Bowen Island Conservancy

2022 Annual General Meeting

26 November 2022

1:00 pm

Housekeeping

- Voting:
  - We are a mix of Conservancy members and non-members
  - **Vote only if you are a member of the Conservancy**

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Today's agenda

- Announcements
- Formal business meeting
- Coffee break
- "*Update on the Wild Coast Nature Refuge*"
  - Bob Turner and Mark Edmonds
- Closing remarks

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Announcements

- We are very grateful to the Knick Knack Nook for their donation of $1,266
- It's the time of year for charitable donations: **please think of the Conservancy**
- Memberships are now due
  - We are eliminating "lifetime" memberships
  - All membership are now annually renewed
  - $10 individual, $15 family
  - e-transfer to "banking@bowenislandconservancy.org"
  - mail cheque to P.O. Box 301, V0N 1G0

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Why we are moving to annual memberships?

- We need to treat all members equally, since all members benefit from the Conservancy's activities equally
- We face rising costs, and a yearly, predictable fee contribution will enable us to manage those costs more easily
- Our annual membership fees are low (equivalent to around $1/month), have not been raised during my 12 years on the Conservancy Board, and are therefore easily affordable
- We would like our members to take a positive step each year to support the protection of our island's natural environment

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2022 AGM Formal Business

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of 2021 AGM minutes
  - https://bowenislandconservancy.org/17-oct-save-the-date-for-our-agm/
- Report to the members
- Special Resolution: Dissolution Clause
- Financial report
- Directors
- Other Business

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Report to the members

- Nature Reserves: Fairy Fen and Singing Woods
- Herring Fishery
- Mt. Gardner and motorized vehicles
- Marine Atlas
- Discovery Guide
- Wild Coast Nature Refuge
- Additional lands and the Ecological Gifts Program
- Metro Vancouver's proposed Regional Park

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Nature reserves

- Singing Woods
  - Downed trees blocking trails removed last winter
  - Also removed downed trees from creeks and ponds
- Fairy Fen:
  - Occasional monitoring
  - No issues to report

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Herring Fishery

- Jan 2022: Letter to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
  - Requested cancellation/substantial reduction of fisheries until progress is made towards re-establishment of the historical abundance and distribution of herring
  - Reply received (addressed to Conservancy Hornby Island!): somewhat hopeless!
- Herring Fishery was a disaster; stocks very low
- We continue to monitor the situation

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Motorized use of Mt. Gardner trails

- We wrote to Minister Conroy (FLNRORD) in February
  - *"We urge you to designate the Mount Gardner Crown Lands for non-motorized use only"*
- New contact at Ministry: Bryan Mitchell
- Conversations with multiple parties on the issue
- Participated in Ministry workshop on June 1
- Spoke at Council Meeting on June 13
- Writing to Council urging them to restate their position

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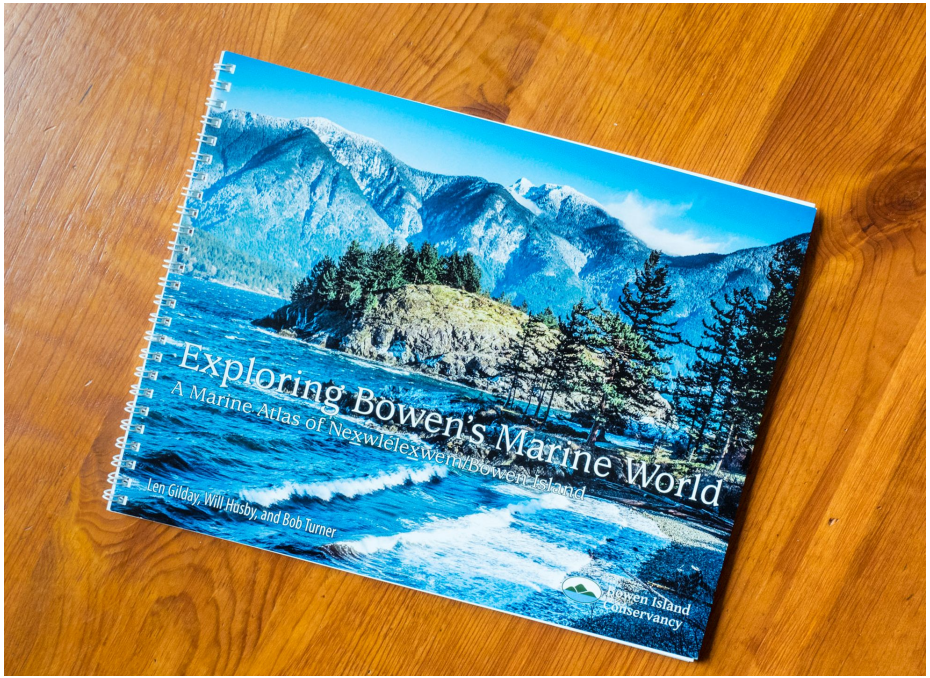
Marine Atlas

