

MEETING MINUTES

MABR Roundtable Volume 8

Friday, September 1, 2017 at 10am

TimberWest – Douglas Fir Boardroom

648 Terminal Ave, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5E2



Attendees (14)

- City of Parksville – Marc Lefebvre, Mayor and Chris Burger, MABR Liaison
- Community Representatives – Ceri Peacey and Madeleine Dwyer
- Islands Trust – Sonja Zupanec
- MABR – Pam Shaw, MABRRI Director of Research & meeting Facilitator; Michelle Harnett, MABR Amazing Places Coordinator; Ashley Van Acken, MABRRI Assistant Research & Community Engagement Coordinator; and Larissa Thelin, MABRRI Research Assistant
- Parksville & District Chamber of Commerce – Kim Burden, E.D.
- Snaw-Naw-As First Nation – Mark Stephens, Band Manager and Lawrence Mitchell, Council Member
- TimberWest – Steve Adams
- Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program – Thomas Reid
- Vancouver Island University – Dave Witty, VIU Provost & Vice President Academic

Regrets (6)

- Appointee from Island Timberlands
- MABR – Monica Shore, MABR Coordinator; Graham Sakaki, MABRRI Research & Community Engagement Coordinator
- Ministry of Environment – Tony Litke
- Qualicum First Nation – Michael Recalma
- Town of Qualicum Beach – Teunis Westbroek, Mayor

Objectives

The main objectives of Roundtable Vol.8 were for participants to:

1. Continue to engage in respectful and meaningful dialogue with one another
2. Receive the latest updates on MABR initiatives and MABRRI research
3. Hear from one another about regional/organizational/community updates
4. Continue planning for the MABR's first Community Visioning Forum
5. Continue discussing the MABR's long-term funding strategy

Welcome & Opening

- Pam Shaw – Words of welcome
- Councilor Mitchell – Acknowledgement of Snuneymuxw territory
- Circle check-ins and introductions
- Pam Shaw – Thank you to TimberWest for hosting
- Group reviewed and collectively adopted the agenda (see Appendix A)
- Pam Shaw – reminder of Culture of Engagement and Guiding Principles for Collaboration with First Nations (documents posted on wall for all to see)

MABR Updates

Past

- **Canadian Biosphere Reserves – Day on the Hill (May 29):** Monica Shore attended and helped to facilitate this event. The main purpose was to allow members of parliament to discover the important role and contributions of Canada's 18 biosphere reserves. Attendees learned more about the system of biosphere reserves, sustainable development, and reconciliation. Because Monica helped to facilitate, the MABR gained a lot of recognition. The outcome of this event was to put biosphere reserves on the national agenda (i.e. to circulate letters regarding potential federal funding). The Roundtable discussed whether other Canadian biosphere reserves focused on reconciliation; Dave Witty replies that they do to a certain degree.
- **Biosphere Reserve AGM – Baie-Comeau, Quebec (June 18-22):** Chief Recalma and Sarah Lumley (MABR Intern Coordinator & Planning Projects Coordinator) attended the event. At the event, Chief Recalma shared his experience with reconciliation and Sarah shared our MABR Reconciliation video. Chief Recalma states (via Pam Shaw) that we need to be proud of what we have accomplished, that this Roundtable is so important because we need to know each other first, and that our Roundtable sets an example for Canada to follow.
- **New agenda item – Collaborative Environmental Monitoring App:** Pam discussed that she presented at the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (conference in PEI in June). The purpose was to discuss our Collaborative Environmental Monitoring App. Pam explained the purpose of the App to the Roundtable members.
- **MABRRI Community BBQ (August 11):** Approximately 50 people attended our annual BBQ throughout the day. MABRRI had project posters displayed, kids activities, and lots of food. A photo of a bald eagle seen during the event was posted to the Vancouver Island Daily News (photo by Angus Weller). Steve Adams suggested that MABRRI get Monica Bailey's contact information so that TimberWest can help spread awareness of our events.

