

Welcome to *Eco-Connections*, a bi-weekly e-bulletin to update our members and supporters on various environmental actions, events, announcements, resources, funding, awards and job opportunities, and to provide a venue for communication across the province. Sent by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network (NSEN). To add an item to the next e-bulletin or to unsubscribe, please email nsen@cen-rce.org

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A. Actions

A1.

Listen to Bill McKibben, founder of 350.org, on CBC “Living on a Tough new Earth”

Listen to the great interview Bill McKibben, founder of 350.org and author of Eearth, on the CBC:

<http://www.cbc.ca/thecurrent/> or watch the inteview: <http://www.cbc.ca/video/#/Shows/ID=1470400516>

A2.

Watch Food Inc. on CBC TV this Saturday, April 17

Watch the award-winning film Food Inc. this Saturday on CBC TV. Check local listings:

<http://www.cbc.ca/documentaries/>

A3.

Take the One Ocean Pledge

Watch One Ocean CBC documentary. Learn about the issues. Take the One Ocean pledge. More info here:

<http://oneocean.cbc.ca/pledge>

A4.

Watch “Future Earth: Addicted to Power” CBC Passionate Eye Documentary

Future Earth: Addicted to Power illustrates the disastrous consequences of continuing our addiction to power through photo-real CGI, but it also includes gripping interviews with experts who explore how adopting new technologies and making changes to the way we live can avert these disasters.

<http://www.cbc.ca/documentaries/passionateeyeshowcase/2010/futureearthpower/>

A5.

Join the Climate Rally on Apr. 22 at noon

Climate Rally, Thursday April 22 @ noon, Grand Parade (Barrington and Carmichael) in Halifax. Organizer: Interface Coalition For Climate Justice.

A6.

Check - David Suzuki Foundation asks Canadians: What's inside your cosmetics?

What chemicals are in your cosmetics and personal care products? The David Suzuki Foundation (DSF) wants to find out. DSF has launched a national survey that will ask Canadians to pull back their shower curtains and register their personal care products - from shampoos, soaps and lotions, to an assortment of makeup - in an effort to find out just how prevalent toxic chemicals are in these products. Results will be presented in September, along with recommendations for strengthening laws to protect Canadians from harmful chemicals in personal care products. You can now log-on to submit your product ingredients at: www.davidsuzuki.org/whatsinside.

A7.

Read Chris Benjamin’s latest Sustainable City The Coast Column “Transition Towns”

Transition Towns (basically a systemic attempt to make small towns or even neighbourhoods sustainable) is now online at <http://www.thecoast.ca/halifax/transition-period/Content?oid=1606867>.

A8.

Watch the Story of Carbon Cap and Trade

A new short film by Annie Lennox, the director of the Story of Stuff. <http://www.storyofstuff.com/capandtrade/>

A9.

Play Tar Nation

Get out of the tarsands <http://www.tarsandswatch.org/tar-nation-play-game-now>

A10.

Watch “Oceans” in Theatres this week!

“Oceans”, the documentary film from Disney Nature, will open on 22 April, Earth Day, in theatres across North America - <http://disney.go.com/disneynature/oceans/?saveoceans> Empire Theatres:

<http://www.empiretheatres.com/movie/oceans>

A11.

Talk about your special rivers this Thursday on CBC’s Maritime Noon

Thursday, April 22: Rivers have always held a special place in the collective experiences of Maritimers. In the last century they played a vital commercial role, linking goods and people in the communities along their shores. From

the storied St John River to the world class salmon fishing rivers of the Miramichi and Margaree, everyone has a tale to tell about their connections to the river, past and present. Join poet, playwright and author Harry Thurston and John Folster, the founding president of the St John River Society: we'd like to hear your stories about your favourite Maritime rivers. More info: <http://www.cbc.ca/maritimenoon/>

B. Environmental Events and Capacity-Building Workshops

B1.

ESANS Day with Government & Other events

April 21 – ESANS Government Day (Register Today!) Upcoming Events – View all: <http://www.esans.ca>

B2.

NSEN WATER CAUCUS APRIL CONFERENCE CALL, Apr. 26

APR. 26 AT 9:30 A.M. For conference call details, to join the call or caucus, please contact:

Jocelyne Rankin, B.Sc., M.E.S., Water Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre

Phone: 902.442.5046 Email: water@ecologyaction.ca

More info here: <http://nsen.ca/water.php>

B3.

NOVA SCOTIA AGRICULTURAL FORUM April 21-23 in Truro

NS Agricultural College: <http://nsac.ca/aaf/>

B4.

RCEN 2010 Annual Conference September 17-19, Montreal, QC

“Conserving Biodiversity Pays: The Values of Ecosystem Services”

More details: <http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/index.html>

B5.

4th Nova Scotia Energy Research and Development Forum, May, 26-27

Halifax, Nova Scotia - <http://www.offshoreenergyresearch.ca>.

B6.

Current Developments in Canadian Maritime Law on June 3, 2010

Time: 0845 – 1700

Location: Westin Nova Scotian Hotel

Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Canadian Maritime Law Association cordially invites its members and others to attend its upcoming seminar to be held on Thursday, June 3, 2010. The seminar will be held at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax. The Association's 2010 Annual General Meeting will be held at the same hotel on Friday, June 4, 2010. Seminar program and registration form appear on the following pages. For attendees who are lawyers, CLE accreditation will be available in the provinces of British Columbia and Quebec and accreditation is being sought in the province of New Brunswick. Registration Fees CMLA Individual Members - \$175 per person

CMLA Constituent Member Representatives (3 maximum) - \$175 per person

All Others - \$250 per person. Registration includes attendance at all seminar sessions, electronic copy of seminar papers, refreshments, luncheon and the traditional post-seminar reception. A block of guest rooms is being held at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel at a conference rate of \$179 plus taxes, and will remain available until May 3, 2010. Registrants are requested to make bookings directly with the hotel (1-877-993-7846 or 1-902-496-8585)

before that date, mentioning the Canadian Maritime Law Association conference to obtain this rate.

Inquiries may be directed to Mr. William Moreira, Chair of the organizing committee, at wmoreira@smss.com

B7.

Local Gatherings for volunteers and non-profit organizations in NS *Various Dates!

Local Gatherings will be held in 11 communities across Nova Scotia from February to May 2010. The gatherings will bring together staff and volunteers (including board members) from non-profit and voluntary sector

organizations for a full day of networking, learning, and discussions. Participants will have an opportunity to make connections, celebrate local success stories, and explore current opportunities and challenges. A session on insurance and risk management is also included. Attendance is open to anyone with an interest in the voluntary sector. Lunch will be provided and there is no charge to participate. Click here for a list of locations, dates, and local contacts for registration and information: <http://www.recreationns.ns.ca/files/volunteerism-local-gatherings.pdf> Local Gatherings are a joint initiative of the Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection (Volunteerism and the Voluntary Sector) and local community partners.

B8.

Nova Scotia Nature Trust at 5pm on April 27

Save the date. More details at www.nsnt.ca

B9.

Reliable Fundraising in Unreliable Times with Kim Klein on April 29

A legend and pioneer for nonprofits of all sizes and types. One day workshop is offered in HRM on Thursday, April 29, 2010 More details: <http://www.hpclearinghouse.ca/pdf/Kim%20Klein%20brochure.pdf>

This workshop will be based on Kim Klein's new book: "Reliable Fundraising in Unreliable Times" and her 33 years of experience as a fundraising practitioner. Invite your staff and board members to participate and build a critical mass within your organization to raise more money. Cost: \$65 Location TBA

Co-sponsored by United Way of Halifax Region

B10.

How Your Organization Can Build Renewable Income Streams Apr. 30-May 2

An intensive weekend with Kim Klein to deepen your hands-on knowledge at the Tatamagouche Centre from Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2, 2010.

Are you interested? To register, contact: tatacent@tatacentre.ca

Telephone: 1-800-218-2220 Web: www.tatacentre.ca

B11.

5th Annual Renewable Energy Conference April 27 & 28th, 2010

Westin NS Hotel, Halifax, NS

\$525 - Early-Bird Registration until February 19th

Online conference information is available by clicking one of the categories to the right or by contacting Shera-Lee Kerr at sheralee@energyconsultant.ca or 902-576-5383.

B12.

Nova Scotia Energy Research & Development Forum 2010 in May

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: MAY 26 and 27, 2010

The fourth Nova Scotia Energy Research and Development Forum is fast approaching. Your participation will create opportunities for networking, collaboration and sharing technical information covering a range of areas related to the further development of Nova Scotia's energy sector.

Hosted by the Nova Scotia Department of Energy, the OETR Association, and the OEER Association, the 2010 Nova Scotia Energy Research & Development Forum will focus on the results of ground-breaking research in offshore geoscience (including the Play Fairway Analysis and Geoscience Data Program), renewable energy, tidal energy in the Bay of Fundy, impacts of energy extraction on the marine environment, seismic data reprocessing, marginal field development. Through dedicated support for these research and development programs, there has been significant progress in Nova Scotia to address our challenges in energy resources.

Your participation in the Forum continues to be crucial to the progress. Please join us on May 26 and 27, 2010.

LOCATION: World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia www.offshoreenergyresearch.ca

B13.

GROW YOUR OWN! NSAC 2010 Summer Workshop Series

Start Your Food Production Journey with NSAC...

First Workshop: Building a Solid Foundation

Day 1 June 11, 2010

Learn about soil types, taking soil samples, and how to use the soil you have.

Day 2 June 12, 2010

Learn to make compost, improve soil health, and plan what you will grow.

Fees: \$80.00 for one day

\$150.00 for complete 2 day workshop

Designed for people interested in growing their own food, these practical, hands-on workshops will guide you through the food production journey.... from soil to plate.

Also in summer 2010:

Workshop 2: Weeds, Tools and Pests

Workshop 3: Preserving Your Bounty

For registration and more details visit: nsac.ca/cde/courses or phone 902-893-6666

B14.

Mobius Environmental Awards & Luncheon on June 2, 2010

Time: 12:00-2:00 PM

Location: Pier 21 (Kenneth C. Rowe Heritage Hall), 1055 Marginal Road,
Halifax

Every year, RRFB Nova Scotia recognizes innovative organizations and individuals who have made Nova Scotia a leader in waste reduction. RRFB Nova Scotia recognizes leaders in the following Mobius Award categories:

- School of the Year
- Business of the Year
- Institution of the Year
- ENVIRO-DEPOT™ of the Year
- Innovation in Waste Reduction
- Best Community-Based Project
- Waste Reduction Education Program
- Region/Municipality/Authority of the Year
- Individual Excellence in Waste Reduction

The keynote speaker for this year's Mobius Environmental Awards luncheon is Silver Donald Cameron, one of Canada's most versatile and experienced professional authors. Please check out Silver Donald's biography at www.silverdonaldcameron.ca/bio.html for more information.

Contact: RRFB Nova Scotia

www.rrfb.com/mobius/

Ph. 1-877-313-7732 (RRFB)

mobiusawards@rrfb.com

www.silverdonaldcameron.ca - Silver Donald Cameron's website

B15.

Training for Transition workshop on May 1, 2010 to May 2, 2010

Time: 8:30am - 4:30pm, Location: Library Building, Nova Scotia Community College

36 Arthur St. Truro

Transition Towns began in Totnes, U.K. and has grown to include hundreds of communities in the U.K. The Transition process brings a community together to take action in response to the triple challenges of peak oil, economic instability and climate change. The focus on increasing resilience is broadly appealing, and the positive, creative, participatory and local approach catalyzes fun and creative action. The movement is spreading quickly: "Transition Initiatives" are now being organized in hundreds of neighbourhoods, cities and towns around the world. In Canada alone there are 13 Transition Towns: ON: Guelph, Peterborough, Dundas, London, Ottawa, Poplar Hill/Coldstream, Barrie; BC: Victoria, Nelson, Powell River, Saltspring Island, Vancouver; NB: Cocagne; The two day workshop is intended to introduce and allow for practice of skills required to initiate the very successful "Transition Town" model of local response to global challenges. Participants will learn how to:

initiate a transition group in the community; build awareness of peak oil, climate change and economic instability; and engage citizens from all walks of life in neighbourhood or community projects. From the practical (organizing Open Space sessions and planning awareness activities) to the theoretical (principles of resilience and theories of change), participants will leave the session better equipped to offer transition leadership in their own communities.