- Now in third printing
- $30 at Phoenix and the Hearth Gallery
- Work continues on Phase 2 website: launch is imminent!



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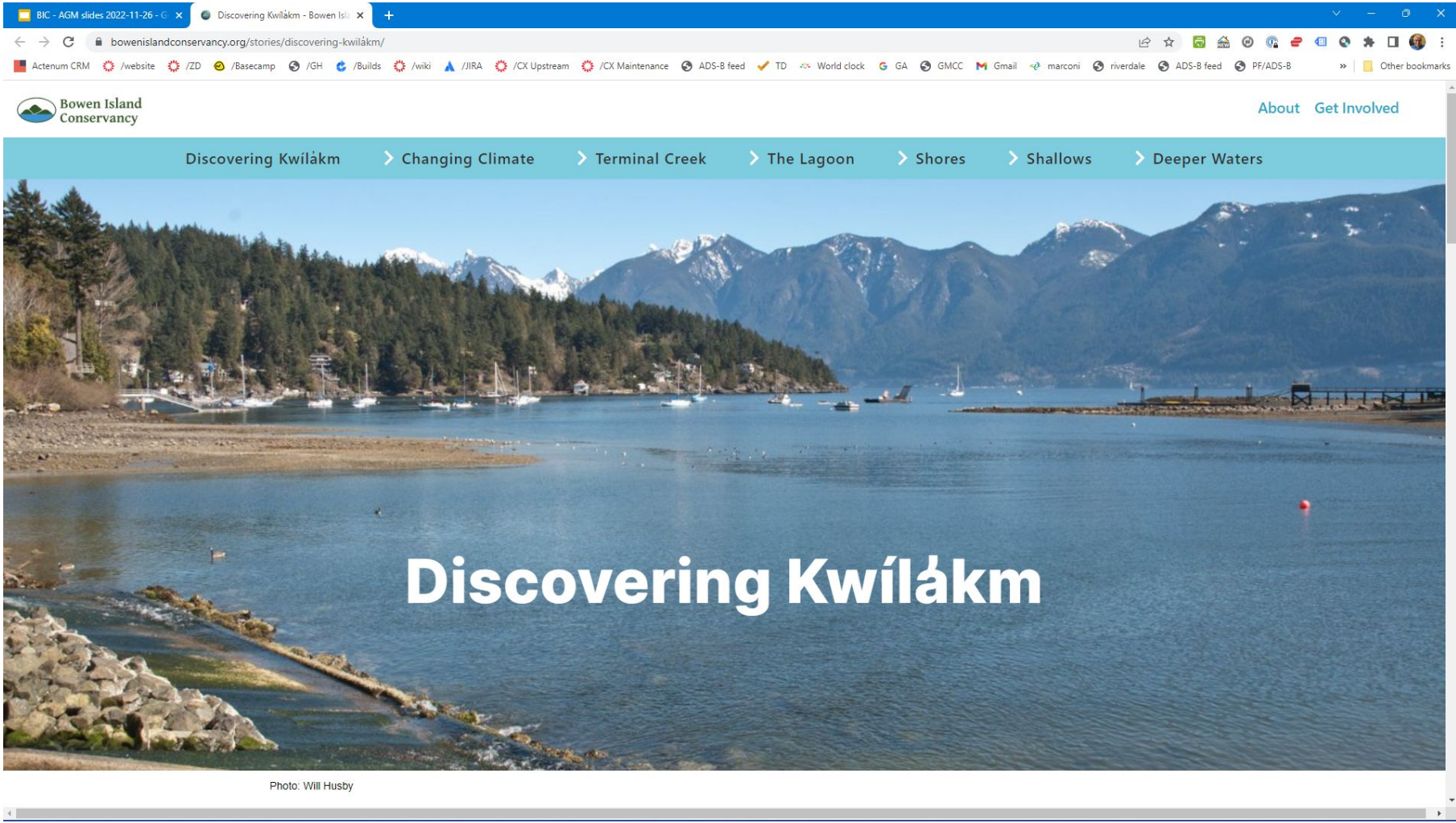
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Welcome to Discovering Kwílákm

