**Background:**

On October 17, 2014 at the Howe Sound Community Forum, was hosted by Squamish Nation at the Sea to Sky Gondola.

Squamish Nation Council member Chris Lewis announced to the Forum members the Squamish Nation’s decision to start the process of a Marine Use Plan, with the goal to identify areas in the marine environment that they want to protect.  The Squamish Nation’s intention through the Howe Sound Community Forum is to forge a partnership, appeal to agencies and local governments for help.

The Nation seeks to find ways to sustain their livelihoods, and the livelihoods of neighbouring communities while still protect the ecosystem.

Squamish Nation has in place the Xay Temixw – Sacred Land, Land Use Plan which describes the community’s vision for the future of the forests and wilderness of the traditional territory.  A Marine Use Plan for Howe Sound is the next phase of planning.

In response to this announcement, members of the Howe Sound Community may respond with the following resolution:

# Be it resolved:

# \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thanks the Squamish Nation for hosting the Howe Sound Community Forum on October 17th, 2014 and for the attendance by Chief Gibby Jacob, Chief Bill Williams, Councillors Chris Lewis, Josh Joseph and Richard Baker.

# And, we respectfully acknowledge and support Squamish Nation's intention to commence marine planning for Howe Sound.