Present

- **MABRRI Updates:**
 - There were a total of 24 students working for MABRRI this summer!
 - 1. **Snaw-Naw-As Garden of Spiritual Healing:** A lot has been accomplished on this project since the last Roundtable gathering. In May: MABRRI hosted a Tool Drive and received donated garden and building tools as well as plants; Trucking & Excavating levelled the lot; and garden boxes were constructed and stained. In June: MABRRI placed the garden boxes in the garden; built a fence surrounding the garden to keep deer out; and the Nation began planting vegetables in the garden boxes. In July: MABRRI translocated native plant species to be planted in the garden boxes; and construction of the tool shed began. In August: the tool shed was finished.
 - 2. **Linley Valley Park Plan, Trail Assessment, and Public Engagement Strategy:** This project is a partnership between MABRRI and the City of Nanaimo. Its purpose is to gain an understanding of what the community wants to see in the park. To do so, MABRRI hosted a series of community engagement events, including a World Café where guests could voice their concerns and desires for the park using 6

different discussion themes. It is important to note that working outside of the biosphere region allows us to use these projects as a template to replicate similar projects within the MABR.

3. **Parksville Community Park Master Plan:** This project is a collaboration between MABRRI and the City of Parksville and is in its final stages of development. The project included creating a series of recommendations that reflect what the community likes about Parksville's Community Park. This was accomplished through many community events, such as Parks on the Street, an online survey, a world café, and more. Overall, the park is well-liked amongst the public as there are so many different features of the park. Pam Shaw told the Roundtable three of the recommendations that are included in the report: 1) there should be recognition of Snaw-Naw-As and other coastal First Nations (this can be accomplished through an interpretive centre); 2) the curling rink should be moved to a different location and the current rink should be torn down (a curling rink does not need to be located by the ocean); 3) although there are many pickleball enthusiasts in Parksville, indoor facilities do not need to be located near the ocean. Pam also mentioned that residents would like to see a connection to Rath Trevor. However, Marc Lefebvre stated that the city is already looking into creating a pathway to Englishman River and updating the orange bridge. The project involved many VIU students and led to a further Parksville project that involves MABRRI doing an inventory of all of Parksville's parks.
4. **International Journal of UNESCO Biosphere Reserves:** The MABR has started the International Journal of UNESCO Biosphere Reserves, a place where all research related to biosphere reserves can be published together in one spot. The journal is published by VIU Press and the second issue was just published. A VIU MCP graduate has done all the production work for the website. To learn more about the journal, please visit: <http://biospherejournal.org/>
- **RDN Representative at MABR Roundtable:** The Roundtable discussed the RDN's decision to not have an elected official at the table for the time being (Julie Pisani used to have a seat at the Roundtable). There is a chair available for them if they choose to join us at any point. The Roundtable discussed that it would be a benefit to the Roundtable if the RDN were approached and for this issue to be resolved. Community representative, Ceri Peacey, states that this had ripple effects in the community and that many people are not happy with this decision as the RDN makes up a lot of the lands within the MABR. Dave Witty will be speaking with the RDN about this topic and is confident that he will be able to change their minds. Many Roundtable members offered their support to Dave in helping with this discussion.

Future

- **End of summer research at MABRRI/Start of new semester:**
 - Projects that are continuing include: Lake Monitoring, Wetland Mapping, and Education Program for the Snaw-Naw-As Garden of Spiritual Healing
 - New Project: updating the Nanoose roadside turnoff – there should be a much larger presence of Snaw-Naw-As here as well as an information board about the MABR (this is a great opportunity to work together to create this project)
 - New Project: working with Snaw-Naw-As to secure the Winchelsea Research Cabin
 - Ashley Van Acken & Larissa Thelin will be attending the 2017 MAB Youth Forum in the Po Delta Biosphere Reserve in Italy this September
- **Community Representative Nominations:** The Roundtable discussed how new community representative seats should be assigned, as Madeleine will be leaving the table soon. At the moment we have one 1-year and one 2-year seat available at our table. It was decided that we will start the new seat as a 2-year seat and keep it that way so that the changing of the two seats falls on alternating years. After Ceri Peacey suggested how she finds only 8 meetings (in 2 years) difficult to accomplish any change, the Roundtable discussed the possibility of allowing a renewal opportunity for community representatives to extend their 2 year seats to 4 years. It was suggested that the Roundtable always compare the potential renewal to all other applications; some suggested that we must always be careful of who has a seat and that it is important to have turnover. Although it was decided to change the 1-year seat to a 2-year seat, the issue of renewal was left undecided.