We would like to invite you learn about this project, get involved as a volunteer, and to discover how Kwílàkm fits into Bowen Island's ecology and the greater ecosystem of the region with maps, diagrams, over 100 images, and an in-depth consideration of how Climate Change has impacted Kwílàkm already and what might be in store for it in the near future.

Photo: Judith McBride

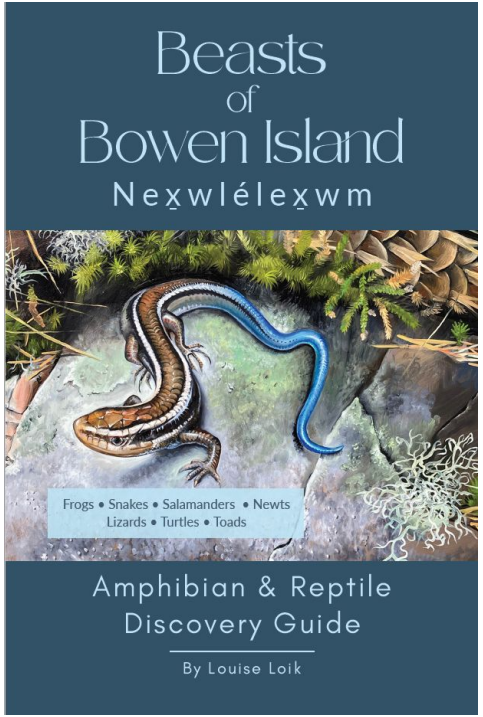
Kwílàkm Map

Click on a map zone below to highlight the zone on the map.

- Terminal Creek
- Lagoon
- Beaches
- Shallows

Amphibian and Reptile Discovery Guide

- Louise Loik has created a Discovery Guide
- $30,000 funding obtained from Willowbrook Foundation
- Printed copies are on the way!



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Wild Coast Nature Refuge

- We finished our preparatory work
- We completed the Management Plan
- We opened the Nature Refuge on May 29

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- The top sign is required for insurance coverage
- The lower sign reinforces what we do not want to see
- The bin provides additional information (e.g. why dogs are not to be taken into the Refuge)

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Wildlife monitoring in the Nature Refuge

- There are cameras in the Nature Refuge
- We are curious about wildlife: the cameras help us to understand what is there, and how often
- You may be caught on camera if you visit

