

# NOVA SCOTIA ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

## ANNUAL ENGO ROUNDTABLE 2010

### *Greening Nova Scotia's Economy: What ENGOs Can Contribute With Updates & Strategy on Mining, Biomass, Biosolids, & Pesticide Ban*

*Friday, March 5, 2010 (Storm date Monday, March 8)  
Nova Scotia Public Archives, 6016 University Avenue, Halifax*

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#### AGENDA

8:30-9:00 AM – Registration and Coffee & Welcome Snack

9:00-9:45 AM – Introductions & What Are Our Environmental Priorities This Year?

9:45-10:50 AM – Updates & Strategies on Avon Peninsula & Gypsum Mine Expansion, Pesticide Ban Consultation, Biosolids, and Biomass. Update on the Voluntary Sector Initiative with Halifax North West Trails member Wendy McDonald

10:50-11:00 AM – Sunshine Break

11:00-12:00 AM – Greening the Economy Key Note & Discussion  
Making the Links between Economy & Environment. Update on *Getting Back to Balance* Consultations.  
**Guest Speaker:** Andrea Harden-Donahue, Energy Coordinator with the Council of Canadians and Co-Author of the report “Green Decent and Public,” a report focused generating green jobs in Canada.

12:00-12:45 PM – Lunch (Gourmet, vegetarian and vegan lunch)

12:45 – 2:00 PM – Mark Butler, Policy Director of the Ecology Action Centre’s presentation on **“Recommendations for Green Jobs in Nova Scotia”** (this presentation was given to government last year) How can the environmental community contribute to a *Green Collar Job Strategy for Nova Scotia?*  
Brainstorming Facilitated Discussion (Basis for a Position Paper)

2:00- 2:10 PM – Sunshine Break and set up

2:10 – 3:00 PM – NSEN Strategic Plan with Gretchen Fitzgerald, Sierra Club – Atlantic Chapter

3:00 – 4:00 PM – NSEN Annual Awards Celebration with Cake

4:00-4:15 PM – Closing & Draw Prizes (Van Jones’ book *The Green Collar Economy: How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems*)

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**Purpose:** The purpose of the NSEN annual roundtable is to bring representatives of environmental and health groups across Nova Scotia together to strategize, share resources and to network. It is also the time

that we give out our annual awards. Our theme this year is Greening the Nova Scotia Economy to prepare for the Department of Finance public consultations “Getting Back to Balance.”

**Participants:** To attend for free, participants must be representatives of NSEN members to attend the roundtable. NSEN members are especially encouraged to attend to vote on NSEN matters. Participants must also RSVP to ensure a seat and lunch. The event is free for members. For non-members, we ask that you contribute to lunch costs of \$20. \*The afternoon award ceremony at 3pm is free and open to the public.

**What to Bring:** For networking purposes, please bring your business cards and copies of your organization’s material to distribute.

**Location:** Nova Scotia Public Archives, 6016 University Avenue, Halifax. Tel: (902) 424-6060 (Brown brick building located on the corner of Robie St. and University Ave.) Wheelchair accessible.

**Getting to the Nova Scotia Public Archives:**

Participants are encouraged to walk, bus, bike or carpool to the event. *Travel Subsidies:* Depending on funding, NSEN may be able to help offset travel costs for members, please inquire.

*By Bus:*

Within the Halifax Regional Municipality, there are many buses to get you to this location. For more information about bus service, please call Metro Transit Information line at (902) 490-4000.

*Carpooling:*

Please call NSEN if you can offer carpooling or if you need a ride.

*Driving:*

The Nova Scotia Public Archives is a brick building located on the corner of Robie St. and University Ave. on the Dalhousie Campus and across the street from the IWK Grace Hospital. Please see Map Quest for the exact location of the Nova Scotia Public Archives: <http://www.mapquest.com>

*Parking:*

Underground full-day parking is available at the IWK Grace Hospital located across the street from the Archives. The IWK Grace parking garage uses an automated parking system. When you enter into the garage you will receive an Entry Ticket. PLEASE TAKE THIS TICKET WITH YOU. You are required to pay your parking fee at an automated pay station located in the IWK Gallery (which looks like a banking machine) before returning to your car to leave the garage. Once your Entry Ticket is validated by the pay station as paid, you simply place the paid ticket on the ticket reader at the exit and the gate will rise automatically. Once you pay for parking, you have 20 minutes to exit the parking lot. All day parking costs approximately \$9.

If you plan to come, please let us know of any special needs. Note: Storm date is Monday, March 8.

**For more information or to RSVP, please contact:**

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