Updates from Roundtable Members

- **Lawrence Mitchell, Snaw-Naw-As:** Councilor Mitchell expressed how thankful he is for the garden, especially for the collaboration and increased awareness of culture. Steve Adams expressed his interest in helping Snaw-Naw-As secure a cedar log to use for the creation of a canoe.
- **Mark Stephens, Snaw-Naw-As:** Mark discussed the resilience of Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and remembers the gratitude that David Bob had towards the Roundtable. He stated that the Roundtable is about relationships and that it is unfortunate that old notions are affecting current views of collaboration and that not sitting at the Roundtable directly limits reconciliation efforts.
- **Steve Adams, TimberWest:** 1) TimberWest's first annual Sustainability Report (2016) is out – it is a great source of information for the public and members are welcome to take a bunch to help disperse them; 2) TimberWest's new project involves installing interpretive signage along the Arrowsmith CPR Regional Trail to teach the public about sustainable logging practices (similar project to that done at Strathcona Lodge); 3) Kim Burden and Steve Adams discussed the laws regarding using BC wood for Green Buildings projects rather than international wood – will follow up
- **David Witty, MABR & VIU:** Dave expresses VIU's Indigenous commitment that is aligned with the T&C Report. As it is his last year as Provost he would like to help out with anything that he can before he leaves.
- **Michelle Harnett, MABR:** Michelle explains that the year 2 goals of the Amazing Places project is to engage youth, First Nations, and the community – please reach out to Michelle if members would like to help create collaborative projects.
- **Larissa Thelin, MABRRI:** Thank you to David Witty for helping Larissa & Ashley's applications to the MAB Youth Forum in Italy at the end of this month.
- **Ashley Van Acken, MABRRI:** If members have questions regarding MABRRI's research projects, please direct them to Ashley. Madeleine asked for clarification regarding the 5 acres project – this project looks at the environmental, historical, and agricultural values of a 5 acre lot in Harewood; we are attempting to help keep it from being developed.
- **Pam Shaw, MABRRI:** Pam expressed her excitement about students telling her that because of MABRRI they are able to accomplish things that they could not do before.
- **Ceri Peacey, Community Representative:** 1) It is a challenging role to be a community representative as she is constantly receiving emails from the public regarding environmental issues in our region; 2) In regards to Michelle's offer to collaborate on projects, the Friends of French Creek Conservation Society would like to create an Ambassador role to teach youth about environmental issues; 3) On behalf of Arrowsmith Naturalists, Ceri explains that: a. the group is needing storage space for equipment, b. the group is working to protect Englishman River and will be installing a new viewing stand and signage, c. there are currently 119 members (locals see the importance of connecting with nature), d. the group donates \$500/year to local groups for educational purposes, e. they are currently in collaboration with Qualicum First Nation to create an educational area, f. it is the 3rd annual Mushroom Festival at the North Island Wildlife Recovery centre on October 15th, and g. the new Hamilton Marsh video has been released – it will be presented to Parksville and Qualicum Beach and Ceri will pass a link on to members.
- **Kim Burden, Parksville & District Chamber of Commerce:** 1) Kim offers a possible solution to Ceri's storage issue as he may be involved with obtaining an MABR storage unit – he will follow up on this; 2) the Chamber of Commerce has just entered into an agreement with Coombs Farmers Institute – they will be putting up a fence so that the institute can teach people to how farm food at a community garden in front of the Visitors Centre starting September 16th; 3) Kim had the opportunity to attend Tribal Journeys and states how amazing it was and how thankful he is to have participated (Mark Stephens thanks everyone for their input – it was a great success).
- **Marc Lefebvre, City of Parksville:** 1) Council and Marc will be attending the UBCM (Union of BC Municipalities) Conference at the end of the month and would like a 1-page briefing from the MABR to bring to it – Ashley will follow up with him; 2) we need recognize Indigenous culture and start using the original and traditional names for things (e.g. for Mount Arrowsmith) – Marc recommends that we, as the Roundtable, adopt this initiative; 3) June 21st is National Aboriginal day; 4) Marc expresses to Steve Adams his interest in having one of

TimberWest's art pieces made into a poster for Roundtable members to display at their respective public spaces (art was of different types of wood); 5) Marc is delighted to be a member of the Roundtable, most specifically for reconciliation efforts.

