

HOWE SOUND COMMUNITY FORUM

PRINCIPLES FOR COOPERATION

To provide an overview of the need, purpose and structure for cooperative efforts by interested local governments and First Nations in the Howe Sound area.

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To provide a forum for local governments, regional districts and First Nations to discuss the maintenance and enhancement of the economic, environmental and social well being of the Howe Sound for the benefit of present and future generations.

2. RATIONALE (The Need)

The Howe Sound Community Forum will enhance collective action among local governments, regional districts and First Nations by:

- providing a common forum for dialogue;
- sharing knowledge and information to avoid duplication of effort and to enhance any single organization's capacity for action;
- promoting the use of transparent processes that encourage awareness and involvement.

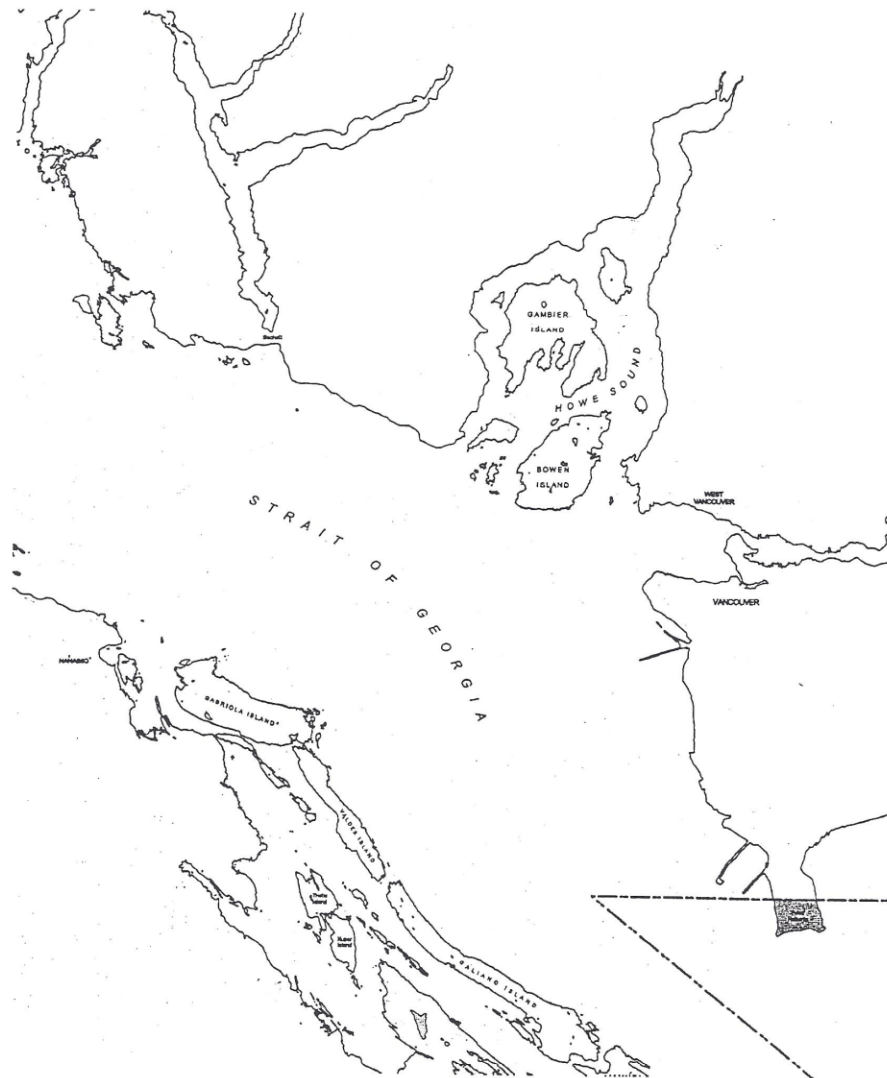
3. SCOPE (The Area)

The Howe Sound area includes the marine waters and all the municipal, regional district, local trust committee and First Nation lands that drain into these waters, the surrounding airshed on the east side of the Strait of Georgia between Point Atkinson and Gower Point, and interested adjacent communities.

