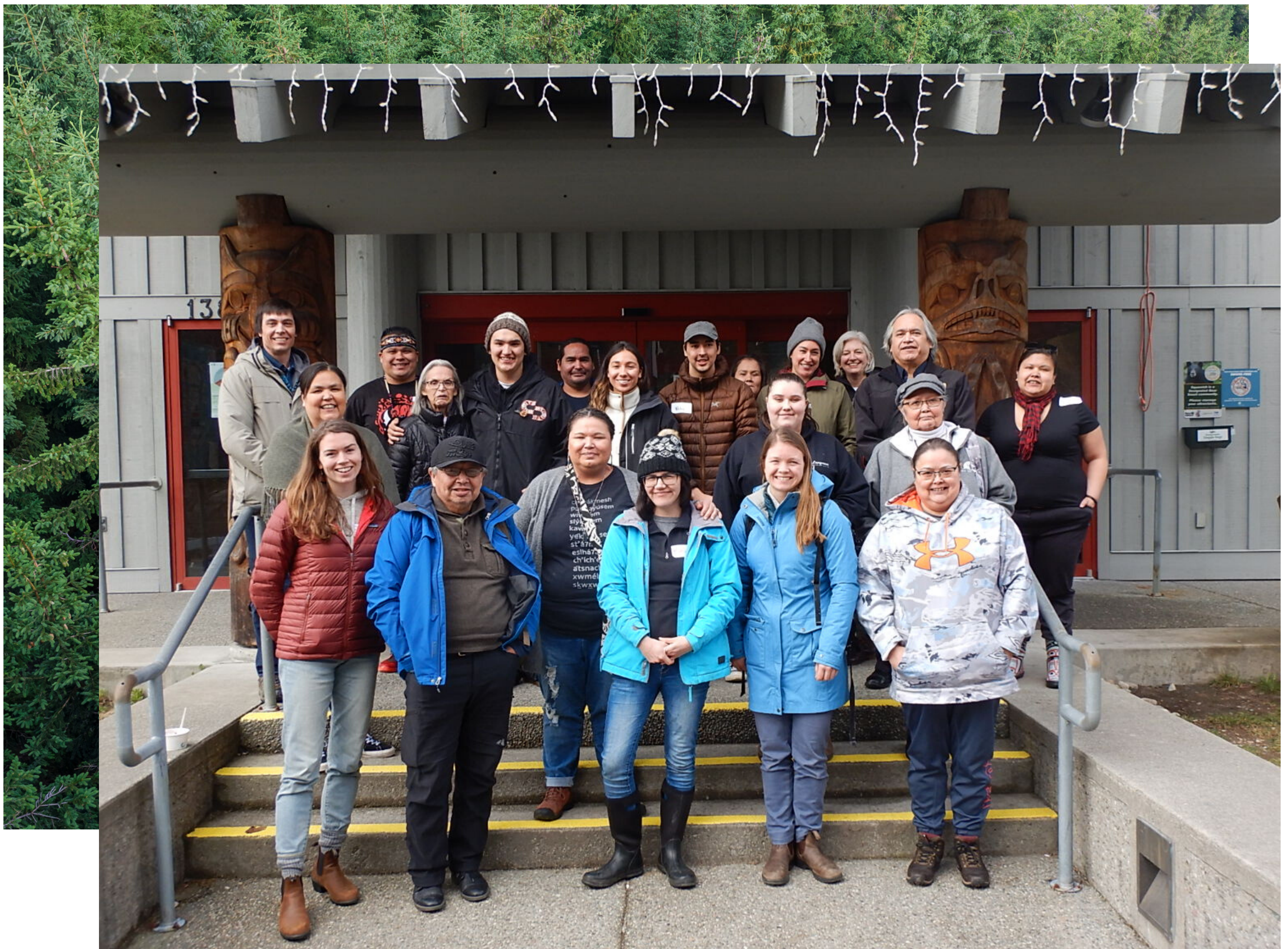


An aerial photograph of a dense evergreen forest, likely Douglas fir, covering a hillside. The trees are tightly packed, creating a textured green surface. The lighting suggests a sunny day, with some areas appearing brighter than others.

