



Sea-to-Sky Clean Air Society to Wind Down by the End of 2019

In 2002, the Howe Sound Forum created the Air Quality Coordinating Committee, funded by member Local/Regional governments and the Province of BC. In 2005, the Air Quality Management Plan was completed. This was updated in 2015, along with a new implementation plan.

In 2010, the AQCC had transitioned to the Sea-to-Sky Clean Air Society. It was envisioned that with charitable status, it would attract wider funding. Unfortunately, this did not transpire.

The AQCC and SSCAS have provided services including management of Bike-to-Work weeks, Wood Stove Exchange, anti-idling ambassadors, commentary on air quality impacts of development proposals, staging of events such as 'Compute the Commute', Provincial Open Burning Framework, Interface Fire Management.

Activities of SSCAS can be found on the website:

<http://seatoskyairquality.com/about.php>

Currently, SSCAS has no Executive Director, nor provincial and local government funding except a 2018 remnant grant for wood stove exchange.

SSCAS has actively been attempting to restructure, and to that end, retained Fraser Basin Council to conduct an external review. Their report and supplement are to be found on the SSCAS (under News and Stories) and Fraser Basin websites.

Options for continuing the work laid out in the Air Quality Management Plans include reversion to the auspices of the HSF, adoption by the Squamish Lillooet Regional District, creation of a Roundtable, a Quasi Autonomous NGO, or absorbed by an advocacy NGO.

Whichever of these options is pursued, the Board of SSCAS has decided to wrap up the activities of the Society by the end of 2019. This is done with regret, as there has been a lot of time, effort, and money put into the work of air quality management in the Sea-to-Sky airshed. However, the AQMP remains extant as a document, and new funding for such activities as the Wood Stove Exchange are available on an annual basis.

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