4. COMMON VISION (The Future)

The Howe Sound Community Forum envisions that communities within the Howe Sound area can be healthy, productive and sustainable by:

- promoting compact and complete communities;
- encouraging safe and livable communities;
- encouraging an integrated transportation system;
- preserving a healthy and natural environment;
- supporting the sustainable use of resources;
- fostering a vibrant and dynamic economy;
- raising awareness about land use; and
- ensuring that the public is informed and encouraged to be active.



5. SHARED VALUES

The Howe Sound Community Forum will involve the collective efforts of a wide variety of interested parties including governments, First Nation communities, non-government organizations, the private sector, educational institutions and individuals to pursue the following values and objectives.

- **Value...Spirit of Sharing**
Objective – The many interests and organizations in the Howe Sound can strengthen the effectiveness of programs by openly sharing information and knowledge.
- **Value...Action Orientation**
Objective – The Howe Sound Community Forum will encourage groups to take actions that produce positive observable results and public benefit to communities.

- **Value...Efforts Toward Sustainability**
Objective – The Howe Sound Community Forum members recognize the need to effectively manage and maintain a balanced relationship between community development and the protection of unique biophysical qualities of the region.
- **Value...Need for Cooperation**
Objective – Local government and First Nation agencies and organizations will be encouraged to work together to overcome institutional limitations.
- **Value...Stewardship**
Objective – Voluntary action by individuals and organizations as a powerful and effective tool for achieving positive results is an objective of the Forum.
- **Value...Transcending Jurisdictions**
Objective – The Forum will encourage communities to work together for the greater good because territorial lines on a map mean nothing in terms of sustainability.
- **Value...Focus and Transparency**
Objective – Forum member programs will encourage clear objectives and use accountable processes that are available to Howe Sound Community Forum members and the public.
- **Value...Respect for Diversity**
Objective – It is recognized that while every member of the Howe Sound Community Forum may have a different focus or interest, they are encouraged to acknowledge a shared interest in the sustainability of Howe Sound.

6. STRUCTURE (The Members)

- A hosting community from the membership will act as the focal point and be responsible to coordinate meetings and agenda material.
- The hosting community will rotate among the Howe Sound Community Forum members and meetings will be held on a quarterly basis.
- Task forces or sub-forums may be established to focus on specific projects.
- Charter members of the Community Forum include elected representatives of:

District of Squamish	Greater Vancouver Regional District
Resort Municipality of Whistler	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
Squamish First Nation	Village of Lions Bay
District of West Vancouver	Sunshine Coast Regional District
Gambier Island Local Trust Committee	Bowen Island Municipality
Village of Pemberton	Town of Gibsons


7. ACTIVITIES (Action and Results)

The Howe Sound Community Forum will achieve its objectives through activities that build on the talents and knowledge of its members by:

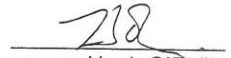
- Facilitating information exchange about local or regional projects;
- Supporting members in sharing information, research and best practices;
- Identifying areas of public policy that require attention and projects that deserve the support of the Forum members;
- Assessing progress through benchmarks, monitoring, and program assessments; and
- Promoting transparency and accessibility by the Forum members.

Therefore, all parties of the Howe Sound Community Forum commit to respecting the Principles for Cooperation.

Approved by the District of Squamish this 20th day of September 2002.


Corinne Lonsdale
Mayor


Approved by the Resort Municipality of Whistler this 20th day of September 2002.


Hugh O'Reilly
Mayor

Approved by the Squamish First Nation this 20th day of September 2002.


Bill Williams
Chief

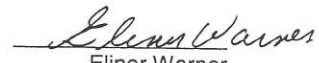
Approved by the District of West Vancouver this 20th day of September 2002.


Ron Wood
Mayor

Approved by the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee this 26 day of Sept 2002.


John Money
Chairperson

Approved by the Village of Pemberton this 20 day of Sept 2002.


Elinor Warner
Mayor

Approved by the Greater Vancouver Regional District this 18 day of Sept 2002.

George Pui
Chairperson

Approved by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District this 20th day of Sept 2002.

Paul Lalli
Chairperson

Approved by the Village of Lions Bay this 20th day of September 2002.

Brenda Broughton
Mayor

Approved by the Sunshine Coast Regional District this 25th day of September 2002.

Don Murray
Chairperson

Approved by the Bowen Island Municipality this 20th day of September 2002.

Lisa Barrett
Mayor

Approved by the Town of Gibsons this 20th day of September 2002.

Barry J. Janyk
Mayor