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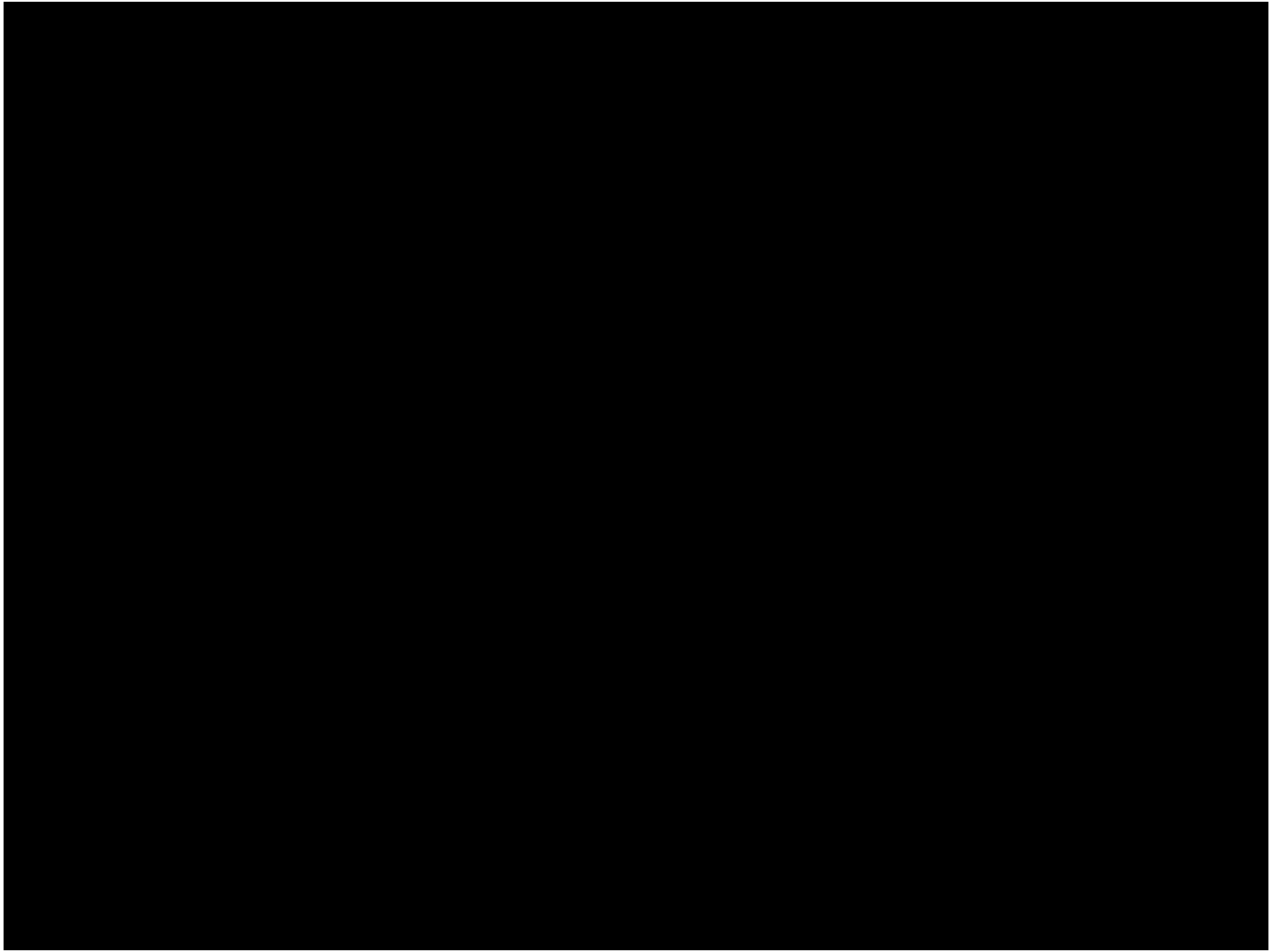

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Additional lands and the Ecological Gifts Program

- We are working to acquire additional land on the island for conservation purposes
- Several such projects in progress
  - We are grateful to Alan Whitehead for preliminary assessments of some parcels
- Important requirement: to be able to accept land as “Ecological Gift” (Federal program administered by Environment and Climate Change Canada)
- Requires an update to our Dissolution Clause

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What is the basis for decisions about land?

