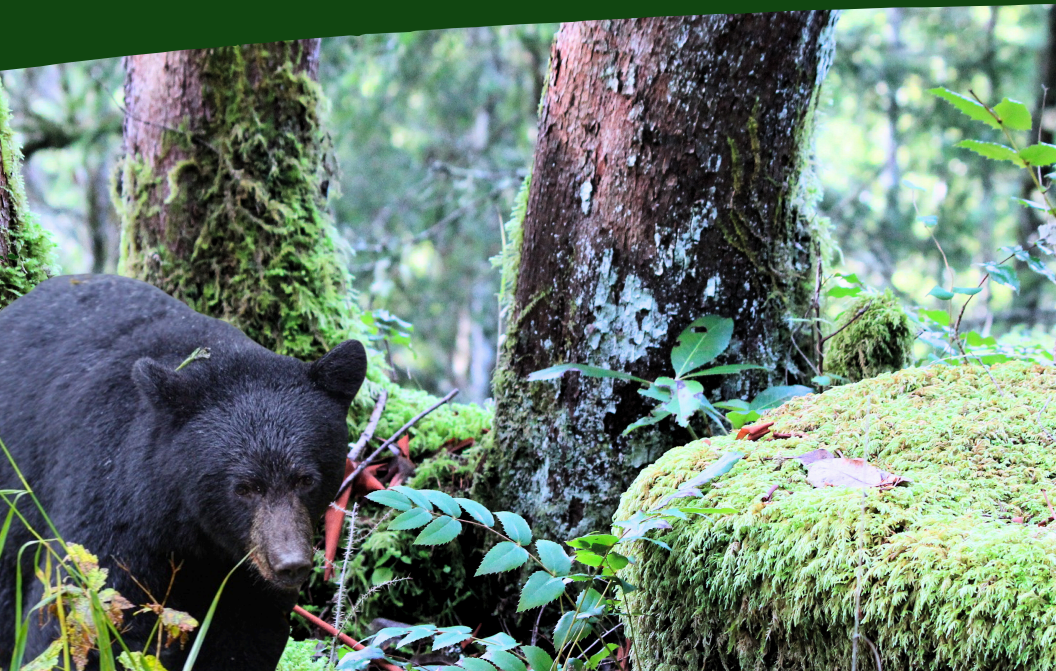
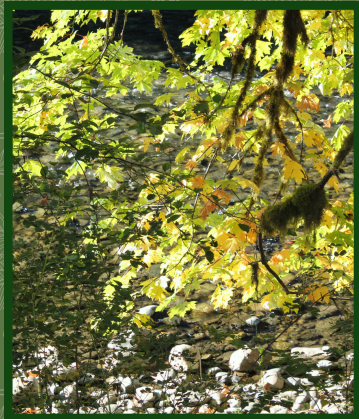
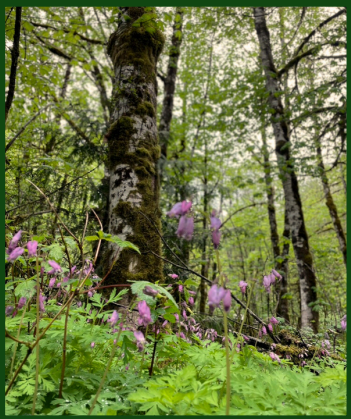


**PARTICIPANT PROGRAM
DEC 9 & 10, 2024**

Cowichan Region Climate Gathering

YESTERDAY, TODAY, & TOMORROW





TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As uninvited guests, we acknowledge with deep gratitude the opportunity we have to work and gather on the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territories of the Quw'utsun, Malahat, Pauquachin, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Halalt, Penelakut, Stz'uminus, Lyackson, Ditidaht & Pacheedaht Peoples.

As we gather, we seek to honor the leadership and climate resilience of this region's Indigenous communities and Nations that have been in relationship and stewarding these lands since time immemorial. As part of the Cowichan Region Climate Gathering, we are honoured to learn from Elders and Indigenous leaders and community members.

Importantly, we recognize that Indigenous communities in our region are disproportionately affected by the impacts of climate change. We are personally and professionally committed to deepening our understanding of Indigenous cultures, learning from the mistakes of the past and present, and strive for a future that embraces inclusivity and equity.



ABOUT THE EVENT

The Cowichan Region Climate Gathering is an opportunity to celebrate the incredible climate action work in the Cowichan Valley Region. We aim to strengthen the important relationships that allow us to build a stronger and more aligned collective approach to caring for our environment and increase out resiliency to the changing world. There are many benefits to sharing, coordinating and collaborating in our own region, and the Cultural ways of being teach us that there is so much more that we could be doing

This event will be an opportunity to learn, unite and build relationships across the diverse partners engaged in this important work. We envision the foundation of the event to be grounded in Cultural Teachings from First Nations partners in the area. The event will include an Elders Welcome Circle, key note speakers, presentations, group discussions, brushing ceremonies, display booths, expressions of art and more, group activities and shared meals.