Contact: Andrea Caven

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B16.

Mine Water Conference (IMWA) 2010 Conference Site, Cape Breton, Sept 5-9, 2010

Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada 5 – 9 September 2010

Abstract submission closed on January 31st. We received 231 abstracts and can't accept any more contributions

Cape Breton Island is on the Atlantic coast of Canada. As one of the earliest North American areas to be settled it is rich in new world culture – you will find vibrant First Nations, French, English, and Celtic communities throughout the Island. Furthermore, it is the location of the first coal mine in the North Americas. The national parks and breathtaking natural beauty of the island have been recognized by premier travel experts, Conde Nast, as they have rated Cape Breton Island as one of the best island destinations in the world. Surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the coastline offers spectacular vistas, world class sailing and beautiful beaches – we have earned the title of Canada's Ocean Playground. Scientific research has a long history here in Cape Breton. It is here that inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Guglielmo Marconi did much of their research. Coal mining was once the life blood for people living in Cape Breton. Most of the large undersea coal beds are no longer active and remediation efforts are underway for the former Cape Breton Development Corporation's legacy mines. However, coal mining on Cape Breton Island might come to a peak as once again Xstrata Coal is developing a new, modern undersea coal mine near Donkin, Nova Scotia.

<http://www.imwa.info/imwa2010/>

B17.

Windhorse Farm upcoming programs: forest workshops, beekeeping etc...

<http://www.windhorsefarm.org/events.htm>

B18.

Lots of great training workshops & retreats at the Tatamagouche Centre

Check out their spring and summer programs: <http://www.tatacentre.ca/>

B19.

NSEN'S ANNUAL BOOK CLUB ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY!

"The Green Collar Economy: How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems" by Author Van Jones.

Saturday, June 5 at 2-4 p.m.

Tynes Room, Alderney Gate Library, Dartmouth

Join the Nova Scotia Environmental Network's Annual Book Club on World Environment Day. We will discuss Van Jones' award-winning book "The Green Collar Economy: How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems" – get the book and participate in the dialogue. We will also watch a short video-clip "Green for All" about the possibilities for a new economy. The book is available to borrow at the HRM Public Libraries. Organized by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network. For more information, please phone NSEN (902) 454-6846, email nsen@cen-rce.org or visit online at: www.nsen.ca

B20.

Celebrate Local Food! Say "No!" to Corporate Control of Food! April 17th

On the Commons, International Peasant's Day in support of Via Campesina and Food Sovereignty

In solidarity with G8 resistance in Halifax. 11:00am- March starting at the Farmer's Market (Lower Water St)

Bring instruments, banners, placards, friends and family!

12:00pm- Celebration on the North Commons

Food, Speakers, information, entertainment, drum circle, puppets, face painting, guerrilla gardening & goats!
Speakers include: Gerard Choplin - Via Campesina European Coordination, Members of the National Farmers Union, Local Food Activists halifaxpeasantday@gmail.com

B21.

Thirst for Justice: The Right to Water, Maternal Health, and the G8 on Apr. 24

April 24, 7:00pm, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Windsor Foundation Lecture Theatre,
1723 Hollis Street, Halifax, (use Bedford Row entrance)

speakers:

Barbara Clow, Executive Director, Atlantic Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

Carleen Pickard, Director of Organizing, Council of Canadians

Jada Voyageur, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation from Fort Chipewyan, Alberta

2pm) For more information call (877) 772-7811 www.canadians.org This is a free event at an accessible venue.

g8 development ministers are meeting in Halifax April 26-28 to discuss their closed door plan to impact maternal and infant health in the global south. Come and hear how the Canadian government is failing women, children and First Nations communities through policies that lead to the contamination of water resources, deny access o clean drinking water and fail to recognize water as a human right in Canada and internationally. For more information about the G8/20 agenda visit www.canadians.org/g20

B22.

Another World Is Possible! Join the Mobilization! Apr. 25

From April 26-28th the G8 Development Ministers will meet in Halifax. A community and labour coalition has been formed to oppose the G8's agenda. The economic policies of the G8 are directly responsible for the economic and environmental crises that impact the lives of millions of people around the world. The Halifax G8 Welcoming Committee is organizing a rally and a picket to demonstrate against the G8. Rally: Date: Sunday, April 25th Time: 1:30 pm Location: Starting at Victoria Park (Corner of South Park and Spring Garden), marching to Cornwallis Park (march starts at 2pm) Speakers will address 5 key issues:

Womens' Rights and Maternal Health, Development, Climate Change, Labour and the Economic Crisis, Social Inequity. A peaceful and family-friendly event! Picket: Date: Monday, April 26th Time: 7:00 am to 9:30 am

Location: Cornwallis Park (Across from the Westin on Hollis St) Food and coffee provided by CAF and Food Not Bombs. Contact: halifax.nog8@gmail.com 902 453 2074 <http://www.nog8halifax.ca/>

B23.

Dirt the Movie - Film Screenings across NS from Apr. 22-May 18

Presented by BALLE-NS, Taproot Farms and Slow Food Nova Scotia

Our Soil in Nova Scotia is a precious and underappreciated resource. How we treat soil is crucial to reducing greenhouse gases and use of energy. Soils are a source of energy. We do not need to destroy living soils to meet our energy needs.

Join us for a Panel Discussion and Screening of the film DIRT with presenters from BALLE-NS, Taproot Farms, and Slow Food Nova Scotia.

<http://www.dirtthemovie.org>

Let's Get Dirty

Mahone Bay Apr 22, 7pm, Mahone Bay Centre

Wolfville May 6th, 7pm, Al Whittle Theatre

Halifax May 11th, 7pm, Burke Theatre, Saint Mary's Univ. (5932 Inglis St)

Truro May 13th, 7pm, NSAC, Cox Institute Room 257 (50 Pictou Rd)

Shelburne May 18th, 7pm, Shelburne Regional High School

Admission through a free will donation.

DIRT! The Movie tells the story of Earth's most valuable and underappreciated source of fertility--from its miraculous beginning to its crippling degradation. From the moment humans appeared on earth 2 million years ago, the fate of dirt and humans has been intimately linked. DIRT! the Movie is also a call to action. As Bishop says "The issues we face in Nova Scotia in terms of soil fertility depletion, erosion, compaction and development are faced by citizens around the world. This film brings awareness and empowerment. Our communities can reclaim the goodness of dirt. The soil, when appreciated and cared for, will give back."

Any questions contact,
Shannon Email: info@ballens.ca / 1-888-450-3830

B24.

Legal Primer for Association and Not-for-Profit Leaders Apr. 27

Don't delay registering for this session! Join expert Bill Pashby as he brings clarity to your legal issues. In this session, you will learn about:

- Legal basics of non share capital companies
 - Updates on Bill C-4, Canada's new Not For Profit Corporations Act
 - Examples of 'Corporate Law Nightmares' in the not-for-profit world and how to prevent or correct them
- Learn what you need to know about governance from a legal perspective in order to keep your job and keep your board happy!

Date: April 27th

Time: Breakfast and presentation from 7:30 to 10:30 am.

Session Price: \$49 (+ tax)

Speaker: Bill Pashby

CSAE --NS Chapter, April Breakfast and Presentation

For more details and registration form, click here. To register online, please click here: <http://www.csae.com/>

B25.

GROWING FOOD ORGANICALLY, Wolfville, April 14, 21, 28, & May 5

An introduction to growing safe, healthy, chemical-free vegetables, Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens, Acadia University Wolfville, NS. KC Irving Centre Classroom, 6:30 – 9:00pm Instructor: Rowena Hopkins Fee: \$99 regular, \$79 students +HST Learn how to prepare a new garden, create biodiversity, improve soil health, make great compost year-round and combat weeds and bugs naturally. Ideal for people thinking of planting a vegetable garden for the first time. Valuable to greener-thumbed gardeners looking for ways of growing in balance with nature. Register in person at the KC Irving Centre Café or call 585-1917. <http://botanicalgardens.acadiau.ca>

B26.

Southern Gulf of St.Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability's AGM June 12

The Southern Gulf of St.Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability's Annual General Meeting will be held June 12 2010 in Chéticamp, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

For more information : Tél. (902) 224-1623 Email : gams.cmag@gmail.com

B27.

What's New at Dalhousie? The College of Sustainability on Apr. 22

Tarah Wright (MES '98) invites you to join fellow alumni and friends to attend a Lunch & Learn

What's New at Dalhousie? The College of Sustainability.

Earth Day - Thursday, April 22, 2010, 11:30am to 1:00pm

Student Union Building, Room 303

6136 University Avenue, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Find out more about this award winning academic venture Steven Mannell, Director of the College, will lead a panel discussion

on Dalhousie's recent sustainability initiatives. Following the discussion, the Dalhousie Office of Sustainability invites you to join a guided tour

of the natural environmental features on campus.

Please RSVP by April 15 to Ingrid Cottenden

Phone: (902) 494-4581

E-mail: ingrid.cottenden@dal.ca

B28.

Wind Energy Workshop for Landowners on Apr. 23

Who: Landowners in Nova Scotia

What: Harvest the Wind: A One-day Wind Energy Workshop for Nova Scotia Landowners

When: 9:30-3:30, Friday, April 23, 2010
Where: Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro (in the Cumming Hall Building)
Why: Find out whether your land is suitable for installing large or small wind turbines, and what you need to know to get started on harvesting wind energy.
Details: www.nsac.ca/wind or www.ecologyaction.ca/wind
Register: Contact Sara Greenberg, windenergy@ecologyaction.ca or 902 442 0202

B29.

Cement Association Workshop April 23

Cement Association Workshop taking place at Dalhousie University, April 23, 2010. If you are interested in attending please send an RSVP to Penny Slight at the Eco-Efficiency Centre by email p.slight@dal.ca or call for more information at (902) 461-6704. Please note that seating is limited. If you would like to send a colleague in your place, please let us know. At the request of the Cement Association of Canada, Dalhousie University's Eco-Efficiency Centre is organizing and facilitating a half day workshop examining the Nova Scotia Cement GHG Roadmap 2010-2050. This workshop will take place on April 23, 2010, from 10am to 2pm - lunch will be provided. A select group of individuals have been invited to attend this preliminary workshop. You have been chosen because of your expertise, interest or influence in the one or all of the following areas: energy, industry and climate change.

The aim of the workshop is to initiate a dialogue with Nova Scotia civil society on climate change concerns and mitigation efforts in the Nova Scotia cement sector. Topics that will be covered in the workshop include; a background on greenhouse gas emissions created by the cement industry; a discussion of mitigation techniques currently being used to reduce these emissions; and a primer on the global Cement Sustainability Initiative (CSI). The Cement Sustainability Initiative (CSI) is a global effort by 23 major cement producers with operations in more than 100 countries who believe there is a strong business case for the pursuit of sustainable development (www.wbcscement.org). Representatives from the Lafarge cement plant in Brookfield, Nova Scotia, will be speaking on emission reduction projects they have initiated. The workshop will conclude with an open discussion on the cement industry's potential contributions to climate change and participant recommendations for the industry to expand mitigation efforts moving forward.

Workshop Goals:

- Begin a dialogue about the contribution of the cement industry to greenhouse gas emission releases across Canada
- Create awareness about best management practices being employed by the cement industry in Nova Scotia to help curb these emissions
- Introduce Nova Scotia civil society organizations to the global Cement Sustainability Initiative (CSI)
- Explore and discover the next steps towards improving and expanding emission reduction plans for the cement industry in Nova Scotia.

