ONE PLANET SAANICH

CELEBRATION EVENT!

JUNE 6, 2019
4-7pm
At the Horticultural Centre of the Pacific

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Our Celebration

- One Planet Saanich Background
- Welcomes: Mayor Haynes & Pooran Desai, Founder of Bioregional
- Highlights & Acknowledgements
- One Planet Saanich Next Steps
- Enjoy the food, the company and the gardens!!
One Planet Cities Pilot

Applying the One Planet Living Framework to engage stakeholders

• Durban, South Africa
• Elsinore, Denmark
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• Saanich, Canada
One Planet Living in Saanich

**DISTRICT OF SAANICH**

**Footprint Tool Pilot**

...ecological and carbon footprint analysis for achieving one planet living

**ONE PLANET SAANICH**

Join this year-long project that brings together municipalities, organisations, businesses, schools and community groups in Canada (Saanich), Denmark (Elsinore), South Africa (Durban), Tarusa (Russia) and the UK (Oxfordshire) to make our cities better places to live!

**SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS ON BOARD**

Check out who has already joined One Planet Saanich!

Secondary schools: Reynolds, Claremont and Mount Douglas
The District of Saanich
Camosun College

**APPLY TO JOIN US:**

Are you a local business, school or community group?

Write your own action plan as a One Planet Saanich stakeholder - apply soon, spaces limited

We are recruiting a cohort of businesses, community groups, and schools who want to join the initiative. They each write their own One Planet Action Plan, building on existing commitments they might have and with support.
One Planet Saanich Integrators & Resource People
Thank you from Pooran Desai, Founder Bioregional
....so, what is One Planet Living?

One Planet Living

A vision of the world where everyone, everywhere enjoys happy, healthy lives within the limits of the planet.

- Health and happiness
- Equity and local economy
- Culture and community
- Land use and wildlife
- Sustainable water
- Local and sustainable food
- Sustainable materials
- Sustainable transport
- Zero waste
- Zero carbon
The Ecological Footprint

One Planet Saanich Objectives:

1. District-wide sustainability “gap analysis”
2. Engage businesses, schools, orgs to create their own One Planet Action Plans (OPAPs) to support district-wide sustainability objectives
Building a One Planet Action Plan

- Leave space for wildlife
- Increase resource efficiency
- Tackle Climate change
- Increase meaning
- Link health and environmental impact
- Strengthen local economy and social justice
The District of Saanich

4 Secondary Schools:
Reynolds, Claremont (Institute for Global Solutions), Mount Douglas, Artemis Place Society

Camosun College

Haliburton Farm
Uptown Shopping Centre
BEESPOT Neighbourhoods
Vancity Credit Union
Bumblebee Electric
First Unitarian Church
Welcome
by Mayor Haynes
THANK YOU TO OUR ONE PLANET SAANICH INTEGRATORS & RESOURCE PEOPLE!!

**Integrators**
- Brad Kynoch, Vancity & Camosun
- Carla Monteiro, Camosun
- Kim Kendall, Secondary Schools
- Stephanie Rathwell, BEESPOT/District
- Ted Sheldon, MANY!

**Resource People**
- Tom Hackney
- Trevor Hancock
- Ryan Mackie
THANK YOU TO OUR
ONE PLANET SAANICH
STAKEHOLDERS!!
We are a One Planet Principles School
Plan highlights:

• Reduce food waste through menu planning including smaller portions, labeling of containers/leftovers, and sending leftovers home with students

• Reduce meat consumption by increasing appealing and creative plant based options

• Expand garden production and source from local producers using sustainable practices

• Make reusable beeswax cloths for use in kitchen
MISSION:
To build compact Green Passive House neighbourhoods that harness renewable energy and conserve our resources, protecting our future generations with a sustainable lifestyle.
Successes this year:

- Vision and sustainability framework guided approval of new planned development
- Positive community engagement and majority support at Council Public hearing
- Support was based on project’s sustainability elements
Bumblebee Electric Vehicles is a "Community Contribution Company." Its social purpose is to accelerate widespread adoption of Electric Vehicles and solar energy products, that will by design provide a broader spectrum of people access to the benefits these technologies.
Through connections made through One Planet Saanich, Haliburton Farm and Artemis Place School are accessing electric vehicles at an affordable price via the support of Bumblebee Electric.
“Through One Planet Saanich, we are gaining access to an international network of schools that will be sharing ideas and inspiring each other.”

Heather Coey, a teacher at Reynolds Secondary.
Students in the Leadership and Flexible Studies programs at Reynolds Secondary created a plan with nearly 40 actions, including fostering chicks for backyard chickens, rainwater collection at school, and rehabilitating a Garry Oak meadow.
Camosun released its Sustainability Plan in Sept 2019. Through One Planet Saanich we did a ‘scan’ of this Plan against the OPL principles.
Highlights of Camosun’s Sustainability Efforts This Year:

- The Na’tsa’maht EARTH Gardening Project - growing indigenous plants and connect project with College’s program areas
- The Camosun Farmers’ market
- Installed 6 new EV charging stations (now 13 at both campuses)
Creatively United for the Planet is a non-profit collective that brings together and showcases local businesses, organizations, institutions and individuals committed to improving the quality of life in our community.
Ongoing actions include:
• Creating videos to showcase local leaders who are providing positive and sustainable solutions
• Maintaining calendar of sustainability-oriented events across Greater Victoria
• ‘Pairing up’ organizations that share common values
Claremont Secondary’s Institute for Global Solutions focused efforts on working with Grade 9 students to build their OPAP.