Together, we can strengthen our relationships and enhance our collective impact on caring for our environment and becoming more resilient.

PROTOCOLS

Well-being Protocol

Please take care of each other and practice self-care.
Part of building community and trust is understanding that responsibility does not fall on one person but the community or group as a whole.
Please do not share personal information that individuals have shared.

Inclusion Protocol

Every person in the gathering will be allowed to speak.
Please do not interrupt the person speaking, and please do your best to stay in the conversation to listen to every voice.
Please do not debate, argue, or put down anyone's views.
This protocol asks that we listen and honour each other even if we don't agree with it.
It asks that we do our best to honour everyone's purpose.

PROTOCOLS

Validation Protocol

Please practice active listening and witnessing. This can be most challenging protocol as it requires us to practice discipline and patience with each other.

Some people may speak longer than we ask, and others may stray from why we are there.

Let's do our best to listen to everything being said without thinking about what we want to say or letting our minds wander outside the room.

It also asks that we stay open-minded without judging to other person's perspective and experience as right or wrong. This includes putting our phones away or any other distractions.

Freedom Protocol

Everyone has different experiences. Some people may be comfortable with protocols and sitting for long periods of time. Others may have difficulty doing so for various reasons, including health and diet.

Freedom acknowledges that to have a safe space, people need to know they have a choice.

This protocol is implemented to help people make decisions and build trust and respect.

They are not meant to make people uncomfortable or feel shame for not being able to participate comfortably for everyone else.

DAY 1- MORNING

TIME	PROGRAMMING	ROOM
8:00 AM	Registration, Display Booths, and Coffee	Heritage Hall
8:30 AM	Traditional Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	
8:40 AM	Elders Welcome Circle	
9:30 AM	Keynote: Embracing the Past, Present, and Future and Traditional Ways of Being	
10:00 AM	Plenary: Strengthening Climate Resilience and Community Health: Introducing your climate health support team at Island Health	
10:20 AM	Coffee Break and Displays	
10:45 AM	Paddles and Icebreaker Activity	
11: 00 AM	Breakout Session # 1: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Culture, Land, and Climate2. Building a Shared Vision of Climate Risk3. Conserving Cowichan Region's Watersheds-part 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nitinat2. Somenos3. Heritage Hall
12:15 PM	Lunch	Heritage Hall

DAY 1- AFTERNOON

TIME	PROGRAMMING	ROOM
1:00 PM	Breakout Session # 2 1. Our Place in Nature 2. Conserving Cowichan Region's Watersheds-Part 2 3. Climate-Resilient Forestry and Ecosystem Goals 4. Project 84,000	1. Quamichan 2. Nitinat 3. Somenos 4. Heritage Hall
2:15 PM	Break	Heritage Room
2:15 PM- end of event	Brushing Ceremonies	
2:30 PM	Collaborative Discussion	Heritage Room
3:15 PM	Graphic Artist Report	
3:35 PM	Building the Network and Next Steps	
3:45 PM	Closing	

DAY 2- MORNING

TIME	PROGRAMMING	ROOM
8:00 AM	Registration, Displays, and Coffee	Heritage Hall
8:30 AM	Traditional Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	
8:40 AM	Keynote: Taking care of tumuhw (earth)	
9:10 AM	Plenary: Cowichan Adapts- Enabling Implementation of Action	
9:20 AM	Plenary: From opposition to catalyst- the role of human dimensions in advancing climate action	
9:50 AM	Connecting Activity	
10:25 AM	Coffee Break and Displays	
11:00 AM	Breakout Session # 1: 1. Xwulqw'selu Watershed Management for Sustainable Land Use and Water Supply 2. Community Climate Action 3. Wayfinding Climate in Polarized Times 4. Municipal Climate Action	1. Nitinat 2. Quamichan 3. Somenos 4. Heritage Hall
12:15 PM	Lunch	Heritage Hall

DAY 2- AFTERNOON

TIME	PROGRAMMING	ROOM
1:00 PM	Breakout Session # 2 1. Blue Ecology and Supporting Water Reconciliation 2. Airshed Protection 3. Shorelines and Estuaries 4. Electrification, Energy Conservation and Renewable Power	1. Nitinat 2. Quamichan 3. Somenos 4. Heritage Hall
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OUR PARTNERS

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Elders, youth, presenters, and participants, for sharing your wisdom, knowledge, and insights.

Your contributions have made the Cowichan Region Climate Gathering meaningful and impactful. Together, we are shaping a more resilient and sustainable future.

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