SQUAMISH NATION STEWARDSHIP NETWORK WORKSHOP

MARCH 7TH 2020 WORKSHOP SUMMARY

EVENT HOSTED BY THE HOWE SOUND/ATL'KA7TSEM MARINE
REFERENCE GUIDE WITH SUPPORT FROM THE SQUAMISH NATION,
GEORGIA STRAIT ALLIANCE, AND HOWE SOUND/ATL'KA7TSEM
BIOSPHERE REGION INITIATIVE



Report prepared in March 2020 by Myia Antone, Jonny Williams, Nolan Rudkowsky, and Fiona Beaty

On March 7th 2020, the Howe Sound/Atl'ka7tsem Marine Reference Guide held a workshop at the Totem Hall, in Squamish BC.

The purpose of this workshop was to bring together Squamish Nation community members to present to them, what the stewardship network is and identify community members that are interested and to create the possible next steps together. To achieve this purpose, we laid out three workshop objectives;

WORKSHOP objectives

1. Attendees have an improved understanding of Guardian Watchmen programs
2. Attendees express their ideas and thoughts on an Indigenous-led stewardship network or Guardian program in Howe Sound/Atl'ka7tsem
3. Sense of place, community, and stewardship are strengthened

In order to achieve the objectives of this workshop, Jonny Williams, Nolan Rudkowsky and Myia Antone created and delivered presentations, ran a diverse panel and led the discussions.

The three then led a panel discussion with two community members, Randall Lewis and Joyce Williams, who shared their perspectives on an Indigenous-led stewardship network and opened up the dialogue to all attendees to share their input and ideas.





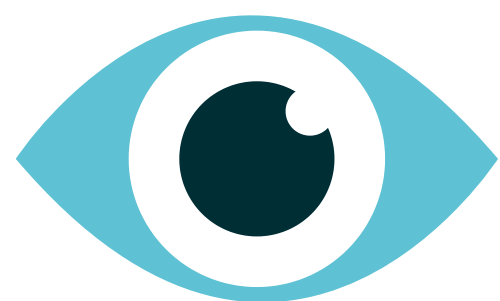
**Then, we spent the afternoon
at the Squamish Estuary with
Leigh Joseph**

**LEARNING ABOUT ETHNOBOTANY, THE HISTORY OF
THE ESTUARY AND LOCAL PLANTS AND THEIR
TRADITIONAL USES**

WHAT IS A

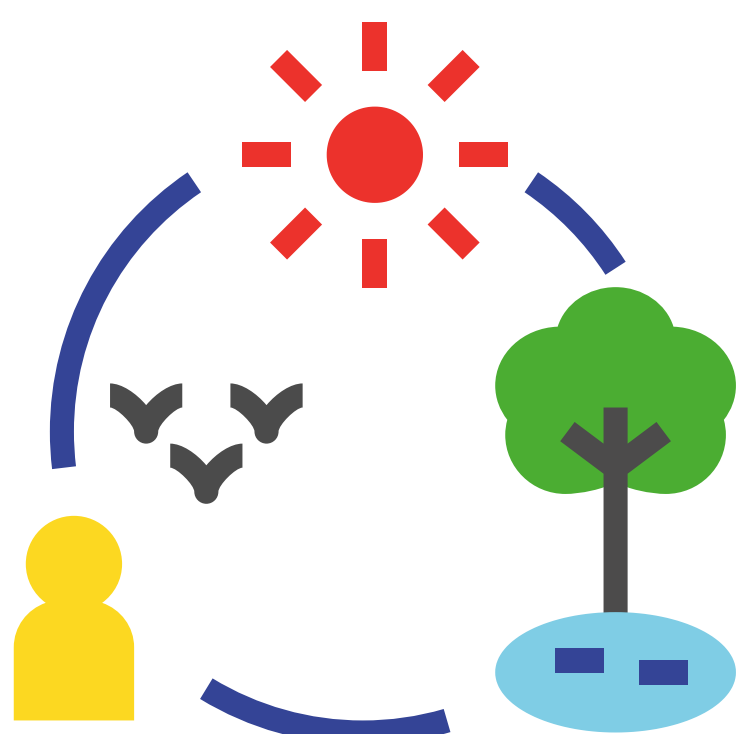
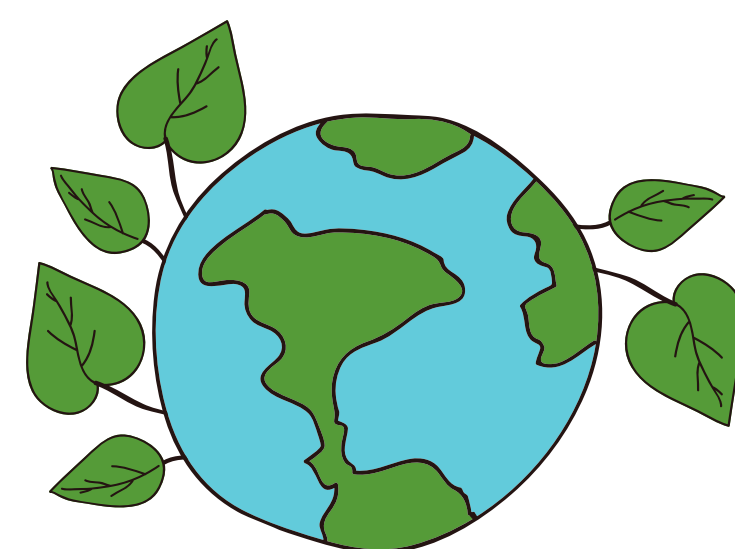
GUARDIAN WATCHMEN PROGRAM?

