

Introducing the West Coast N.E.S.T.



I'm excited to share the West Coast N.E.S.T. - the region's new education tourism portal. The website helps locals and visitors find courses and learning experiences from Hesquiaht to Ucluelet. We do this with an emphasis on outdoor education and place-based learning experiences that celebrate curiosity, encourage dialogue, and spark connections. The site is the result of collaboration between local communities, organizations, and individuals. Thanks to everyone who has helped shape the initiative along the way. I hope you enjoy exploring all of the local learning opportunities and look forward to hearing your feedback. We are keen to hear how it can best serve your needs and the needs of our region at upcoming focus groups (more info below).

- Rebecca Hurwitz, Executive Director

Call for Community Projects



The CBT is a [community foundation](#) that works on behalf of the entire Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region. Our annual '[Call for Projects](#)' provides grants to local organizations and communities that respond to regional needs and have long-lasting impacts in four areas:

- healthy communities
- culture and events
- youth and education



The CBT is committed to growing the value of the [West Coast N.E.S.T.](#) in our region. We are conducting focus groups to hear your feedback and input on the direction of this initiative. Your input will help us to create the business model and future plans for the [West Coast N.E.S.T.](#)

- research and environment

There is \$60,000 available for local projects. The maximum grant for each project is \$8,000, with no multi-year funding. Recipients must be a registered charity, educational institution, local or First Nation government. If you have a project that you believe meets the CBT's mandate but are not an eligible organization, please contact us to discuss your project.

Eligibility, guidelines, and application forms are available [here](#).

Deadline: February 20, 4pm PST

Award announcement: early April 2017

Community Fund for Canada's 150th Grants

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Community Fund for Canada's 150th
The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust is joining other Community Foundations across Canada in granting thousands of projects that connect communities, create spaces for healing and reconciling, and leave a lasting legacy of Canada's 150th celebration in 2017. Made possible by collaboration between the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, the Government of Canada, and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast to coast.

Grant value: We will match a project's cash or in-kind value up to \$5,000
Eligibility: Recipients must be a registered charity, education institution, municipal or First Nations government.
CBT is here to help! Wondering if your project is eligible? Want help filling out an application? Drop by our Tofino office at 314 Main St, or give us a call at 250 725 2219

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The CBT is pleased to announce that a second round of funding from the Community Fund for Canada's 150th is now open!

The CBT is joining other Community Foundations across Canada in granting thousands of projects that connect communities, create spaces for healing and reconciling, and leave a lasting legacy of Canada's 150th in 2017.

The CBT will match a project's cash or in-kind contribution up to \$5000.

Eligibility, guidelines, and application forms are available [here](#).

You are invited to join one of our focus groups to share your perspective. Please [RSVP](#) if you are able to attend one of these sessions:

Monday, February 27th 10:00 am - 12:30 pm @ the CBT office, 316 Main Street, Tofino

Monday, February 27th 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm @ the CBT office, 3016 Main Street, Tofino

Tuesday, February 28th 10:00 - 12:30 pm @ the Ucluelet Community Centre, 500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet

CBT's Dr. Laura Loucks is named adjunct professor at Royal Roads University!



We are proud to announce that CBT's Research Coordinator, Dr. Laura Loucks (far right), has been invited for a second term as adjunct professor at Royal Roads University in the School of Environment and Sustainability.

Last year Laura, in partnership with Yuułu?if?at Government, welcomed a group of Royal Road's students for the first Biosphere and Sustainability residency course. The goal was to co-host a unique 'once-in-a-lifetime' field school experience, focusing on community resilience, ecological restoration, transgenerational trauma, food security, and reconnecting to the biosphere.

Read about Laura's research interests on her faculty profile [here](#)

Other Grant Opportunities

Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program
Various Deadlines

[available here.](#)

Deadline: February 20, 4pm PST

Award announcement: early April 2017

Applications invited for the 2017 Biosphere Research Award



This is the third year of the [CBT's Biosphere Research Award!](#)

This grant of \$20,000 funds research within the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region that advances understanding of local marine and terrestrial conservation challenges and helps us to prioritize conservation actions.

Research Proposals must:

- address key species and ecosystem threats within the region;
- address a degrading trend for target species or ecosystems of ecological and/or cultural importance;
- apply to conservation action; and
- supports the spirit and intent of the UNESCO Biosphere designation.

Research must also follow local protocols including local First Nations review and compliance with BC Parks research permits. The CBT is looking for a participatory approach, one in which local community organizations and individuals collaborate with, and contribute to, all aspects of the project. Research findings are expected to be shared locally and through the CBT.

