



THE  
**HUDSON BAY  
CONSORTIUM**  
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## 2019 East Hudson Bay/James Bay Regional Roundtable

Over 200 people from communities and organizations across east Hudson and James Bays registered for the EHBJB Regional Roundtable, held in Timmins, ON in January of 2019. The meeting was a huge success providing an opportunity for communities from across the region to share their knowledge and priorities related to the themes outlined below, and determine next steps for the Consortium.

### CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Since creation of the Hudson Bay Consortium at the 2018 Summit, the Steering Committee and Working Groups have been working to plan next steps and organize in-person meetings including a Summit every four years and East Hudson Bay/James Bay Regional Roundtable meetings every two years. Contact us to get involved!



### STAY IN TOUCH AND UP-TO-DATE

To facilitate coordination, we are compiling a list of ongoing projects, organizations and reports from across the region. Contact us at [info@hudsonbayconsortium.com](mailto:info@hudsonbayconsortium.com) to learn more or to add yours.

### COASTAL RESTORATION

Ecological restoration is the process of assisting the recovery of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged or destroyed. Hudson Bay and James Bay communities identified their priorities for coastal restoration at meetings in 2018 and 2019 that included: cleaning polluted sites and debris, addressing effects of shipping, changes to hydrology, and fixing erosion and habitat loss. The final report is now available on the [Consortium website](#). This report can be used to develop partnerships to coordinate clean-ups and will be sent to government agencies identifying priorities for future funding.



### SIKU.ORG

Various tools and services provided by the [SIKU.org](http://SIKU.org) platform and mobile app that can benefit the goals of the Consortium were presented, including tools for documenting and sharing Indigenous knowledge around ice safety, changes to wildlife, as well as coordinating on projects and sharing reports and historical documents that can be hard to find. Create an account at [siku.org](http://siku.org) to get started sharing what's happening in your region.



### STEWARDSHIP/PROTECTED AREAS

Ongoing across James and Hudson Bays and coordination among communities facilitates a holistic approach for the region and highlights the interconnectivity of water and land.

At the Regional Roundtable, communities shared their ongoing planning activities and priorities as outlined in [the detailed report](#). Recommendations included: looking for ways to work in partnership to better fund, implement and recognize areas already identified in land use plans and emphasize community priorities. Communities and regional organizations wishing to stay in touch on coordinating stewardship planning should join the Protected Areas Working Group ([pitsey@hudsonbayconsortium.com](mailto:pitsey@hudsonbayconsortium.com)).



### COMMUNICATIONS

Coordinating internal and external communications in a way that meets the needs of participants while respecting the intellectual property and following the non-political guiding principles of the Consortium were discussed. The communications working group will be working on further guidelines around communications and interested individuals should get involved.

### RESEARCH AND MONITORING

Coordinating research and monitoring is a key priority for communities and organizations. At the roundtable, communities provided updates to their ongoing projects and priorities as detailed in the [full report](#), including common themes related to food security, wildlife monitoring, ice safety, changes in climate, impacts of development and Indigenous knowledge. Coordination is ongoing through the working group and creating a directory of ongoing projects is a top priority for coordination. [Contact us](#) to get involved.

