

Guidelines for Writers

Speaking primarily from the coast and interior of British Columbia, *Watershed Sentinel* presents a bioregional perspective on environmental topics. The emphasis of the magazine is on the integrity and sustainability of the environment and the interdependence of natural systems. We also strive to link up individuals and communities and inspire them to understand their responsibilities for the protection of the environment.

Although we report on local battles, we also highlight overarching structural issues. Public policy, colonialism, privatization, and world economic institutions are inextricably linked to the sustainable use of resources, climate change, and biological diversity. We do not publish much poetry or fiction, but we are interested in occasionally doing so. We are also interested in short essays and journals. Our creative writing standards are professional.

We are seeking original writing, not copied or AI-generated texts. While we occasionally publish reprints, we do not pay for reprinted material (including edited reprints). Artwork and photographs are welcome. It is the submitter's responsibility to ensure we have permission to publish images.

Articles should be between 500 and 1500 words, with occasional features up to 2200 words. Subject matter can range from forestry to fish farms, from science news to Indigenous knowledge, from parks to pulp mill pollution, and more. We like articles to be pithy and factual. We are interested in news and philosophy, not personality politics. We believe advocacy journalism can be accurate and to the point. Our readers are busy people; they trust the magazine to present an accurate summary of facts and situations.

We pay 35¢/word for original work produced by established writers, and, in select circumstances, to dedicated emerging writers. Unfortunately, our budget does not allow us to pay for copy from non-governmental organizations, academics, communications professionals, or citizen journalists who don't rely on writing for income. The magazine's print circulation is over 2,500 and it is distributed in bookstores and green venues across Canada. Many of our articles are also published [online](#).

To pitch a story idea or submit an on-spec piece, email to editor@watershedsentinel.ca is preferred. Articles with graphics are best, but please note that we require high-resolution graphics for print.

Thank you for thinking of *Watershed Sentinel*. We look forward to hearing from you.

***Watershed Sentinel* philosophy**

- * People powered, bottom-up media
- * Learn from Indigenous viewpoints
- * Give voice to grassroots and community activists
 - * Reflect, don't dictate
 - * Explore, don't predetermine
- * Provide balance, a voice to all sides within an environmental and social justice perspective, with content inclusive of science, passion, environmental justice, and conservation.