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have been the guardians and stewards of their traditional territories. Through different stories and teachings, each individual Indigenous community has come to know their own responsibilities and how to live and take care of the land they call home.



Guardian programs have been known as providing a way for Indigenous communities to bring their own people back out onto their lands and waters and to be the "eyes and ears" of their territories.

Guardian Watchmen engage in a range of activities that support a common outcome: working together to monitor and maintain ecosystem health, and ensure that rules and regulations are followed for the protection of nature and culture.



Through Guardian and other regional monitoring programs, First Nations are able to monitor environmental conditions, including the health of wildlife, track the impact of industrial and recreational uses of the area, and gather data to inform decision-making and policy development.

Workshop Outcomes

key ideas shared during workshop

Culture/Indigenous law

- Bringing the language into this program is key value
- Connect Indigenous law with fishing regulations (e.g. Coastal First Nations dungeness crab). Goal is to re-establish healthy populations and traditional access and monitoring.
- Connecting the land and seascape holistically, being on the land and on the water
- Consider pre-contact baselines for monitoring targets and standards, objectives

Training

- Training and First Aid, identify relevant certification and training programs involved
- Training Nation and non-Nation members is important, example of Poyem traditional village, which was turned into a camp, and now sees over visitation, conversion of cultural site into recreational site with minimal regulation

Education

- Need to ensure education within the Nation is built into the model
- This can be for all ages, not just the youth

Develop standards for the land, water, forests, protocols

- Work with Elders on this
- Standards will help maintain consistency across monitoring protocols, help to standardize the data, things to help this include developing an app

Project Ideas

- Water quality monitoring is a key interest
- Can focus on invasive species
- Ensure programs respect and reflect connection between forest and ocean systems





conclusion & next steps

1

community survey

We will be sending out a survey to community members to learn more about what they want to see and how to proceed

2

vision + priorities

Good planning starts with a vision and provides guidance to setting the strategic priorities, these will be informed by surveys and done in collaboration with community.

3

working groups

Create working groups where Squamish Nation members can choose different aspects of this program that align with their values and/or previous work experience and that they would enjoy working on and championing.

4

seek funding

Success can come by developing realistic budgets, cultivating relationships and building partnerships, diversifying funding sources, building-in program resilience, managing funds well, and fundraising.

5

ensure community support

Ensure council and community support throughout this process. This is an important project that will only succeed based on the continued and ongoing support of council and community members.



FINALLY,
we want to say a big

**THANK
YOU!**

to everyone who showed
up, gave input and
travelled to be with us
that day.

to learn more about the Marine Reference Guide (MRG) visit
<https://howesoundguide.ca/>

if you're interested in providing feedback or get in touch with our team,
reach out to the Marine Reference Guide's Facebook or message
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keep your eyes out for our survey, coming out late April 2020, and be
sure to share your thoughts and ideas!

Howe Sound/Atl'ka7tsem Marine Reference Guide is an initiative on
Tides Canada's shared platform. The Guide's goal is to build capacity
to protect the human and biodiversity values associated with this
region's treasured marine realm.

