



The Bras d’Or Lake Biosphere Reserve was 7 years into it’s 10-year mandate.

An active group of members continued to be involved in a variety of activities related to projects, governance, networking, and awareness building related to the promotion of the natural environment and how we can live more sustainably. Here are some highlights of the work over 2018 and plans for 2019.

2018 Highlights

- Adopted the Pessamit “Call For Reconciliation”
- Tom Johnson appointed to CCUNESCO Board
- Biosphere 4-minute Video selected to go to UNESCO Paris showing
- Updates made to the BLBRA display at Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site
- Climate Change Adaptation Colloquium & Forum now being planned for 2019 with CBRA AGM
- Signage project funding and design well underway
- Forest Monitoring project continues with youth participation
- Bras d’Or Watch 4th annual citizen science event held at Ben Eoin, Ross Ferry Marine Park, St. Peter’s Marina and the Whycomomagh Provincial Park.
- 4th annual Aros na Mara World Oceans Day where we helped to educate more about the Biosphere.
- Educational resources continue through acceptance critique
- New Website design, development and implementation completed
- Social media practices more defined by the communications committee
- G7-2018 BR Partnership Tree Planting Project sees 1250 trees planted
- Bras d’Or Lake Stewardship Society tithed and receive lifetime memberships
- Revisions to by-laws
- Presentation by BLBRA to CBRM on what a Biosphere is as they look at RV zoning issues
- Presentation by Common Good Solutions on Social Enterprise opportunities
- Preparing for upcoming 2020-2021 Periodic Review

2019 Priorities

- Complete signage project
- Hold successful Climate Change Adaptation Forum
- Grow membership
- Continue the development of tourism
- Continue development of trails
- Continue the annual citizen science initiative - Bras d’Or Watch and Forest Watch
- Continue to participate in annual events around the Lake that allow us to promote the three pillars of the Biosphere
- Maintain and update our display at the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site