If you are interested in attending please contact Penny Slight at the Eco-Efficiency Centre by email p.slight@dal.ca or by telephone, (902) 461-6704.

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B30.

Wind Farm Development, Design, Operation and Maintenance, Halifax, NS , Apr 26 - 28, 2010

Featured Speaker: John Charlton – Nova Scotia Power

In his present role of Senior Interconnection Engineer, John is accountable for coordinating all transmission and distribution generator interconnection requests > 100kW in Nova Scotia, and is responsible for guiding interconnection customers through the Generator Interconnection Procedures. Read More: http://epic-edu.com/courses_details.asp?CourseID=4469

B31.

EAC-HRM Conversations on Sustainability

In April, the Built Environment Committee will present a series of 'conversation' sessions on issues influencing sustainability in the Halifax region. The sessions will take place on the following dates:

1. April 14, 2010 - Session 1: Setting the Stage for Dialogue about HRM
2. April 28, 2010 - Session 2: The Natural Systems and the Ecology of HRM
3. May 19, 2010 - Session 3: HRM, Energy Use and CO2 Emissions / HRM, Does it provide a Healthy Environment for its Citizens?
4. May 26, 2010 - Session 4: Integrative Approaches

For more information and to register for these free sessions, please <<http://eac-conversations.eventbrite.com/>>

B32.

Halifax's Largest Community Garage Sale! Sunday, May 2 from 8am-4pm

Join us for another successful year of Dump and Run. Last year we diverted 8 metric tons of waste from landfills and donated over \$11,000 to local non-profit and charity groups. Please help us do this again by donating your time and/or your unwanted/unused items! Read below for more details and email Jenna and Steph at halifaxdumpandrun@gmail.com to help out!

DONATION DROP-OFF ROOMS

Location: Saint Mary's University Loyola Building, room 186

Open April 12th-28th

Monday-Friday, 4pm-8pm

Saturdays, 12pm-4pm

Location: Dalhousie Studley Gymnasium

Open April 28th-May1st

Wednesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm

*Open later by appointment

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

From April 28th - May 3rd during the daytime to help set up for the sale. Volunteers will be provided meals.

Contact Jenna and Steph at halifaxdumpandrun@gmail.com to help out.

Cheers!

Jenna Bent and Stephanie Pronk

Dump and Run Co-coordinators

Saint Mary's University Environmental Society (SMUES)

923 Robie St | 5th Floor SMU Student Centre | Room 513

E: halifaxdumpandrun@gmail.com | W: <http://www.facebook.com/1/8bc5e>; www.halifaxdumpandrun.webs.com

P: (902) 491 8637

B33.

EARTH Day Ride! April 22nd, 12-1PM. Grand Parade Square.

Join the HCC, HRM, Halifax Regional Police and Clean NS for BIKE RIDE ON EARTH DAY!!!

Start/Finish is at Grand Parade Square, April 22nd from 12:00PM until 1:00PM. EVERYONE WELCOME! RAIN OR SHINE! This is a 6km route that will have a brief stop at the Dal Campus Bike Centre. Check out the route at www.halifax.ca/environment/documents/earthdaybikeride.pdf

B34.

The Bird Detective: Reflections on Bird Behaviour and Conservation on May 12

Bridget J. Stutchbury, Professor of Biology, Canada Research Chair in Ecology and Conservation Biology, York University.

7:00 pm, May 12, 2010

Talk with reception to follow

Potter Auditorium, Rowe Building, Dalhousie University

Dr. Bridget Stutchbury, ornithologist, author, and conservationist, will be speaking at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, May 12 at the Potter Auditorium, Rowe Building, Dalhousie University. Dr. Stutchbury is the award winning author of *Silence of the Songbirds* (2007) and *The Bird Detective* (2010). In *Silence of the Songbirds* Dr. Stutchbury chronicled the decline of migratory songbirds--50% drop in the last 40 years—and the steps we can take to bring them back. Organized and supported by Bird Studies Canada, Dalhousie University, Ecology Action Centre, Halifax Field Naturalists, Just Us! Development and Environment Society, NatureNS, Nova Scotia Bird Society and Nova Scotia Nature Trust. Dr. Bridget Stutchbury, ornithologist, author, and conservationist, will be speaking at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, May 12 at the Potter Auditorium, Rowe Building, Dalhousie University. Dr. Stutchbury is the award winning author of *Silence of the Songbirds* (2007) and *The Bird Detective* (2010). In *Silence of the Songbirds* Dr. Stutchbury chronicled the decline of migratory songbirds--50% drop in the last 40 years—and the steps we can take to bring them back.

B35.

Film Screening: Home by Yann Arthus-Bertrand on April 20 at 7:30 pm

In anticipation of Earth Day on April 22, the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic is pleased to present the remarkable documentary, *Home* by French photographer, journalist and environmentalist Yann Arthus-Bertrand. The film chronicles the evolution of life on earth and how we continue to threaten our world in so many ways. It explores our mismanagement of valuable resources, global warming and how we as a species can take steps to preserve the planet. Consisting largely of stunning aerial photography, the movie's scope, grandeur and stark message of a grim future will be sure to engender conversation and get everyone thinking about their own personal impact on the planet. Admission to the film is free and as always, donations to the Metro Food Bank are welcome.

B36.

Moss Workshop with Anne Mills April 27-29 at MTRI

The Moss workshop previously scheduled for October 2009 has been rescheduled for April 27-29, 2010. \$235 + HST plus approximately \$60-99/night for accommodations. More details:

<http://www.merseytobeatic.ca/news.php#a53>

B37.

Forest by the River: What Makes Them Special? April 20

Date: April 20, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: the old Jeddore-Lakeville School

47 East Jeddore Road

Oyster Pond

More: In honour of Earth Day, Eastern Shore Forest Watch Association will present "Forests by the River: What Makes Them Special". In this talk Patricia Egli explores the vital links between watercourses and the nearby forest and how we can preserve these links. The Annual General Meeting for Eastern Shore Forest Watch follows the presentation. All members and new members are invited to attend, and the event is open to the general public at no charge. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

This event is taking place Tuesday April 20th at 7 pm, at the former Jeddore-Lakeville Elementary School, 47 East Jeddore Road, just off Highway 7 East at Oyster Pond. Turn onto the East Jeddore Road at the yellow flashing light. Contact: Barbara Markovits, Co-chair

Eastern Shore Forest Watch

www.forestwatch.ca

forestwatch@yahoo.ca

B38.

Drink This! Voices from Downstream of the Tar Sands Guest Speakers & Film Screening on Apr. 27

The operation and development of the tar sands is driving our national agenda on climate change and comes at a high cost to the surrounding environment and people. As the G8 / G20 meet in Toronto this summer to discuss, among other matters, maternal and child health and subsidies to fossil fuel industries, it is imperative that our

leaders understand the need to address the largest industrial project on the planet, the tar sands, and protect the health of mothers and children at home here in Canada. This event will help Atlantic Canadians understand the effects the tar sands exploitation has on the people who live downstream and why it is important that we all take action. Guest Speakers include Jada Voyageur, Member of Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation from Fort Chipewyan, Alberta, and Simon Reece, Downstream Coordinator for the Keepers of the Athabasca. The event will also include a screening of the film “Downstream”, a short documentary by Academy Awards Nominee Leslie Iwerks. WHAT: Drink This! Voices from Downstream of the Tar Sands. Guest Speakers Jada Voyageur & Simon Reece & Film Screening

WHEN: Tuesday, April 27th, 2010, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: St. Andrew’s United Church Hall, 6036 Coburg Road, Halifax, NS

SPONSORS: Sierra Club Canada – Atlantic Canada Chapter, Interfaith Coalition for Climate Justice, Council of Canadians

B39.

Bringing Children to Nature Workshop, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia June 12, 2010

On Saturday, June 12, Janet Barlow of Sense of Wonder will facilitate a Sharing Nature with Children Workshop (Bringing Children to Nature) from 10:45 to 12:30. This event is part of the Nurturing Nature: NS Child Care Conference & Trade Show 2010 in Dartmouth, NS on June 11 and 12. To register or learn more about the workshop and the larger conference, go to <http://www.cccns.org/conf10/conf10.htm>.

B40.

Natural Organic Beekeeping Workshop, June 25-27, 2010

Ross Conrad: Author of Natural Beekeeping: Organic Approaches To Modern Apiculture, is a dynamic and knowledgeable speaker with years of public speaking experience. Able to tailor his presentations to the level of the audience's knowledge base, Organic Beekeeping (for beginning, intermediate or advanced beekeepers) - Learn about the current state of the honeybee and the beekeeping industry and alternatives to the failing status quo. Safe, nontoxic and effective methods for controlling hive pests and diseases such as mites and foulbrood are covered. Whether you are looking to use fewer chemicals and increase your profit margin, or are committed to keeping bees organically, this workshop is for you. To View a short video by Ross go to: http://www.chelseagreen.com/authors/ross_conrad/ Workshop Price, \$235.00 + tax, Includes 2 full days of instruction and hands-on practice with Ross Conrad AND Beautifully and simply Prepared local, organic, seasonal meals: Friday supper Saturday breakfast, lunch and supper Sunday breakfast and lunch Register early as space is limited. If you would like to stay overnight at Windhorse Farm, you can book accommodations with Jim. jim@windhorsefarm.org or 543-6955 visit www.windhorsefarm.org

B41.

Forest Meditation Internship at Windhorse Farm, Apr 18 – May 15, 2010

This internship is a way for a person interested in furthering her/his understanding of, and connection with, mind and forest to pursue practices specifically designed for those purposes.

The four-week internship focuses on three areas: 1) study related to the nature of mind and the natural landscape and to the history and philosophy of earth stewardship; 2) contemplative practices designed to deepen ones conceptual understanding of forest and mind; 3) meditation, mostly in the forest, offers the opportunity to connect with forest non-conceptually --- in a way we could call direct knowing.

The intern will learn and practice the 16-point forest practice developed at Windhorse Farm over the past 20 years. The ground of this practice is the view of “Nothing Missing”. The path is connecting directly with forest and engaging in ways that 1) refrain from causing harm and 2) provide enrichment for the other beings of the forest. The fruition, perhaps only experienced in brief glimpses, is the dissolution of apparent boundaries between mind and forest.

The intern will gain in-depth understanding of the forestry which has been practiced here for 170 years as well as how this example can inform forestry in other places. This aspect of the program will explore the actual forestry methods that support the wholistic view of earth stewardship taught in this course.

In addition to general teaching about the meditative and contemplative practices, a forest meditation instructor will be available each day (occasional exceptions) for a short interview with each intern. Each intern must provide her/his own housing and food/cooking. Some accommodation is available on site in forest cabins (\$250/mo.) or tents (\$150/mo.) This means chopping wood and hauling water, but all the necessary "amenities" like internet, phone (phone card required), sauna and shower are available onsite. Accommodation may be available off-site as well, in which case the on-site "amenities" will not be available. This program is best suited to individuals having a strong interest in meditative/contemplative practice AND a passion for earth stewardship, particularly in forests. Tuition: for this four-week internship, the tuition is \$1.00 and each intern will be expected to spend a few (max 4) hours each day helping out with various chores related to caring for domestic animals (horses, chickens, or bees), caring for forest animals and working in the wood shop. For more information, including a curriculum outline, contact Jim Drescher, jim@windhorsefarm.org

B42.

Cache-In Trash-out Geocache Event for Earth Day on April 24

Spend a fun day searching for hidden treasure, and help clean up the park!

Saturday April 24th, 2010 (rain date April 25th)

Long Lake Provincial Park

Starting at 10:00 AM

Meet at the Superstore parking lot, 16 Dentith Road. Prizes awarded at 1:00 PM

Everything is provided but we suggest you bring work gloves and a water bottle

For more information go to www.geocaching.com and search for geocache code GC2567N or at www.ecologyaction.ca/content/upcoming-events

B43.