- **Madeleine Dwyer, Community Representative:** 1) Madeleine is currently working on obtaining her education degree and part of her practicum involved bringing Coast Salish culture and language into a course at Ladysmith Secondary School; 2) She would like to be able to bring students to the Visioning Forum on November 3rd – will follow up with Pam on this; 3) She has been helping to maintain the Qualicum Food Forest – native plants will be planted this fall with signage created by VIU students on the traditional name and use of the plants to be installed shortly after; 4) Madeleine helps the Health & Wellness Society with their Root Bag project, which involves working with elementary students to teach them how to grow their own plants – the project aims to increase food sustainability on the island and involve youth in this initiative; 5) She attended the Qualicum Stream Keepers AGM in the spring – it was their 7th year in the water monitoring program, they will be planting 150 trees, it was their first annual Coho smolt count (there are low numbers across the island), and they are working to create the Brant Point Interpretive Centre – this has the potential to be a collaborative project with members of the Roundtable (discussed below).
- **Sonja Zupanec, Islands Trust:** 1) Members of the Ballenas-Winchelsea Local Trust Area are wanting to look at the islands in the area to potentially change place names and to help the conservation of the islands, as well as create a new map with the updated names – Sonja expressed an open invitation to work together on new names and there are currently 13 local governments and 36 First Nations working together on this project; 2) A progressive shoreline planning initiative will take place on Lasqueti Island, where subdivision on the foreshore will be illegal to help preserve the shoreline – this creates conservation-based subdivision and is a very interesting project for planners. The first community meeting about this will be held on October 6th; Sonja invites members to attend (although it will require an overnight stay due to the ferry schedules). The project is a great opportunity to earn the respect of First Nations in the region – Sonja will keep members updated on the project.
- **Thomas Reid, Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program:** 1) Thom has recently had a geographic change in his position – it now includes a much larger geographic area; 2) he is involved with a project that is looking at the coastal resilience of ecosystems, specifically in terms of climate change and sea level rise (see below); 3) In regards to interest in the cabin on Winchelsea Island, Thom would like members to understand that there is a process and that he is obligated to go to the board – this includes the trail connection project in Parksville; 4) a project in collaboration with the City of Nanaimo put a monetary value on the flood control and storm water management of Buttertubs Marsh – results: to put in an equivalent man-made system would cost the city ~\$16 million (average cost is ~\$150 per cubic meter of water storage). This project is looking at treating Buttertubs as a capital asset, in an attempts to protect it rather than build it. David Witty – “this is called full-cost accounting”.
 - More information on point 2): The environmental condition of an area sustains both the biosphere region and communities in general; this project is in collaboration with the West Coast Monitoring Network (Oregon and California) – the news from this is not positive so far, in terms of sea level rise and development in these areas; using the Englishman River as an example, the estuary used to be ~5km wide, but land-use decisions and development has shrunk it causing it to not have the opportunity to retreat with sea level rise (how will it be affected?); the monitoring data overtime will allow them to understand if their efforts are worth it and what can be done to maintain the values that everyone loves; he is specifically looking at how this monitoring can help inform land-use decisions and policies.
- **Chris Burger, City of Parksville:** 1) Chris expresses that it is great to hear about both the planning initiative with the Parksville Community Park and the Garden of Spiritual Healing – in terms of the garden, so much of what we do is on paper, but this is tangible and is one of the most significant projects that the MABR has done; 2) the interpretive centre will also be amazing – it will be a good way to secure funding (possibly federal) and Chris does not see a board better equipped anywhere to take on projects like this, as we have already proven that we can do stuff on the ground; 3) it is amazing how school systems are finally including reconciliation and indigenous studies in their courses (e.g. his son has an entire semester on indigenous studies in high school).

Dialogue & Collaborative Planning

- **MABR Long-term Funding Strategy:** The members discussed the “Rising to Sustainable Development” document (Appendix B) that outlines the MABR’s accomplishments, the importance of maintaining the UNESCO designation, and the need for the MABR to receive funding to support a position that does the work involved with maintaining the biosphere region. Up until now the funding for Monica Shore’s position came from David Witty’s office, however these sources have dried up and it will be even harder to secure it after he has left his position (finding funding can no longer be on the shoulders of a new Provost). David suggested creating a team of three people, including himself that will come up with funding options before the next Roundtable Gathering. Kim Burden and Chris Burger offered to help him in this role. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- **MABR Community Visioning Forum (November 3rd):** The members collectively adopted the agenda for the forum (Appendix C) for the time being – member are invited to send comments via email to Michelle Harnett. The forum is meant to bring together key people in order to help apply for a federal SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council) grant that will fund a Conference of Research in 2018. Members discussed potential locations for this event, as the locations listed on the document (Appendix C) are already booked. Members suggested different locations for Michelle to look into, including the Nanoose Community Centre, the Bradley Centre, the Parksville Elementary School, and the Qualicum Civic Centre. Kim Burden offered his help in securing a location if these suggestions did not work. All Roundtable members are invited to this event.
- **Canada C3 Visit (October 22nd):** The Canada C3 Expedition, a ship travelling coast to coast learning about Canada’s culture, approached us wanting to dock in the Nanoose area on October 22nd. One focus of this expedition is reconciliation and might provide a good opportunity for the MABR to be a part of this. Pam suggested that MABRRI put together an information sheet about this so that members can decide if we would like the expedition to dock in the MABR – to be discussed later.
- **Brant Point Interpretive Centre Project:** This centre is to be built in memory of Faye Smith (former MVIHES Coordinator) – its focus will be on migratory bird habitat as Faye was a bird enthusiast. Peter Drummond approached the MABR in hopes of partnering with members to help build this. Members discussed that: 1) there is not enough room to build a centre, and that interpretive signage would be best; 2) although this may be of interest, it does not align with our reconciliation efforts. Members decided to not commit to collaboration quite yet, but to continue discussing this project further.

