



COMING SOON!

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A co-operative by and for all people of Haida Gwaii that provides local, small-scale, affordable and equitable renewable energy systems for Island communities. The co-op prioritizes wealth redistribution, equity, and upholds Haida and womxn leaders to advance the goal of increasing Island independence and resilience in the face of climate change.

In 2018, Island leaders and citizens signed The People's Clean Energy Declaration for Haida Gwaii at the All-Island Renewable Energy Symposium. The Declaration aims to turn away from diesel generated energy and commits to the Islands becoming energy sovereign.

After the symposium, people of Haida Gwaii remained enthusiastic and dedicated to Island-wide independence. Community meetings and informal conversations have continued, and there has been a lot of shared excitement. The co-operative model is one way for us to be the owners, decision-makers and investors of small-scale renewable energy solutions.

In 2021, work really picked up to form a renewable energy co-op for Haida Gwaii and we have nearly finalized our governance structure and business planning.

Who

We have a founding board of four: Guulee Cynthia Samuels (Ts'aahl laanas/jaanas), K'aayhlt'aa Haanas Valine Brown (K'aawas), Natalie Affolter, and Marilyne Tovar.

A community steering committee of Island-wide people has provided feedback as we work towards our launch. After hearing strong interest and support with the co-operative model at the 2018 Renewable Energy Symposium, Swiilawiid became one of the co-operative's founding partners.

When will we launch?

If all goes as planned, we will launch
spring/summer 2023.

How

To catalyze renewable energy projects on Haida Gwaii, we are working to make group bulk purchasing possible so that renewable energy is more affordable to homeowners. For commercial and community sized buildings, we will install and manage renewable energy systems, pooling the resources required by selling investor shares, so that there are no upfront costs for building owners. This will result in reduced electrical utilities cost and create dividends for investors, all while we decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

We know that a co-op is just one small part of the collective efforts to reach 0% diesel, and it is a model that will allow individual contributions and Island-wide collaboration.

Guiding Principals

Yahguudang • Yahgudáng • *Respect*
Ad kyaanang • .Ahl kyáanáng tláagang •
Ask permission first

Tll yahda • *Make it right*

'Laa guu ga kanhlIns • Gin 'laa hl isdaa.uu
• *Responsibility*

Gina 'waadluxan gud ad kwaagiida •
Ginn 'wáadluwaan gud .ahl kwáagíidang
• *Everything depends on everything else*

Giid tll'juus • Gin 'waadluwaan damaan
tl' kinggang • *Balance*

Gina k'aadang.nga gii uu tl' king ga • Gin
k'aaydangga Giiy uu tl'a k'anguudangs •
Seeking Wise Counsel

Isda ad dii gii isda • 'isda isgyaan diiga
isdii • *Giving and Receiving*

Purpose

The purpose of a renewable energy cooperative is to provide Haida Gwaii communities with affordable and equitable renewable energy systems and increase Island independence and resilience in the face of climate change.

**The Xaadáa Gwáay
Renewable Energy
Co-operative has four
bottom lines:
financial, social,
environmental and cultural**

Mission

Our mission is to be the owners and decision-makers of local, small-scale, equitable power generation on Haida Gwaii through a cooperative community model that ensures womxn as leaders, Haida representation, and focuses on local energy potential through engagement and advocacy.

**Questions, comments, interest, or
feedback?**

Website coming soon with more
details!

Share your thoughts by email:
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