Sacred Earth Awake Film Series: Microcosmos on Apr. 26

Monday, April 26 . Shambhala Centre, 1084 Tower Road, 7 pm

Microcosmos by Claude Nuridsany and Marie Perennou 80 min.

Billed as "Jurassic Park in your own backyard", this family film captures the fun and adventure of a spectacular hidden universe revealed in a breathtaking, close-up view unlike anything you've ever seen. We see a dung beetle busily rolling a dung ball until the ball becomes impaled on a thorn; a spider dragging air bubbles underwater to form a diving bell-like dining room; two horned beetles clashing like gladiators; an ant drinking from a dew drop on a leaf; an army of caterpillars moving in single file; a mosquito slowly rising from the water and spreading its wings like a goddess in an Arthurian legend. Microcosmos is a showcase of images that allows us a privileged glimpse inside a world that is elusive and mysterious--and a world of extraordinary beauty. For more information contact juliamcreighton@eastlink.ca Halifax Shambhala Sustainability Initiative

B44.

Founding Meeting of the Nova Scotia Food Policy Council- Apr 19th

Holiday Inn, Truro, April 19, 2010, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

The Founding Meeting of the Nova Scotia Food Policy Council will take place on April 19th between the hours of 10:30 am and 3:30 pm at the Holiday Inn in Truro. Nominees will be voting but the meeting is open to everyone, and those who wish to enjoy the local lunch prepared by the Holiday Inn are asked to reply to Linda Best.

This meeting will bring together those who share the goal of a secure, sustainable, and just food system that will benefit all Nova Scotians now and in the future. The Council will help facilitate the work of the many agencies, organizations and individuals already working to bring this about. At the Nova Scotia Food Summit in October it became clear that new links must be forged between all participants in our food systems in order to increase the effectiveness of everyone's efforts. The Summit recognized the importance of working with the Provincial Government in these endeavours.

The Council will be a means for gaining information about issues and challenges, seeking out and helping to implement solutions, and raising public awareness of the health, economic, social and many other benefits of

supporting a sustainable food supply for all Nova Scotians. The challenges are huge, but already more than 100 people from all sectors are participating, and they bring reassuring wisdom and knowledge to our deliberations.

All Nova Scotians are invited to attend the Founding Meeting and to join the Council. Food matters to everyone.

Hop on the bus! Just \$10 for the return trip. There are quite a few people who are interested in taking a bus rather than driving to Truro. If you're travelling from Yarmouth, the Valley, Halifax-Dartmouth area or the South Shore we'd love to have you join us. In addition to the listed stops we'll make other stops (Avonport) to accommodate you if possible - let me know what would work for you.

Depart Perry Rand Transportation @ 7.00 AM Depart New Minas Zeller's @ 7.15 AM Depart Windsor Super Store @ 8.00 AM Depart Canadian Tire Parking lot- Bedford Crossing @ 8.45 AM Arrive Truro @ 9.50- 10.00 AM Return stops in reverse ending at Perry Rand Transportation by 6:30 PM For more information please contact Linda Best: Phone 902-542-3442 or 670-3660, email lbest@ns.sympatico.ca

B45.

The Halifax Association of Vegetarians (HAV) Is Hosting an Earth Day Dinner - Apr 24th

The Halifax Association of Vegetarians (HAV) would like to invite you a dinner in celebration of Earth Day! Local Source Market (5783 Charles Street, Halifax) will be opening their doors to our group on Saturday, April 24th. They will be serving a vegan/vegetarian and locally-produced dinner, starting at 6:30 pm. The dinner will include tapas/mezza, "family style" salad, main course, and dessert with tea/coffee. The cost is \$26 per person (this price includes tax and gratuity). The event is BYOB, so feel free to bring a bottle of wine (better yet, a Nova Scotian and/or organic wine!). Wine glasses will be provided.

In keeping with our environmentally focused dinner, our guest speaker for the evening will be Gretchen Fitzgerald, the Director of the Sierra Club - Atlantic Canada Chapter. Her presentation topic is titled "Eat Your Greens - Vegetarianism and the Green Movement".

Within the environmental community, debate rages on regarding the benefits of vegetarianism/veganism versus being a "locavore" - eating foods grown or raised by local farmers. Many of us have stood in the grocery store debating the benefits of imported soy milk versus organic milk or even locally raised free-range turkey versus tofurky.

The issues facing modern environmentalists are the same as those encountered by vegetarians and vegans: adopting a "different" or "constraining" set of ethics in a culture that values consumerism and choice. However, environmentalists definitely do not make the same choices when it comes to their eating habits. This may in part be due to the variety of people in the movement. For example, the origins of environmentalism in the Western world are linked to hunting and fishing traditions (protecting wilderness so there are more animals to hunt) and, to some degree, early scientific endeavors involving collecting specimens to document the diversity of life - the so-called "natural history with a gun." In my experience, some environmentalists do not become vegetarians to avoid the "granola" stereotype or because they feel they have already changed their lifestyles substantially in other ways to protect the Earth. My talk will discuss whether the choice to be vegetarian is always healthier for the planet, and point to options that will eliminate the need for choosing between buying local and being vegetarian/vegan. This dinner has a limited number of seats, so reserve your spot(s) early! (Email halifaxvegetarians@gmail.com).

B46.

Nova Scotia Natural Gas Summit is taking place June 8 in Halifax

Tuesday, June 8th, 2010

The Westin Nova Scotian Hotel

1181 Hollis Street, Halifax, NS

Conference: 9:30—4:00 p.m.

Reception: 12:00 p.m.

Luncheon: 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Early Bird Registration until April 30th, 2010!

Members and Guests: \$125.00 (\$25 savings)
Non Members: \$150.00 (\$50 savings)
For more information, please contact Laura Campbell
Phone: 902-425-2445, Email: info@nsnga.ca

B47.

RCEN's informative webinar on Green Chemistry and Green Screen (May 13, 2010)

The call will be approximately 1.5 hours to allow presentations on the two topics and a short discussion on how these fit with the work that many Canadian NGOs are doing around the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP).

Proposed Agenda (RCEN to facilitate): 1) Introductions - identify participants (5 mins) 2) Canadian context – RCEN & Advisory Council member, Fe de Leon, to discuss CMP and CMP Building Capacity Project (15 mins) 3) How to promote alternatives and safe substitution in Canada - Presentations by: Lin Katz Chary (Great Lakes Green Chemistry Network) to discuss Green Chemistry (20 mins) & Beverley Thorpe (Clean Production Action) to focus on Green Screen as a tool for promoting alternatives and safe substitution and providing examples of efforts in US and EU to promote substitution (20 mins)

4) Q and As/ Discussion - 25- 30 mins

WHEN: 1pm ET

RSVP to: philana@cen-rce.org by Thursday May 6, 2010. The call-in numbers will be sent out to those who have RSVP-ed, along with a webinar reminder on the following day, Friday May 7, 2010.

B48.

Nova Scotia Nature Trust Walk for Earth Day Apr. 22

April 22nd - Celebrate Earth Day! The Nature Trust will be celebrating Earth Day with an exciting land conservation announcement and the Aveda Walk for Water. Join us at 8:30am, in Victoria Park (downtown Halifax, on the corner of Spring Garden Rd. and South Park), where we will host a short celebration for a significant new conservation property! For more info on how to get involved with the Aveda Earth Month Walk for Water, in support of the Nature Trust, see www.nsnt.ca/earthmonth.

B49.

NSNT's River Days on the St. Mary's River on May 29th & 30th

May 29th & 30th - River Days, on the St. Mary's River: Join the us in celebrating the 4th annual River Days event in Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia. River Days is held to showcase the natural beauty and biodiversity of the St. Mary's River, and to celebrate the Nature Trust's conservation work in the area. This year, we've teamed up with the St. Mary's River Association and Nature Nova Scotia to organize a whole weekend of activities, including guided walks, a barbeque, a celebration for a newly protected property on the river, and other activities for the whole family that will focus on the astounding biodiversity of the St. Mary's River. Everyone is welcome! Begins Saturday, May 29 at 10:00am (location to be announced). For more info, please contact Peter, at 406-3320 or peter@nsnt.ca.

B50.

Friends of Nature's Earth Day Event in Chester on Apr. 22

The Friends of Nature will celebrate Earth Day in Chester by planting several hundred saplings in the new Park just east of Shoreham Village on Route 3. We would love to have you participate in this worthwhile event. We will rally under the Friends of Nature banner outside the Blood Clinic at Shoreham Village at 1:00 pm on Earth day, Thursday, April 22, 2010. Wear work clothes and bring a shovel if you have one.

Bring a friend too! Hope to see you there!

Syd Dumaresq

Chair, Friends of Nature

SP Dumaresq Architect Ltd.

6389 Coburg Road, Suite 301

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B51.

CRUSISIS “Eco Family Event” on Apr. 24 in Halifax

Join CRUSISIS Sustainable Living for our new “Eco Family Event”, an afternoon of ‘green’ family fun celebrating Mother Earth on the Saturday after of Earth Day! (Sat. Apr. 24th from 1-4pm at 5500 Inglis St., Halifax, NS) Please forward this notice, web banner (or details below) to your family, friends, colleagues, clients, communities, association members, &/or anyone you know who may enjoy this event. More info: Sylvie: www.crusisis.ca

B52.

SENSE: Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia for Everyone Policy Meeting on May 3

Please note that the SENSE Advisory committee, Policy committee and Green Roots symposium debrief meetings will be held on Monday May 3rd at the following times

11:30am - 12:00pm Green Roots Symposium debrief meeting

12:00pm - 1:00pm Advisory Committee meeting

1:00pm - 2:00pm Policy Committee meeting

We are asking for participation from the broader membership in terms of either joining these committees to assist the work of SENSE or sending in your ideas or agenda items for the meetings. We have not yet established a meeting location, if any SENSE members would like to host the meetings, we would be really grateful, please let me know if you can help in this capacity. Members who cannot make the meetings in person have a teleconference option, please join the call by dialing... and ask for the conference call details.

I will send out detailed agenda's as we get closer to the meeting date.

Sam Juru

Sustainability Education Coordinator

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T: 902.454.6846

F: 902.454.6841

www.nsen.ca/education.php

B53.

Earth Day–Bike Ride HRM Apr. 22

Come celebrate our Municipality this Earth Day! Participate in HRM’s Earth Day Bike Ride. Grab your bike, helmet and water bottle and join in the fun! Start/Finish: The Grand Parade When: noon—1pm on April 22nd, 2010 *Everyone Welcome * Rain or Shine* Check Online for other Earth Day Activities at

www.halifax.ca/environment/semo.html

B54.

Earth Day– Harbourfront Trail Walk on Apr. 22

Come celebrate our Municipality this Earth Day! Participate in HRM’s Dartmouth Harbourfront Trail Walk. Put on your walking shoes, fill your water bottle and join in the fun! Come join HRM Regional Councillors, Staff and the community for a “coffee break” walk on the Dartmouth Harbourfront Trail to celebrate Earth Day! Meet us in the Ferry Terminal parking lot for a 10:30 am sharp departure! Check Online for other Earth Day Activities at

www.halifax.ca/environment/semo.html

B55.

Earth Day at the Adventure Earth Centre on Apr. 22 at 6pm

April 22 from 6-8:30 pm

Guided hike, displays and refreshments

Adventure Earth Centre

68 Parkhill Road

Halifax, Nova Scotia

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Tel: (902) 490-4539

Fax: (902) 490-4509

aec@earthed.ns.ca

B56.

BioBlitz 2010: June 5th at Crystal Crescent Beach

BioBlitz 2010: June 5th at Crystal Crescent Beach. Details. <http://halifaxfieldnaturalists.ca/hfnWP/>

B57.

HRM Greenhouse Open House on May 15

Sat. May 15 from 9-3pm there is a free open house for HRM greenhouse located at 5711 Sackville St. in Halifax.
More info: http://www.halifaxpublicgardens.ca/s_12.asp

B58.