Closing

- The City of Parksville will host the next Roundtable Gathering on December 1st at 10 am.
- Councilor Mitchel expressed his amazement at the dialogue that is taking place in terms of reconciliation and the want to move forward with a stronger relationship. He states that when we walk through those doors we leave our issues at the door on purpose so that we can work together to make change – this is what Snaw-Naw-As has been doing in their culture, and seeing it in action and seeing that we acknowledge and honour that is incredible. Lawrence is still learning the ropes and is new to this process, but he is thankful for being a part of the Roundtable.

Appendix A

MABR Roundtable Gathering Vol. 8 Agenda

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Roundtable contact: Pam Shaw (250) 619-9739, Ashley Van Acken (250) 327-9861



Objectives

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AGENDA

Time	Activity
10:00-10:10	Arrivals: Nametags & refreshments
10:10-10:25	Welcome/Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words of welcome and acknowledgment of Snuneymuxw Traditional Territory • Circle introductions (lengthier circle updates to take place later) • Review and collectively adopt agenda • Reminder of the MABR Roundtable Culture of Engagement
10:25-10:50	MABR Updates <i>Past:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Biosphere Reserves - Day on the Hill (May 29) • Biosphere Reserve AGM – Baie-Comeau, Quebec (June 18-22) • MABRRI Community BBQ <i>Present:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MABRRI Update • RDN Representative at MABR Roundtable <i>Future:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of summer research at MABRRI/ Start of new semester • Community representative nominations
10:50-11:20	Circle Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's new with you/your organization? Any connections with the MABR updates?
11:20-11:30	BREAK - Poster presentations by MABRRI Research Assistants
11:30-12:20	Dialogue & Collaborative Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MABR Community Visioning Forum (November 2017) • MABR long-term funding strategy • Canada C3 visit • Brant Point Interpretive Centre Project
12:20-12:30	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final reflections & action items • Next Roundtable date, host, agenda • Closing words

Appendix B

The MABR – Rising to Sustainable Development Challenges on an International Stage

The Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region – Rising to Sustainable Development Challenges on an International Stage

The Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region is important to the world! The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) thinks so, but why?

- Designated in 2000, the MABR is one of 669 BRs worldwide, 18 in Canada, and only 2 in BC
- It was designated for its cultural and ecological significance to the world
 - The vast cultural heritage of First Nations in the region
 - The biodiversity and range of ecosystems present in the region from alpine to estuarine, including several at-risk species and ecosystems
 - The ongoing work and dedication of citizens and organizations in the region to the preservation and repair of its ecosystems
- But it was also identified because it is not perfect, and faces several challenges:
 - The urgent need for Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and the race to save languages and cultures
 - The rate of urban expansion and challenges with habitat loss/degradation, climate change, drinking water, wildlife conflicts
 - The private ownership of the majority of the land in the region, including sensitive or culturally significant places and ecosystems
 - Our natural resource based and growing service economies, and the challenge of balancing these with conservation of biodiversity
- Think of the biosphere reserve as a test site...
 - It is a place for learning and research – a living lab
 - It is a place for learning how to work together, learn from each other, and manage human and nature conflicts
 - It is a place to trial different ways to become more sustainable as humans
 - It is a place to celebrate the connection between people and nature!
- To facilitate this living lab, there is an MABR Roundtable, with representatives from:
 - First Nations
 - Municipal Governments
 - Private Forestry Companies
 - Provincial Ministries
 - University
 - Conservation Land Trust
 - Nominated Community Representatives

This is the only organization in the region where all of these land holders sit together as equals. At the Roundtable, members help to guide the long-term priorities for the region, establish issues that require more research or awareness, and identify opportunities to help each other and increase regional sustainability in a way that benefits all.