“Working with our IGS 9 class is definitely a highlight and one of the better decisions we made. Although they are new to many of the achievements our more senior grade IGS classes have accomplished, that we have them for four years and can dream and plan and count on them to implement so many of their ideas over the long term has been a real gift.”

Mark Neufeld, Teacher, Claremont Secondary
A personal highlight was digitally interacting with education leaders from all over the world, sharing our ideas and being inspired by one another. I guess finally, watching our young students interact with and be inspired by so many wonderful adults over the year was very, very satisfying.

Mark Neufeld, Teacher, Claremont Secondary

Claremont partners with Haliburton Farm to provide hands on sustainable farming educational opportunities for students.
Galiano Field Trip
Haliburton Farm
Hartland Landfill
“The 10 Principles of One Planet Living complement our seven Unitarian Principles beautifully, especially our 7th Principle, ‘Respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part.’ Our Action Plan will help us live our values more completely”

Glenyss Turner, Chair, Environmental Action Team at First Unitarian Church.
The First Unitarian Church Victoria plan includes a Carbon Challenge to motivate members to change their driving and flying habits, installing electric vehicle chargers, sharing recipes to encourage low-carbon food choices, and advocacy to senior levels of government about climate action.
“The One Planet Saanich initiative was motivating and inspiring. We connected with and learned from other organizations locally and around the world, and saw how our individual actions are connected and support each other.”

Elmarie Roberts, Haliburton Farm
Haliburton Farm has been advancing sustainable food in the region since 2001. Focuses for this year include:

- aligning education efforts with the 10 One Planet Saanich principles
- demonstrating potential for whole island food security by supporting a new incubator (allotment and education farm) at Sandown modeled after Haliburton
- a partnership with bumblebee electric to access clean transportation options for deliveries
- Board member and farmer Katie Underwood arranged a Biochar Workshop in April 2019 (see photo)
“It was an enormously gratifying volunteer project to start on. Knowing that although many of the 10 One Planet Action principles are already in place at Haliburton Farm, there is now a focus, especially in terms of education, around addressing climate change at the Farm.”

Elmarie Roberts, Haliburton Farm
One Planet Highlights
Mount Douglas Secondary School
These slides show what we accomplished this year... and more initiatives we hope to take on!

The One Planet framework really helped us look at the big picture.
Land & Nature: Restoration Projects

- Students regularly volunteer to remove invasive plants on Mount Tolmie.

- Students work on seed collection and propagation of local species for restoration planting.
Land & Nature: Mount Tolmie Trails

- Creating a detailed map of main trails to be maintained for public access
- Indicating new side trails that should be blocked by Saanich staff to decrease impact on threatened Garry Oak meadows.
Land & Nature: School Garden Project

- Designed a school garden including fencing and water.
- Received approval from school board and grants for funding.
- Will invite indigenous leaders to the opening of the school garden project.
- Will provide vegetables to foods classes
Materials & Products: Clothing Swap

- Student run clothing exchanges allow anyone to leave unneeded clothing while allowing others to take these items without charge.
- Carbon and ecological footprints are reduced.
Transportation: Bus Survey

- Surveyed students for their methods of transportation to and from school
- Went to Victoria Regional Transit Commission to meet with Board including Mrs. Susan Brice
- Campaigning for more accessible bus passes for youth
Culture & Community: ECO Lectures

- Invite UVic professors and experts to come into the school to talk about sustainability and other environmental topics.
- Everyone at the school is welcome to listen and participate.
Mount Doug IdeaFest

- Experts and professors came from UVic to talk to students about important issues from alternative energy to eco-grief
- Different discussion groups were formed to inquire and talk about various issues
"At Uptown we believe in the importance of respecting and protecting our environment and community. In addition to being a LEED Certified Neighbourhood, Uptown also has numerous operational and community based projects that speak to our Responsibility in Retail programming."
Draft Plan highlights ongoing and new initiatives, such as:

• Cultivate tenants that contribute to mix-use centre
• Art installations showcase Coast Salish Heritage
• Recycled water in water features + fountain
• Planting a community garden
Vancity Credit Union's values are aligned with the One Planet Living Principles and the Credit Union actively advances sustainability in many BC communities. This year they deepened their commitment by launching 'Lighter Living' as a strategic priority.
Vancity Tolmie's Plan highlights their many ongoing initiatives that support One Planet Living and new commitments, for example:

• Ensure our branch is known as a gathering place for our community members to convene

• Create a reconciliation roadmap that encourages and informs staff and membership to be an active participant in meaningful reconciliation

• Staff Zero Waste Challenges: Community Recycle-a-thon Campaign, Reuse It Or Lose It Campaign, Zero Waste Lunch and Learn events
“We were very excited to have the opportunity to connect a Vancity Staff Member to visit with the organizers of One Planet Durban to share our best practices and have the opportunity to learn more about theirs.”

Tanis Clement, Branch Manager, Vancity-Tolmie Branch
One Planet Scan

• Reviewing our current plans, targets, and goals against the One Planet Principles encouraged new ways of thinking.
Climate Plan

- One Planet Principles informed draft actions presented to the community this spring
Community Connections

- Climate action, sustainability, and One Planet Living can’t be achieved alone – we need each other!
NEXT STEPS....... 

KR Foundation confirmed base funding for Phase 2, & more being sought:

- Supporting current stakeholders – focus on implementation, monitoring and indicators; & ‘connecting plans’
- With additional funding will bring on more organizations
- Engaging individuals
- Your ideas for next steps???