“Community Gardens: From Traditional to Contemporary” on May 6

Thursday May 6, 2010 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Jarvis Lecture Series - Scotiabank Lecture Theatre Saint Mary's University, Halifax

Program

Film – My Urban Garden, Polly Bennell, 1984

Speaker – Dr. Susan Guppy, Ph.d, Dalhousie University

“Community Gardens: From Traditional to Contemporary”

Ideas to inspire the urban gardener and community groups

Presented by the Friends of the Public Gardens with the support of St. Mary's University and Halifax Regional Municipality

Invitation: Limited number of tables available for organizations with reservation. Please email info@halifaxpublicgardens.ca

B59.

The Edible City on Apr. 20

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day by learning about community gardens in HRM, guerrilla gardening, balcony gardens, land sharing and other ways to enjoy the pleasures of growing your own food. Presented by Garity Chapman, Project Coordinator with The Urban Garden Project at the Ecology Action Centre.

Spring Garden Rd. Memorial Public Library

Tuesday, April 20/7:00 pm

More details: <http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/programs.html>

B60.

Slow Food Nova Scotia's The Edible Schoolyard April 21at 7pm

Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Dr. in Halifax from 7:00-8:30 pm

Watch film and discuss the slow food movement in NS.

More details: <http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/programs.html>

B61.

Skillpath Seminars in Nova Scotia

Upcoming training on conflict resolution skills for women, project management, supervision etc...

<http://www.skillpath.ca/semSearch.html/z/1/1/c>

B62.

Diversity and Equity Leadership workshops at Tatamagouche

Diversity and Equity Leadership: Integrating Anti-Racism with Emotional Intelligence and Conflict Transformation
May 9 - 12; Sun 7 pm - Wed 4 pm

Anima Leadership and Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF) continue their successful partnership to offer this ground-breaking institute.

The Diversity & Equity Leadership Institute is a highly interactive and experiential course grounded in adult pedagogy and layered with cutting-edge information from the fields of neuroscience, social psychology, and bias research. By combining anti-racism strategies with emotional intelligence and conflict resolution, a deeply holistic approach has been developed that balances intellect with emotions, and internal factors with external forces. This methodology is successful in nurturing personal growth, learning - and unlearning - through the use of various theoretical lenses without being confined to a singular ideological position. Managers, supervisors, educators,

facilitators and diversity representatives from the public, non-profit and private sectors will be equipped with the emotional competency to both navigate through difference and lead effectively. Through processes tested in national and international settings, the Anima/CRRF programme will both support and challenge your approach to diversity and inclusion.

Cost: \$745 (\$515 tuition + \$230 meals/accommodations)

To register call 1.800.218.2220 or click on programs at www.tatacentre.ca

If you are interested in becoming a trainer in this work, register for the Training of Trainers program which immediately follows the Diversity and Equity Leadership program, May 12-14, 2010

Training of Trainers Diversity and Equity Leadership:

Training of Trainers

May 12 - 14; Wed 7pm to Fri 1pm

Become a trainer in Diversity and Equity Leadership. We will explore workshop structure, frameworks, rationale as well as teaching choices, in order to maximize the abilities of organizations to embrace and understand the difficult terrain of bias, inclusion and exclusion. In small and large groups, you will work with trained facilitators to further enhance your own skills and knowledge base, to become more effective as trainers in the areas of discrimination, emotional intelligence and conflict transformation.

Must have participated in the above Diversity and Equity Leadership program (May 9-12).

Cost: \$455 (\$300 tuition + \$155 meals/accommodations)

Cost is reduced to \$390 for those also registered for May 9-12 training.

To register call 1.800.218.2220 or click on programs at www.tatacentre.ca

C. Non-Environmental Events

C1.

Media Relations: Meeting the Challenges of a New Media Landscape Apr. 29 & 30

Thursday, April 29 to Friday, April 30, 2010

Don't miss Atlantic Canada's most comprehensive media relations conference!

<http://www.canadianinstitute.com/media.htm>

Thursday, April 29 to Friday, April 30, 2010

Plus HST 13% Register & Pay by April 1, 2010 \$1795 Conference (on site) \$1595 Live Webcast (Conference Only) Register & Pay after April 1, 2010 \$1995 Conference (on site) \$1595 Live Webcast (Conference Only)

Venue: The Westin Nova Scotian

Address: 1181 Hollis Street, Halifax, NS

Tel.: 902-421-1000

C2.

Governance Essentials Program for Directors of Not-for-Profit Organizations (NFP Program)

Dalhousie University, June 21 & 22

Presented by TELUS, the Institute of Corporate Directors and The Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto have jointly developed the Governance Essentials Program for Directors of Not-For-Profit Organizations (NFP Program). The NFP Program is an intensive three-day program taught by prominent faculty from Canada's leading business schools and some of our country's most accomplished directors. This innovative program will provide learning on key accountabilities and responsibilities of not-for-profit leaders by making extensive use of team-based, facilitated learning to ensure that participants learn not only from faculty but also from their peers. The program draws upon prominent practitioners from TELUS Community Boards across Canada and the director community at-large to act as executives-in-residence. These individuals contribute to classroom discussions by sharing their experience and insights in the governance of the \$112B sector. This program is equally for directors and executive directors of small and large not-for-profits and is delivered at Canada's leading business schools in Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. A limited number of TELUS Scholarships valued at \$1,000 each are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For ICD.D directors, this course counts as 14 hours of credit towards the annual continuing education requirement.

http://www.icd.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Governance_Essentials_Program_for_Directors_of_Not_For_Profit_Organizations&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=5179

C3.

Pugwash Peace Exchange AGM with Bill Casey “Peace and the Middle East”

The Pugwash Peace Exchange will hold its Annual General Meeting on the evening of Thursday April 22nd at 7pm. The meeting will take place in the St. Thomas More Church Hall at 79 Church St., Pugwash, N.S. After the official business of the meeting, we are inviting all members and the general public to an enlightening and interesting discourse by Mr. Bill Casey, former Member of Parliament. Casey will speak about his interaction with the Palestinians and Israelis at the Malta Parliamentary Assembly “Breaking the Deadlock in the Middle East” last February. Please find attached the official notice of the meeting and for more information call (902)243-2328.

Hope to see you there!

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C4.

Ethics in Migration Presentation on April 27

The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs, the Atlantic Metropolis Centre and the Canadian Business Ethics Research Network present: Ethics in Migration: Reflecting our National Vision through Immigration Policy

Keynote: Tom Denton

Coordinator, Hospitality House Refugee Ministry Inc.

April 27th, 2010

Buffet Luncheon 11:30am - 1:00pm

Westin Hotel, Harbour Suite A

Admission: \$35.00

Contact CCEPA: 428-4731 or info@ccepa.ca

C5.

Being the Change: Building a Culture of Peace July 7-9 Halifax

What does it mean to 'choose peace'? What would a 'culture of peace' look like?

Save the date for a conference that will help answer these questions:

Being the Change: Building a Culture of Peace . . .

in our classrooms, our communities, and our world

Join us for dialogue, reflection, critical inquiry and action planning!

July 7 - 9, 2010

Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, NS, Canada

This interactive and action-oriented conference will give participants the opportunity to explore together how peace education, the women's movement, and the disarmament movement have contributed and can continue to contribute to building a more peaceful world for all of us. Building on inspiration from local and global leaders in these areas, the focus of the conference is to encourage dialogue around these themes and to develop some concrete action steps that we can all take to build a culture of peace in our communities. For more information, contact us at peaceconference@msvu.ca. A website, program information, and registration details coming soon!

C6.

Educating for a more peaceful world April 27

Please join Peaceful Schools International (PSI) for a panel discussion about peace education around the world.

Three PSI volunteers will speak about peace education efforts in Sierra Leone, Northern Ireland, and Pakistan. The panel features PSI's Regional Coordinator visiting from Pakistan, Nadeem Ghazi. Come out to learn more about PSI's work in building a more peaceful world, one school at a time, and find out how you can get involved!

What: Panel Presentation: Educating for a more peaceful world

When: 7 pm, Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Where: Room 260, Sobey Building, Saint Mary's University, Halifax

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please see our website

(www.peacefulschoolsinternational.org) or contact us, 1-866-532-0228 or info@peacefulschoolsinternational.org.

Sponsored by Saint Mary's University.

C7.

Federation of Community Organizations (FOCO) AGM on May 11

FOCO's AGM on Tuesday May 11th, 10:00 am at St. Mary's Boat Club. There will be a Special Resolution to make a minor bylaw change - as noted on the AGM Notice. There will also be a presentation on the interim results of the provincial research project - State of the Health of the Non-Profit/Voluntary Sector in Nova Scotia. (visit www.nfpresearch.ns.ca) Please note only members in good standing (ie: paid memberships) will be eligible to vote at the AGM. If you are unsure of your membership status, just contact Veronica at FOCO.

NOTICE OF ED Circle Meeting - Friday April 23rd, 8:30 am - 10:30 am at the Westin Hotel. This is an open discussion meeting. Please RSVP to Veronica by April 21st.

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C8.

EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT Presentations with Dr. Clyde Hertzman in NS Apr. 17-21

WHY WE NEED A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN HOW WE THINK ABOUT & SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN April 16 – 21, Various Locations, Nova Scotia

Upcoming free, public presentations and workshop series across Nova Scotia from April 16-21 with Dr. Clyde Hertzman, a passionate national expert on early child development.

Friday, April 16th from 1:30 - 3:30 pm - Bridgewater Presentation

Location: 130 North Park Street, Bridgewater

Saturday, April 17 from 9:00 am -12 pm– Halifax Workshop

Location: NSTU Building, 3106 Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax. *Please RSVP: tmgriffin@eastlink.ca

Monday, April 19 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm – Lunenburg County Presentation

Location: Oak Island Inn, 36 Treasure Drive, Western Shore

Tuesday, April 20 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Kentville Presentation

Location: Nova Scotia Community College, Kingstec Campus, 236 Belcher St.

Wednesday, April 21 from 2:30 – 4:30 pm – Truro Presentation

Location: Holiday Inn, 437 Prince Street, Truro. Please RSVP to 893-3342.

Wednesday, April 21 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Truro Presentation

Location: Holiday Inn, 437 Prince Street, Truro. Please RSVP to 893-3342.

Background: One-quarter of Canada's children under age 6 are experiencing some learning or behavioural difficulty. These problems in the early years have been shown to correlate with later difficulties in school performance, social adjustment and health (McCain, Mustard, and Shanker, 2007). We know a great deal about how societies can invest in the early childhood years to reduce vulnerability and encourage optimal development. The evidence suggests that wise investments in the early years would produce lifelong development benefits and significant economic returns to society.

Dr. Clyde Hertzman will focus his presentation on:

- the science of early child development (ECD)
- its impact on health, well-being, learning and behaviour across a child's lifespan
- the information needed to monitor children's development and well-being over time

- the need for a fundamental shift in how we think about health, education and human capital investment
- designing a comprehensive, integrated ECD system aligned with education and health.

JOIN the NOVA SCOTIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, the NOVA SCOTIA COUNCIL for EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT (NSCECD) and Dr. CLYDE HERTZMAN, for a discussion about the connection between ECD and Schools, why it matters, and what we should do about it.

Bio: Dr. Hertzman is Canada Research Chair in Population Health and Human Development, President of the Council for Early Child Development (CECD), Director of the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP), and Professor in the School of Population and Public Health at UBC. Under Dr. Hertzman's leadership, HELP has developed into an internationally recognized and unique research network. HELP integrates social sciences with biomedical sciences in the study of life course development and its impact on society. In 2005, HELP was designated by the World Health Organization as the Knowledge Hub on Early Child Development. Dr. Hertzman is Team Leader of the Knowledge Hub and the Global Knowledge Network. More information about Dr. Hertzman here: <http://www.earlylearning.ubc.ca/ClydeHertzman.htm> For more information about CECD and/or HELP, visit www.councilecd.ca and www.earlylearning.ubc.ca. The NSCECD acknowledges the many partners who have made this tour possible.