Examples of MABR accomplishments since 2014 include:

- Secured the MABR's designation by responding to UNESCO's 10 year review in 2010
- The building of regional relationships and development of a new governance model – the MABR Roundtable
- Creation of the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute (MABRRI) at Vancouver Island University, which has raised over \$1 million dollars of student research wages and completed dozens of research and community engagement projects in the MABR
 - Various monitoring of lakes, estuaries, and wetlands
 - Installation of weather station on Mount Arrowsmith
 - Setup and monitoring of Forestry and Alpine species research plots
 - Create of a Collaborative Environmental Monitoring mobile app
 - Publishing the new International Journal of Biosphere Reserves
- The Amazing Places Project – designating 10 places in the region as part of a National Biosphere Reserves and continued signage and events
- Contributing to the Action Plan for Canadian Biosphere Reserves on Co-Building Sustainability and Reconciliation
- Organizing a “Biosphere Reserves Day on the Hill” with Federal MPs in Ottawa
- 2 years of MABR BioBlitz events in collaboration with MABRRI and the Brant Wildlife Festival
- Initiating the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation Garden of Spiritual Healing Project – carried out by MABRRI
- Series of media and communications activities to profile the region including a video for the Canadian Commission for UNESCO on Reconciliation in Action, featuring the Roundtable
- Upcoming Community Visioning Forum in November 2017

Why MABR needs funding from the Region:

- The designation does not come with funding from Canada or UNESCO – it is dependent on the support of the organizations, institutions, and municipalities of the designated region
- Not just a label! UNESCO sites require constant action, and must demonstrate this to UNESCO through periodic reviews – someone needs to be employed to do this
- To continue to promote the UNESCO brand, to enhance international attention and tourism opportunities, staff must coordinate advertising and outreach activities constantly
- To build capacity to become the “go to” for collaboration and facilitation of discussion between different interests in the region relating to land use and environment, the MABR requires a facilitator for meetings and liaison with the Canadian BR Network and UNESCO as well as other local, national, and international networks
- VIU provided initial funding to maintain the designation in 2014, but does not have the ability to support the MABR on its own indefinitely.

Appendix C

MABR Visioning Forum Draft Agenda

MABR Visioning Forum

Date: Friday, November 3, 2017

Location: To be confirmed (see notes below)

Goals:

- to bring citizen scientists, engaged community members and researchers together to discuss their ideas about how to share their work with community
- To bring together members who would commit to collectively participate in a 2018 SSHRC application (\$25,000) that would fund a 3-day conference on mid-island research in 2018
- To discuss the creation of an app map that would show what work is taking place in the region and where, where expertise lie, and how to more effectively collaborate and share resources (SSHRC funded)
- To create a database of experts, including their C.V.s

Agenda:

- 9:00 – 10:00 (Targeted invitees only) Collecting CV information & commitments for SSHRC application
- 10:00 – 10:20 Context: Who is in the room, why we are meeting, goals of meeting, etc.
Provided by Dave Witty and Sebastian (Cdn. Biosphere Reserves rep)
- 10:20 – 10:40 Introductions and agenda setting
- 10:40 – 11:00 Facilitated issue identification (open space approach) – identify themes for World Café
- 11:00 – 12:00 World Café: break out into groups, label each table with a theme for discussion (one table not themed for open topic)
20 minutes at each table: What is being done? Where are the gaps?
- 12:00 – 12:30 Catered Lunch
- 12:30 – 1:00 Discussion on 3-day 2018 Conference of Research
- 1:00 – 2:00 Brainstorming session on conference: breakout groups
- 2:00 – 2:30 Feedback and outcomes from World Café and Conference brainstorming session

Invitation List: Provided by Pam and Graham

Notes:

- Locations
 - o Parksville Community and Conference Centre: The Garry Oaks/Arbutus Room
 - Arbutus Room: seats 60 without a projector (40 with); Maximum daily rate: \$256
 - o Royal Arbutus Room (VIU): Seats 75 banquet style
 - o Qualicum Commons: made several phone calls. No one knows who to speak to or what information is available, if any.
- Must have other NSERC eligible attendees at this event to satisfy NSERC grant (ie. faculty)