Eligibility, guidelines, and application forms are available [here](#)

Deadline: April 17, 4pm PST

Award announcement: mid May 2017

Free Evaluation Workshops in

[Various Deadlines](#)

The program offers funding and learning opportunities designed to enable municipalities to address challenges related to climate change. More info [here](#)

Municipal Asset Management Program

Various Deadlines

This new program will offer training and funding to make infrastructure dollars go further for Canadian communities. More info [here](#)

Building Small Communities Fund

April 28, 2017

Funding available for infrastructure projects in communities with less than 100,000 residents. More info [here](#)

Bike BC Cycling Infrastructure Fund

April 8, 2017

Funding available for projects that promote safe cycling. More info [here](#)

Growing Forward 2 : Agri-Innovation Program

March 3, 2017

Funding available to support industry, academia, retailers, etc. in research and pilot projects related to agri-innovation products, technologies and practices. More info [here](#)

Western Diversification Program- Call for Proposals

February 23, 2017

Funding available to non-profit organizations for initiatives that address one of two priority areas: clean technology or Indigenous economic growth. More info [here](#)

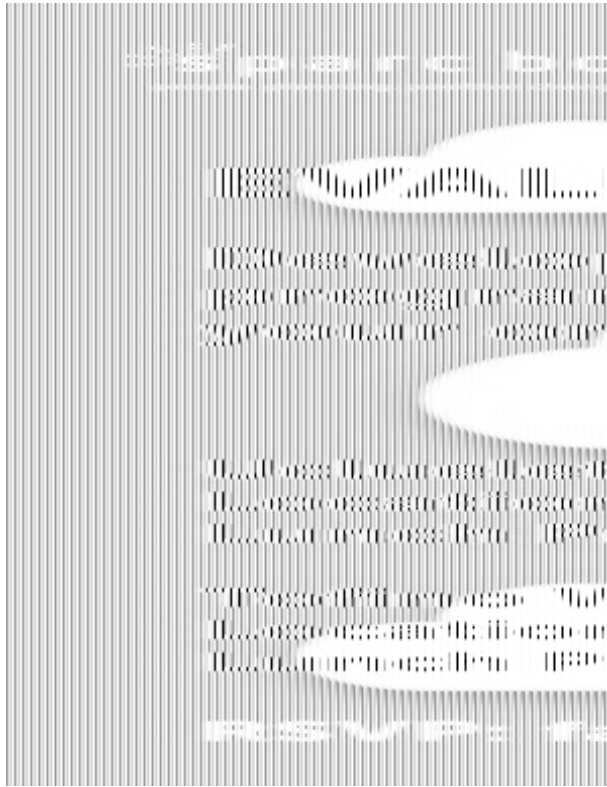
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The CBT relies on the vision and strategic direction of a committed Board of Directors representing a diversity of experience, skills and interests supportive of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO

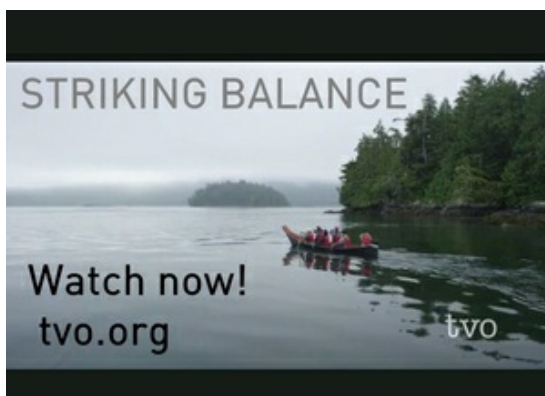
Biosphere Reserve designation.

Ucluelet and Tofino!



Watch Now Online... Striking Balance: Clayoquot Sound

Thank you to everyone who came out to make our Striking Balance screening a success, with special thanks to our co-host, the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. Our Clayoquot Sound episode is [now available to watch on TVO!](#)



The Board of Directors is comprised of appointments from Hesquiaht, Ahousaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Yuułu?ił?ath and Toquaht First Nations, a representative from the District of Tofino, District of Ucluelet and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Area C, as well as two At-large Directors. The Directors represent the CBT and its mandate to their individual communities.

The District of Ucluelet invites Ucluelet residents to express interest in a four-year volunteer term as Director and Alternate Director on the CBT Board of Directors. More information [here](#)

VITAL SIGNS® 2016

Now Available!

Vital Signs is a community check-up conducted by community foundations across Canada that measures the vitality of our communities and identifies trends in a range of areas critical to quality of life. Vital Signs for the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve region includes Hot Springs Cove, Ahousaht, Opitsaht, Tofino, Esowista/Ty-Histanis, Ucluelet, Hitacu, Macoah, ACRD-Area C.

Read Vital Signs



Upcoming Events

CBT Board Meeting

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Location and Time - to be announced

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Check out our website:



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