Contact:

Theresa Griffin

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Council for Early Child Development (CECD)

www.councilecd.ca

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C9.

Theological Reflections on Peacemaking with Archbishop of Haifa on May 10, May 11

Despite the eviction of his family and his whole village by the Israeli authorities in 1948 and his experience of being a refugee in his own country, his ministry of more than forty years has sought to promote peace and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. Public Lectures and Conversations with His Excellency Archbishop Elias Chacour Archbishop of Akka, Haifa, Nazareth and All of Galilee of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church. Nobel Peace Prize Nominee. Forty years of experience seeking to promote peace and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. An ambassador for non-violence who not only preaches but lives the Sermon on the Mount. Keynote speaker for the 2010 Canadian Theological Students Conference: "Pax Canadiana: Theological Reflections on Peacemaking, Armed Conflict and Nation Building"

Lecture: 7:30 pm Monday May 10, St. Andrews United Church, 6036 Coburg Road, Halifax

Lecture and Conversation: 9:15 am Tuesday May 11, St. Columba Chapel at Atlantic School of Theology, 634 Francklyn Street, Halifax

Lecture and Conversation: 2:00 pm Thursday May 13, St. Columba Chapel at Atlantic School of Theology, 634 Francklyn Street, Halifax

Sponsored by:

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Education in Canada Atlantic School of Theology Dr.

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Excellency Archbishop Elias Chacour

His Excellency Abuna Elias Chacour is Archbishop of Akka, Haifa, Nazareth and All of Galilee of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church. Despite the eviction of his family and his whole village by the Israeli authorities in 1948 and his experience of being a refugee in his own country, his ministry of more than forty years has sought to promote peace and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. He studied at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and received a Ph.D. in Ecumenical Theology from the University of Geneva. Archbishop Chacour established and is the President of the Mar Elias Educational Institutions in Ibillin in Galilee. His vision for the school, located on a hillside known as "the Mount of Light", is one where all children of Israel will be welcomed and encouraged. Archbishop Chacour has become an ambassador for non-violence and someone who not only preaches but lives the Sermon on the Mount. He has been awarded numerous honorary doctorates and has received many prestigious international awards including the World Methodist Peace Award, the Chevalier de la Legion

d'Honneur, the Prix Mediterranee pour la Paix and the Peacemaker in Action Award from the Tannenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding. In 2009, he was awarded the E.H. Johnson prize for his work on the "cutting edge of mission" by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize on three occasions. He is the author of four books, Blood Brothers, We Belong to the Land, Faith Beyond Despair and Israeli, Palästinenser, Christ. Archbishop Chacour is an Israeli citizen and is the first Hebrew-speaking leader of his archdiocese which serves about 55,000 Eastern Catholics. Archbishop Elias Chacour is the 2010 Canadian Churches Forum for Global Ministries International Visitor and Keynote Speaker at the 2010 Canadian Theological Students Conference. More information: www.ccforum.ca

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D. Announcements

D1.

Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area Public Consultations

Nova Scotians are invited to comment on plans to establish a 8,266 hectare (20,425 acres) wilderness area on Crown lands between highways 103 and 333, in Halifax Regional Municipality. The proposed Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area will protect a scenic and rugged landscape of forests, barrens, interconnected lakes and wetlands. The province announced its intent to designate these Crown lands under the Wilderness Areas Protection Act in October of 2009. The public consultation now underway is an important part of the designation process. Individuals and stakeholders may participate by visiting information displays in local libraries, attending public open house meetings, sharing written comments, and asking for meetings with department staff.

A public consultation newsletter, including map, is available online at: www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protectedareas, or by calling: 902-424-2117. The newsletter and other information will also be available at the library displays and open houses. Written comment will be accepted until April 30, 2010 by mail at: Nova Scotia Environment, Protected Areas Branch, P.O. Box 442, Halifax, N.S., B3J 2P8, and by e-mail at: protectedareas@gov.ns.ca.

Please forward this email to any other individuals and organizations.

Protected Areas Branch

Nova Scotia Environment

Box 442, 5151 Terminal Road

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

B3J 2P8

Tel; (902) 424-2117

Fax; (902) 424-0501

protectedareas@gov.ns.ca

www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protectedareas

D2.

Planning Announced: World Oceans Day 2010 Celebration in Halifax in June

Date: Friday June 4th, 2010.

Time: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Maritime Museum of the Atlantic - at the wharves (behind the museum) at: 1675 Lower Water Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia

This event will happen rain or shine (rain location is inside the Small Crafts Gallery of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic). The event is free of charge and open to the public. As in past years we're interested in exhibits that show off your organization's mandates and interests as they relate to our Oceans and Coasts. We'll have interactive, educational exhibits and displays, the live touch tank, seafood samples, demonstrations and more! We will provide

tables for your exhibits (1 table per organization). Please let us know by March 10th (even tentatively) if you will be able to participate in the event again this year. Coordination of Federal participation will be through DFO c/o Jennifer Hackett jennifer.hackett@dfo-mpo.gc.ca and participation by all other organizations will be through NSDFA Sean Weseloh McKeane.weselosw@gov.ns.ca

D3.

Marine Protected Areas - Areas of Interest - Consultation Extended May 14

Consultation period for choosing the Area of Interest, which will become our next Marine Protected Area has been extended until May 14th.

More details here: <http://www.mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/e/ocmd/mpa/aoi-e.html>

Please follow this link to read the EAC consultation feedback and to submit your own:

<http://www.ecologyaction.ca/content/marine-protected-area-mpa-consultation>

D4.

Plan an event for Healthy Schools Day in Canada (HSD) on April 26, 2010

Together we can raise awareness about and improve the indoor environments of our nation's schools.

This year's Healthy Schools Day in Canada (HSD) is April 26, 2010. More details and to register an event go here: www.casle.ca/HealthySchoolsDay

D5.

Earth Day Events: Celebrate 40 years of Earth Day – Register Your Event

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Help Canada celebrate and register your local event on Earth Day Canada's events calendar. Whether your event is during Earth Month, or on the big day itself, let us encourage individuals and families to take part. Register here: <http://www.earthday.ca/pub/events/register/index.php>

D6.

YOUTH ON THE COAST / CALL TO ACTION! July 23-25, 2010

(Please alert young people/students who may be interested)

Limited entry youth forum for persons age 16-26 who are interested in marine and coastal issues, coastal livelihoods, coastal culture. Enjoy seaside activities; Share your ideas and vision for a sustainable future for coastal communities and the environment; Expand your network of friends and colleagues; and Develop video messages for the Coastal Zone Canada 2010 conference. Registration in the youth forum includes a free pass to the main conference. Go to www.gov.pe.ca/czc2010 and click on Youth Forum. (This event co-hosted by Institute of Island Studies and Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI, with assistance from Hillsborough Helping Hands, Native Council Youth Group and Stratford Youth Can Do) for info please contact Irene Novaczek : inovaczek@upe.ca

D7.

Support Active Living, and Fundraise for the Nature Trust at the Same Time!

This May 21-23, join thousands of Nova Scotians participating in the 7th Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon, and raise money for conservation at the same time! For the first time, event participants can choose to support the Nova Scotia Nature Trust through the Scotiabank Group Charity challenge. You can participate, no matter what your fitness level! Rally your friends & family! Walk or run the 5km, 10km, half marathon, or full marathon, or check out the youth run. Any funds you raise will go directly to the Nature Trust! Here's how YOU can be involved:

- 1) SUPPORT an individual team member, or the Nature Trust team as a whole, with a tax-receipted donation!
- 2) Participate in a Blue Nose Event! SIGN UP for a Blue Nose run or walk first, and then join the CHARITY CHALLENGE! (note: once you click "sign up" you will have to register for the Charity Challenge. It's just a quick online form).

- 3) Already registered for an event but want to join the CHARITY CHALLENGE? (follow instructions above)

- 4) VOLUNTEER! You can help out on Sunday, May 23, as part of the Nature Trust team of volunteers.

For links and more information about incentives and prizes, see our Blue Nose website: www.nsnt.ca/bluenose
If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Robin or Nicole at (902) 425-5263 or robin@nsnt.ca.

D8.

Call For Input: Federal Sustainable Development Strategy 2010 0 – Deadline July 12, 2010

The Federal Sustainable Development Strategy is now open for consultation until July 12, 2010 [date in bold]. Read the Federal Minister of Environment Jim Prentice's letter and consultation paper: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/dd-sd/default.asp?lang=En&n=E19EE696-1> For more information, email the Sustainable Development Office. Read Planning for a Sustainable Future: A Federal Sustainable Development Strategy for Canada: http://nsen.ca/documents/Planning_for_a_Sustainable_Future_a_Federal_Sustainable_Development_Strategy_for_Canada.pdf

D9.

Current Calls for Nominations: RCEN 2010 Caucus Steering Committee Elections

Click on caucus link below to learn more about its activities, Steering Committee members' roles and responsibilities and how to apply:

- RCEN Agriculture Caucus
- RCEN Atmosphere and Energy Caucus
- RCEN Biodiversity Caucus
- RCEN Forest Caucus
- RCEN Health Caucus
- RCEN International Program Caucus
- RCEN Mining Caucus
- RCEN Toxics Caucus
- RCEN Water, Fisheries and Oceans Caucus

Deadline to apply: April 27, 2010

RCEN Youth Caucus Steering Committee Elections

Deadline to apply: April 11, 2010

<http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/consultations/callsforcomments.html#currentnominations>

D10.

Lights Out Canada in Schools Across Canada on April 22

Lights Out Canada is a national event during which schools across the country turn off their lights and spend the day learning about climate change and what youth can do to take action. Materials provided include comprehensive lesson plans, step-by-step participation guides, and visual aids. Lights Out Canada is set to launch the Lights Out Challenge on April 22, 2010. The challenge is twofold: to reduce measurably and significantly school electricity use during the 2010-11 academic year without compromising either educational or extracurricular activities and to help schools shift to more environmentally friendly “green” electricity which has virtually no CO₂ footprint. Almost 150 schools have registered for this year’s event already! For more information, visit <http://www.lightsoutcanada.tpweb.ca/>.

D11.

Call for Comments EA: Asphalt Storage Terminal for environmental assessment

This is to advise, the second Public Notice for the asphalt storage and transshipment terminal proposed by General Liquids Canada Ltd. was published on April 14, 2010. As a result, comments on the Registration Document will be accepted until May 14, 2010. The text below has been amended to reflect this change.

On April 8, 2010, General Liquids Canada Limited of 1233 Rocky Lake Drive, Waverley, Nova Scotia, B2R 1S1 registered an Asphalt Storage Terminal for environmental assessment in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to provide additional storage capacity of liquid asphalt cement for road construction contractors. The facility will be constructed near Duke Street on Rocky Lake Drive in Waverly, NS. The commencement of construction is proposed to commence by June 1, 2010 and be completed by December 31, 2010. Operation of the facility will commence once construction and commissioning are completed.

Copies of the registration information may be examined at the following locations:

 Royal Canadian Legion Dieppe #90 - Waverley Legion 2234 Rocky Lake Drive, Waverley, NS

 Waverley Village Hall CAP Site, 2463 Rocky Lake Drive, Waverley, NS  Clean Nova Scotia, 126 Portland Street, Dartmouth, NS  Ecology Action Centre, 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax, NS 

Nova Scotia Environment, 30 Damascus Road, Suite 115, Bedford Commons, Bedford, NS  Nova Scotia

Environment, 5th Floor Library, 5151 Terminal Road, Halifax, NS  EA website (when available)
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/ea/> The public is invited to submit written comments to:
Environmental Assessment Branch, Nova Scotia Environment P.O. Box 442, Halifax, NS, B3J 2P8 on or before
May 14, 2010 or contact the department at (902) 424-3230, (902) 424-0503 (Fax), or e-mail at EA@gov.ns.ca.
All submissions received, including personal information, will be made available for public review in the Nova
Scotia Environment Library, 5th floor, Halifax Office, 5151 Terminal Road.
Published by General Liquids Canada Ltd.

