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Welcome to our first official newsletter!

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We have been busy behind the scenes over these past few months as we worked to combine forces between the Sunshine Coast Clean Air Society and the Sea to Sky Clean Air Society. We are pleased to be sharing our first official newsletter as the newly named **Society for Atmosphere Solutions!**

We are fortunate to have built up a fantastic board comprised of members of each society, including: Louis Legal, Ryan Logtenberg, John Field, Peter Frinton, as well as some new faces: Laurie Bates-Frymel and Douw Steyn. We recently completed our strategic action planning for 2022, and are really looking forward to moving beyond the complicated process of restructuring the society, and getting back out into the community to continue collaborations towards our mission to

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You'll hear more from us soon as we launch our new website, which is now integrated with our updated [Air Quality Monitoring website](#). But for now, read on to learn a bit more about what we're up to and how you can get involved...

WE ARE HIRING!

Do you live on or near the Sunshine Coast or Sea to Sky region? Are you looking for meaningful, flexible part-time work that will help improve the health and well being of your community while also protecting our environment?

The Society for Atmosphere Solutions is hiring a **part-time Executive Director** to join our team and put their skills to work to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the lower Sunshine Coast and Sea to Sky region.

This is an annual renewable contract of approximately 30 hours a month at \$25 - \$30/hr, commensurate with experience. Candidates must have their own telework space (home office or work space with access to computer, internet, phone), and be able to travel between the two regions for events and meetings.

Please read the [full position description here](#).

Interested? Apply by sending your resume and cover letter to info@atmospheresolutions.ca.

Atmosphere Solutions is committed to the values of equity, diversity and inclusion. We encourage applicants from people of all ethnicities, genders, orientations and abilities, including those from underrepresented groups.

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We thank all applicants for their interest. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

WOOD STOVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM



SAVE MONEY IMPROVE AIR QUALITY HEAT YOUR HOME EFFICIENTLY **INSTALL A HEAT PUMP!**

Improving your home heating efficiency will not only save you money,
but can help lower your carbon footprint while improving indoor
and neighbourhood air quality.

In addition to the thousands of dollars of incentives offered
through the CleanBC Better Homes and Home Renovation
Rebate Programs
for everything from improving space and water heating to
upgrading windows, doors and insulation, you can also receive
additional rebates through our
Atmosphere Solutions Wood Stove Exchange Program.

\$750 to \$2,250 REBATES

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If you are replacing your smokey old wood stove with a new electric heat pump and you are a resident of the lower Sunshine Coast or Sea to Sky region, you are eligible for a minimum rebate of \$750. District of Sechelt residents can receive an extra top-up of between \$250 to \$1,500*.

Visit our website to learn more and apply for the exchange while funds last!

*A limited number of extra \$1,500 rebates are available for households with low income.

APPLY FOR A REBATE TODAY!



Environmental Justice and Wood Smoke

““The important thing to understand about woodsmoke is it’s probably the most toxic type

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Check out this in-depth article from Undark Magazine on the environmental justice and public health concerns of wood smoke.

[READ IT NOW](#)

Quality Garden and Pet March 5th, 11 am - 3 pm

Join us this Saturday at Quality Garden and Pet in Gibsons to kick off the gardening year by learning from a diverse array of community partners on how you can improve your gardening practices in harmony with nature!

Visit our booth to learn about useful alternatives to burning yardwaste that benefit your garden while keeping our air clean and breathe-able.

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JOIN OUR BOARD!

Our team is growing, and we want you on board! We are seeking 2 - 3 more community members who are keenly interested in air quality and climate change issues, and have 4 - 5 hours a month to contribute to help advance our projects and support our organizational growth. No particular expertise required, just a collaborative nature, ability to attend monthly board meetings (usually Tuesday evenings), a willingness to lend a hand on a diversity of tasks, and an interest in working together on the issues while having some fun too!

Interested? Give us a shout at info@atmospheresolutions.ca.

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