



Sunshine Coast
Conservation
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shíshálh First Nation
Attn: Chief Calvin Craigan and Council
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Dear Chief Craigan and Council,

Over the past two decades since the creation of the Sunshine Coast Conservation Association (SCCA), we have witnessed the critical actions of shíshálh Nation Elders, leadership and community members to protect, steward and conserve the land and waters of the Sunshine Coast, your traditional unceded territory. Our entire community, including the incredible biodiversity of non-human life around us, have benefited greatly from your commitment, expertise, and care.

It is thus with great pleasure that the Sunshine Coast Conservation Association presents the shíshálh Nation Elders, Council and Members with the 2016 John Hind-Smith award for Environmental Stewardship. We are also honoured to invite you to enjoy a feast with us at an award ceremony and community celebration in early 2016.

The prestigious John Hind-Smith award was established in 2006 by the SCCA to honour worthy local citizens who exemplify the spirit of John Hind-Smith by their dedication and commitment to the environment and preserving wildlife. This will mark the first time the SCCA has given the award to a community of people rather than an individual.

John Hind-Smith was known for his passion for nature and his vast knowledge of our ecosystem. He was a lifetime member of the Sunshine Coast Natural History Society, Director of Conservation for the Gibsons Wildlife Club, a founding member of the Salmon Enhancement Society, the Elves Club, the Search and Rescue Group, and of course of the Tetrahedron Alliance, and was instrumental in having the Tetrahedron area preserved as a provincial park.

The Sunshine Coast Conservation Association is pleased to be able to highlight the crucial and extensive environmental efforts of the shíshálh Nation, while honouring a man who epitomized the term "environmentalist".

We look forward to continuing to work alongside you to protect the beautiful Sunshine Coast.

Sincerely,

Gayle Neilson and Linda Williams
Co-Chairs
Sunshine Coast Conservation Association