D12.

EA Decision – Highway 113 Approved

This is to advise that on April 9, 2010 the Minister of Environment released a decision concerning this review. The Minister has decided to approve the undertaking in accordance with Section 40 and pursuant to Part IV of the Environment Act. Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal proposes to construct and operate a four-lane, controlled access highway (Highway 113) connecting Highway 102, near Exit 3 (Hammonds Plains), and Highway 103, just west of Exit 4 (Sheldrake Lake). The highway will be 9.9 km in length.

For more information visit the web site at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/ea>

D13.

SAVE the VIEW (STV) from Citadel Hill – No P3

The Coalition to SAVE the VIEW (STV) from Citadel Hill is calling for smart business decisions, green policies and citizen participation in development for the downtown. The proposed P3 convention centre and private 14 & 18 storey towers fail on all three counts.

For information on Save the View visit: www.savetheview.ca

The proposed private 14 and 18 storey towers can not be built unless the private developer gets money from the government - our money.

Below is a list of 4 actions you can take:

1. Call the Premier's office.
2. Write a letter to the Premier and copy it to ministers and newspapers.
3. Sign the on-line petition to Premier Dexter
4. Join the facebook group: Help Save the View from Citadel Hill

SAVE the VIEW is made up of individuals and organizations including:

Ecology Action Centre;
Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia;
Sierra Club of Canada-Atlantic Chapter;
Community Coalition to End Poverty in Nova Scotia;
Facebook-Save the View;
Friends of the Halifax Common;
Peninsula South Neighbourhood Association;
Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group

D14.

Nova Scotia's Forest Ecosystem Classification Workshops Announced

FEC Training The Federation of Nova Scotia Woodland Owners is pleased to announce that we will be offering training on the use of Nova Scotia's Forest Ecosystem Classification (FEC) guides. These guides were made (and are still under development) by the Ecosystem Management Group at Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources. FEC guides provide forest managers with an ecological framework for making stand-level and forest-level management decisions. Kevin Keys, RPF, Forest Soils Specialist, author of "Forest Soil Types of NS" and co-author of the three existing FEC guides for Nova Scotia, has been contracted to deliver comprehensive training for forestry professionals on the use of the FEC guides. These will be 3-day training courses that will be formatted as follows: Day 1 "classroom" training at the Glengarry Hotel in Truro on Thursday, April 22. Introduction to the function and use of the FEC guide and keys used for identification of soil types, vegetation types and ecotypes, use of management interpretations. Participants must complete Day 1 in order to attend the subsequent field component in their region. Lunch and refreshments provided. Full-day course. Day 2 & 3: (field) - these two

days will be spent in the woods in various stand types exploring the components of soils, vegetation and nutrient/moisture regimes, and their influence on repeating patterns on the landscape. Participants will work in small groups and will turn cruise points, dig soil pits, collect and analyze data for making ecologically-sound forest management prescriptions. Participants will be responsible for bringing appropriate field clothing, cruising equipment and their own bagged lunches. These will be full days in the field. The Central region field training days are April 23rd & 24th at North Nova Forest Owners Co-op in Wentworth. The Eastern region field training days are April 30th & May 1st Scott & Stewart Forestry in St. Andrews. The Western region field training days are May 7th and 8th at the Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute in Kempt. Cost for entire 3-day course will be \$75, \$60 for members of the Federation. All required materials will be provided. Course will be worth approximately 60-course hours for category 1 continuing education credits. Participation certificates will be provided. Regional field day class size will be limited to 20 participants, so pre-register as soon as possible. You must pre-register before April 12th. To pre-register online go to www.woodlotinfo.ca by email at wanda@novaforestalliance.com or by phone 902-639-2921.

D15.

Openings on Nova Scotia's adjudicative and non-adjudicative agencies, boards, & commissions

The Province of Nova Scotia needs men and women from all walks of life to serve the public on Nova Scotia's adjudicative and non-adjudicative agencies, boards, & commissions (ABCs). Opening on the •Environmental Assessment Board and •Agricultural Marshland Conservation Commission etc...

http://www.gov.ns.ca/exec_council/abc/

E. Jobs & Internships

E1.

Executive Director, Nova Scotia Environmental Network

Deadline: April 30, 2010

POSITION: The Nova Scotia Environmental Network (NSEN) is seeking a new Executive Director.

ABOUT NSEN: NSEN was established in 1991 and is a non-profit organization registered provincially under the Society Act. The network is comprised of non-governmental environmental and health groups whose common purpose is the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment and the pursuit of a sustainable future for Nova Scotia. There are approximately 60 environmental organizations in the Network. NSEN performs a coordinating function for environmental organizations, facilitating communication and sharing of expertise and resources amongst groups from across the province. NSEN also supports the work of caucuses and working groups among our members, such as on Mining, Environmental Education, Water, Biosolids & Wastewater, Law & Policy, and SENSE: Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia for Everyone. NSEN also organizes events, capacity-building workshops, annual gatherings, award ceremonies, and round tables to support the work of our members. We have an interactive and comprehensive website including an online calendar, resources, and a sustainability education directory. NSEN is a regional affiliate of the Canadian Environmental Network (www.cen-rce.org) and the Executive Director reports directly to the Board of Directors, made up of representatives of our provincial member organizations. More information about the NSEN's mission and vision can be found on our web site: www.nsen.ca

RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES:

The Executive Director will be responsible for performing the following duties:

- Implementation of NSEN's Strategic and Fundraising Plans
- Office Administration & Management
- Communication & Member Relations, Including the Biweekly Newsletter
- Fundraising & Financial Management
- Communication & Networking
- Supervision of Interns & Staff
- Organization of Annual Gathering, Round Table & Award Ceremony
- Event Planning & Project Management

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge and passion for environmental issues in Nova Scotia
- Strong leadership, interpersonal and communication skills
- Non-profit management experience

- Experience working with volunteers
- Proficiency with office and information technologies
- Public outreach and engagement experience
- Fundraising experience
- Media relations experience
- Clean drivers license required
- General understanding of governmental structure and environmental legislation (asset)
- Web site maintenance – experience with HTML and PHP (asset)

SALARY: The base salary is \$17.50 per hour for a 20-hour work week. The salary and hours required are subject to increase, contingent on securing additional funding. Includes 3 weeks paid vacation. There will be a 6-month performance appraisal.

APPLICATION PROCESS & DEADLINE: Please email cover letter, references and resume outlining education and experience to the NSEN Board at gretchenf@sierraclub.ca. Please contact Gretchen Fitzgerald, Chair of NSEN, if you have any questions about your application or the position: 902-444-3113.

DEADLINE: The deadline is Friday, April 30, 2010. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. The start date will be June 1, 2010.

E2.

Environmental Education Intern with ACIC

The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation has the following internship position available. This position has been funded by the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan and is open youth aged 15-30 who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- * Unemployed
- * A Canadian citizen, permanent resident or a person to whom refugee protection has been granted under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- * Legally entitled to work in Canada
- * Legally entitled to work in your province or territory
- * Willing to complete a police records check
- * highest level of qualification to date should be a high school diploma (can not have yet graduated from a post-secondary institution)

Internship Title: Environmental Education Intern

Hours per Week: 37.5

Hourly Rate: \$12.00

Length of Position: 6 months (May-November)

Work Schedule: Monday-Friday

Responsibilities: The intern will be responsible for:

- Identifying opportunities for greening the office environment; - Assisting in conference planning and development, especially in regards to environmental concerns; - Networking among environmental and other civil society organizations; - Designing and facilitating workshops on good environmental practices; - Event planning - logistics, content and publicity

Special Requirements: A driver's license is an asset, but not mandatory.

Minimum Qualifications: The ideal candidate will have: - some educational background in environmental studies and/or international development or related fields (but has not yet graduated from a post-secondary institution) - Good working knowledge of environmental issues/policies; -Solid oral and written communication skills in English with basic French an asset; -Excellent planning and organizational skills; -Facilitation skills; -Ability to demonstrate a high-degree of motivation, and persistence and to work independently and in team settings; -Strong analytical skills; - IT skills (web design, databases, new media) an asset.

The intern will gain experience, knowledge and skills in: -Working with a membership-based network; -Effective written & verbal communication:

communicating with different audiences, writing skills etc; -Event planning;

- designing workshops, developing learning objectives etc.; -Facilitation and presentation skills; -Networking skills - ability to work with different stakeholders; and -Organizational skills - time management, project management, effective organizational skills.

Start Date: May 2010

To apply please fill out the on-line intern application: www.yeip.ca <<http://www.yeip.ca/>>

Note: in the "Please tell us why you want to participate in this program."

section you MUST include the following:

I am applying for the YMCA's Youth Eco Internship Environmental Education Intern, hosted by the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: April 23rd at 4:00 pm.

E3.

Sackville Rivers Association Summer Student Interns

The Sackville Rivers Association (SRA) is a community group based out of Lower Sackville that will be hiring students for summer work starting in May 2010. We are issuing a call for resumes to keep on file for the summer work season. All resumes that are received will be considered for all open job positions.

Some of the job opportunities that arise are:

- Running scientific studies.
- Water quality testing.
- Surveying the watershed for potential habitat improvement projects.
- Lobbying government.
- Public awareness campaigns.
- Running a habitat restoration work crew.
- Working on a habitat restoration work crew.
- General work of the SRA.
- Running the SRA Atlantic salmon fish counting ladder.

For anyone interested in a career in the environment, biology, a challenging job and working outdoors, the SRA is a great place to gain experience. Closing date: April 20th. Resumes can be submitted by:

E-mail: sackvillerivers@ns.sympatico.ca

Mail: Sackville Rivers Association, PO Box 45071 Lower Sackville, NS B4E-2Z6

Fax: (902) 864-3564

Phone inquiries: (902) 865-9238

E4.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH INTERNSHIPS AT DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY, 2010-11

Dalhousie University was recently awarded a total of 51 internship placements, over the period 2010-2013, from the International Youth Internship Program (IYIP). Funded by CIDA, the IYIP is a paid internship program designed to give young Canadian professionals the opportunity to gain valuable international development work experience.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be between 19 and 30 years of age;
- have graduated from a university or college program by the time the internship placement begins;
- be unemployed or underemployed;
- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident legally entitled to work in Canada; and
- have not previously participated in a program funded by Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy (YES).

A total of 12 positions have now been advertised for spring/summer 2010, in fields including marine affairs, architecture and health. Internships are being offered in countries including Colombia, Jamaica, St. Vincent, Grenada, Belize, Uruguay, the Gambia, and South Africa.

All placements can be viewed on the IYIP website at: <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/psij-iyip.nsf/vOrgEn?OpenView&RestrictToCategory=2009/2010>

For detailed information on, and application forms for, the various internship opportunities on offer, please contact the relevant Dalhousie units directly:

Marine Affairs internships in South/Central America and the Caribbean (deadline for applications: 12 April):

<http://marineaffairsprogram.dal.ca/IYIP%20Internship%20Program/>, or contact marine.affairs@dal.ca

Architecture internships in the Gambia (deadline for applications: 14 May):

<http://architectureandplanning.dal.ca/architecture/visitors/gambia.shtml>, or contact martha.barnstead@dal.ca

□ Health internships in South Africa (deadline for applications: 16 April):

<http://www.acewh.dal.ca/> or contact linda.snyder@dal.ca

E5.

Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute Summer Intern

Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute has the following internship position available. This position has been funded by the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan and is open youth aged 15-30 who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Unemployed
- A Canadian citizen, permanent resident or a person to whom refugee protection has been granted under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- Legally entitled to work in Canada
- Legally entitled to work in your province or territory
- Willing to complete a police records check
- Must meet the YEIP criteria, and be registered on the www.yeip.ca website

Where applicable, you may also need:

- A parent or guardian's signed consent to participate

Application Deadline: April 16, 2010

<http://www.merseytobeatic.ca/default.php>

E6.