- There is no current conservation strategy for Bowen Island
- We have no coherent framework for evaluating merits of:
  - Land acquisition and conservation
  - Development proposals
- Our Technical Advisory Group is taking this issue on: *"What is our environmental rudder?"*

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Metro Vancouver's proposed Regional Park

- Met with MV representatives in September
- Wrote letter (circulated to members)
  - Outlined concerns
  - Proposed making Lot 23 part of the WCNR
- Awaiting response
- Ongoing dialog concerning plans for the area
- Particularly concerned about camping: where and how much

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Outlook for 2023

- Additional work in the Wild Coast Nature Refuge
- Metro Vancouver ongoing dialog
- Marine Atlas Phase 2 (website)
- Additional land acquisition
- Herring fishery
- Mt. Gardner issue
- Engagement with Council and Municipality (when appropriate)

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Special Resolution: Dissolution Clause

Current wording:

Part 14 — Dissolution

64. In the event of the dissolution of the society, the assets of the society remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such organization or organizations undertaking the same or similar purposes as this society at the time of dissolution provided that such organization is a registered charity recognized by Revenue Canada and qualifies as such under the provisions of the Income Tax Act of Canada, any amendments thereto, or its successor legislation. **This provision was previously unalterable**.

Resolution and proposed wording:

Resolution: To amend the Dissolution Clause (article 64) of the Bowen Island Conservancy bylaws, to read:

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Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2022

(Unaudited)

		2022	2021
Assets			
Current			
Cash	$	317,973	94,375
Cash - Peter Drake Fund		2,161	2,160
Cash held in trust - Fairy Fen Project		11,779	11,779
Sales taxes recoverable		752	220,000
		332,665	328,314
Property and equipment			
Land - 1900 Cape Drive		2,510,508	2,509,998
Land - 1910 Cape Drive		3,239,478	3,238,821
Land - 1920 Huszar Creek Lane		3,335,326	3,334,649
Equipment		3,134	-
Signage		3,054	-
Website Development		1,804	-
		9,093,304	9,083,468
Less: Accumulated amortization		618	-
		9,092,686	9,083,468
	$	9,425,351	9,411,782
Liabilities			
Current			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$	2,900	-
Trust liability - Fairy Fen Project		11,779	11,779
		14,679	11,779
Net Assets		9,410,672	9,400,003
	$	9,425,351	9,411,782

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Statement of Operations and Surplus
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

(Unaudited)

		2022	2021
Revenue			
Tax receipted donations	$	32,429	23,240
Non-tax receipted donations		6,255	9,340,540
Marine Atlas sales		1,054	2,603
Other revenue		715	-
Memberships		645	545
Interest income		259	2,055
Grants		-	4,995
		41,357	9,373,978
Cost of Revenues			
Marine Atlas expenses		2,303	3,868
Land trust expenses		143	1,088
Bowen Island Food Sovereignty expenses		-	312
		2,446	5,268
Gross Excess of Revenues over Expenses		38,911	9,368,710
Expenses			
Professional fees		13,206	-
Supplies and maintenance		7,576	-
Property taxes		1,842	1,889
Insurance		1,813	1,676
Membership dues and license		1,500	250
Office expense		1,228	4,066
Advertising and promotion		423	26
Bank charges and interest		36	21
Amortization of property and equipment		618	-
		28,242	7,928
Excess of Revenues over Expenses		10,669	9,360,782
Surplus, Beginning of Year		9,400,003	39,221
Surplus, End of Year	$	9,410,672	9,400,003

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Directors

- Ellen Coburn
- Allie Drake
- Joyce Ganong*
- Jennifer Hall*
- Paula Hay (Treasurer)
- Louise Loik
- Owen Plowman (President)
- Nerys Poole (Secretary)
- John Rich
- Bob Turner
- Peter Williamson

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Other business

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Coffee break

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Update on the Wild Coast Nature Refuge

Bob Turner and Mark Edmonds

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