Retire Your Ride Program Officer with Clean Nova Scotia

Position: Program Officer, Retire Your Ride

Start Date: May 3, 2010

Type of Employment: Full-time (ending March 31, 2011)

Location: Dartmouth with travel throughout province

Clean Nova Scotia is a non-profit environmental organization, has a variety of environmental programs that focus on educating the public about the environment. Clean Nova Scotia's workplace is dynamic, fast-paced, exciting, fun, and supportive.

Retire Your Ride is a national program designed to effectively and efficiently retire 1995 model year or older vehicles in an environmentally responsible manner in an effort to improve air quality, protect the environment and encourage the use of sustainable transportation. The Retire Your Ride program is delivered provincially by Clean Nova Scotia, nationally by Summerhill Impact, funded by the Government of Canada and supported by a national network of automotive recyclers.

The main components of the job are program promotion, presentations, developing industry partnerships, website monitoring and updating and attending public fairs and events. The job will involve travel on some weekends and possibly evenings. Your regular work hours would be adjusted accordingly.

You will be working with the program coordinator but will also have projects you can run with on your own. It's important you have a positive attitude, and are comfortable and confident speaking with the public. You also need to be able to meet (and exceed) deliverables and deadlines.

Requirements:

- A strong background in environmental issues and/or a bachelors in a related field (experience or knowledge of transportation issues a definite asset)
- Proven ability to take initiative and develop projects
- Experience networking and/or working with industry partners (automotive or otherwise)
- Proven ability to meet deliverables and deadlines
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Interest in the topic and in staying abreast of current issues regarding transportation and emissions reduction
- Enthusiasm, flexibility and fun
- Demonstrated organizational skills
- Outgoing, upbeat and energetic - must be able to proactively approach the public and engage them in conversation
- Positive personality - must leave the public with a clear directive on how they can make a difference in a positive way

- Detail-oriented, punctual, conscientious and takes initiative
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office (Excel in particular)
- A valid driver's license in good standing

Please send resume and a short cover letter by April 21, 2010 via e-mail to:

jpelton@clean.ns.ca

Julia Pelton

Clean Nova Scotia

126 Portland Street

Dartmouth, NS

B3J 2H3

Please visit <http://www.retireyourride.ca> for more program information. We thank all applicants for their interest.

Only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

<http://www.clean.ns.ca/content/Employment>

Deadline: April 21, 2010 | Contact: Julia Pelton

E7.

Katimavik - Project Leader

Contractual/Full Time – August 1, 2010 start

Nova Scotia / New Brunswick / Labrador / Prince Edward Island

Looking for the most stimulating and rewarding job you will ever have?

Become a Katimavik Project Leader!

Katimavik is your chance to put your ideals into action. You will make a difference in your life and in the lives of 11 youth from across the country with whom you will be living. Whether you work in a community in your home province or elsewhere in Canada, you will be heading a team of young volunteers involved in meaningful development initiatives. Put your skills to work and foster the personal development and civic engagement of Canadian youth between 17 and 21 years old. The 7 to 13 month contract would include: full training, a salary of \$26,711 – \$28, 901 plus benefits and living expenses! Your salary is all yours as all expenses are paid!

Katimavik is Canada's leading national youth volunteer service program.

Our mission is to engage youth in volunteer service and foster sustainable communities through challenging national youth service programs.

Our objectives:

- To contribute substantially to the personal, social and professional development of the participants.
- To promote community service.
- To offer a diverse experience fostering a better understanding of the Canadian reality.

To apply or for more information, visit our website: www.katimavik.org/jobs

E8.

Groundwater Researcher (position subject to funding**), Ecology Action Centre**

Freshwater Project of the Coastal Issues Committee

Ecology Action Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia

ORGANIZATION: The Ecology Action Centre, established in 1971, is Nova Scotia's largest and most active environmental organization. We work on sustainable transportation, marine and coastal issues, wilderness issues, urban issues, sustainable food production and alternative energy.

The Groundwater Researcher will work under the supervision of the Water Coordinator. This position will also work closely with partners such as the Department of Natural Resources to identify areas in Nova Scotia that are currently experiencing groundwater shortages or where groundwater resources are at-risk. The research will provide the foundation for a larger project called Groundswell: Community-Based Support for Sustainable Groundwater Management in Nova Scotia.

CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- * Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
- * Have been registered as full-time students in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year;

- * Be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or persons to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act; and
- * Be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- * Using groundwater quantity index maps developed by DNR and information from Municipalities, identify communities where groundwater resources are limited or at risk of experiencing shortages
- * In consultation with project partners, select two or three pilot communities where groundwater resources are at risk
- * Establish connections with partners (academics, government, NGOs, etc) within the community who may have expertise or interest in helping with the project
- * Develop research tools (surveys or questionnaires) to conduct with individuals living in pilot communities to gather information on residential, institutional, industrial and commercial water wells (whether they go dry, frequency, duration, etc) to better understand the nature of the problems being encountered
- * Conduct research using developed tools to collect information
- * Analyze information collected and write a report that summarizes findings.
- * Participate in and support the overall work of the Ecology Action Centre

QUALIFICATIONS / SKILLS REQUIRED

- * Knowledge of water resources, geology or hydrogeology, or related environmental science or geography
- * Experience in designing and conducting social science research projects, such as using surveys or questionnaires to gather information
- * Demonstrated ability to synthesize information from a variety of sources
- * Ability to communicate with many different stakeholders
- * Demonstrated leadership skills
- * Strong public speaking, writing skills and project management skills
- * Experience working in nonprofit, volunteer-driven organizations an asset
- * Willing to travel within NS
- * Holds a valid Nova Scotia driver's license
- * Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, internet and email
- * Preference will be given to candidates completing a degree and/or relevant experience in the fields of environmental science, water resources, hydrogeology, geography or other related fields

MENTORSHIP

* The Groundwater Researcher will be part of and report to the EAC's Coastal Issues Committee. The Groundwater Coordinator will receive mentorship and support from EAC's Water and Coastal Coordinators. **TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:** Full-time (35 hours per week) @ \$15.00/hr for 16 weeks (May 10th, 2010 to August 27th, 2010) **TO APPLY**

Please email a cover letter and resume (including 2 references) to water@ecologyaction.ca with subject line: Groundwater Researcher. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. The Ecology Action Centre is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from qualified women and men, visible minorities, Aboriginal people, and persons with disabilities. Only candidates chosen for an interview will be contacted. This position is conditional upon funding. Confirmation of funding will be received by the end of April.
DUE BY: 5:00 pm April 23, 2010

E9.

SOIL Internships this summer

Having trouble imagining yourself at a desk this spring and summer?

Get dirty and Get REAL - spend this season farming with an experienced organic farmer in our region!

Find out more about Stewards of Irreplaceable Land (SOIL) Farmer Apprenticeship program at:

www.soilapprenticeships.org.

Feel free to email me with any questions!

All the best!

Nicole
Maritime SOIL coordinator
nicole@acornorganic.org

F. Volunteer Opportunities / HelpWanted

F1.

Volunteer Needed: Are you creative? Artistic? Do you like to scrapbook?

NSEN is looking for a creative, artistic volunteer to help create a legacy scrapbook for NSEN of our photos, posters and newspaper clipping. Expected time approximately four hours. NSEN will supply the material and will be very grateful for your time.

For more information, please contact:

Tamara Lorincz, BA, BComm, LLB, MBA

Executive Director (NSEN)

Nova Scotia Environmental Network

55 Willowbend Ct.

Halifax, NS Canada B3M 3L3

Phone: 902-454-6846

Fax: 902-454-6841

Email: nsen@cen-rce.org

Web Site: www.nsen.ca

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G. Funding & Awards

G1.

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation is Seeking New Applications

The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) is a national organization with a grassroots focus that supports local environmental projects, and works with people who want to protect and preserve the environment in their own backyard. TD FEF encourages non-profit organizations with a Charitable Registration Number, municipalities and schools to apply for funding online at www.tdfef.com. Since 1990, TD FEF has provided \$47 million in funding to over 17,500 grassroots environment and wildlife projects across Canada. In 2008, FEF provided more than \$3 million in support of over 800 projects. For more information on how you can access funding, donate or get involved in your community, visit www.tdfef.com.

G2.

RBC Blue Water Grants

<http://www.rbc.com/donations/blue-water-pre.html>

G3.

Community Action Program for the Environment Funding - Web Portal Launched

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new Community Action Programs for the Environment (CAPE) web portal, which brings together, for the first time, Environment Canada's 10 community funding programs on a single website. Canadians now have easy access to information about all our community funding programs, including each programs' goals, eligibility criteria, funding deadlines, geographic range, available funding, and website.

Thank you for your interest in the CAPE portal. Please take a moment to bookmark the link at:

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/pace-cape/Default.asp?lang=En&n=06DD166D-1>

G4.

Earth Day: Hometown Heroes Award - Call for Nominations

Individual and Groups: Enter to win the Hometown Heroes Award and \$10 000

Earth Day Canada, in partnership with Cascades and the RBC Foundation, is accepting nominations for the Hometown Heroes Award. Help recognize the unsung heroes of the environmental movement by circulating program information to your volunteers, supporters and program partners.

New to the 2010 program is the Group Hometown Heroes Award, with a \$10 000 cash-prize to support their work. Nominate yourself, an individual or group from your community by Earth Day, April 22nd, 2010.

<http://www.earthday.ca/hometown/>

G5.

Canadian School Eco-Fundraising Program

The Canadian Public Employee Acquisition Club has developed a program that offers Canadian schools the unique opportunity to fundraise while promoting discussion on the environment across the classroom, family and community arenas. The Canadian School Eco-Fundraising Program works on multiple levels to deliver age appropriate curriculum, carbon neutrality for participating schools and much needed funds for Canadian schools and classrooms. By discussing and involving the students directly in the fundraising program, we are able to stimulate discussion and cascade information on the environment between students and teachers, child and parent, and friends and neighbours. To view the centralized porthole which will be personalized on behalf of the individual schools and their fundraising events, follow this link: <http://cpeac.org/ecofundraising>. For more information about the program, visit <http://www.cpeac.org/>.

G6.

Call for Nominations: 2010 Mobius Environmental Awards

Every year, RRFB Nova Scotia recognizes innovative organizations and individuals who have made Nova Scotia a leader in waste reduction. RRFB Nova Scotia is now accepting nominations in the following Mobius Award categories:

- School of the Year
- Business of the Year
- Institution of the Year
- ENVIRO-DEPOT™ of the Year
- Innovation in Waste Reduction
- Best Community-Based Project
- Waste Reduction Education Program
- Region/Municipality/Authority of the Year
- Individual Excellence in Waste Reduction

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 30th, 2010.

More info: <http://www.rrfb.com/mobius/>

G7.

The Home Depot – Evergreen Rebuilding Nature Grant –May 21

Supported by The Home Depot Canada Foundation and led by Evergreen

The Home Depot Canada Foundation and Evergreen are pleased to offer the Rebuilding Nature Grant Program to support environmental stewardship projects in communities across Canada.

The Rebuilding Nature Grant Program will provide community groups with grants of \$1,000, \$3,000 or \$12,000 – plus \$2,000 in The Home Depot gift cards – to cover the costs of tools and equipment, native plants and trees, and other expenses. The Rebuilding Nature Grant Program is available to Canadian community groups whose project site is located in a community where The Home Depot has a retail presence.

Applications must be received in our office by May 21, 2010. Please see the Application Guide for more details.

Download the Application and Guide →<http://www.evergreen.ca>

Sincerely,

Alix Aylen

Grant Program Administrator, Evergreen

aaylen@evergreen.ca

416-596-1495 x312 / 1-888-426-3138 x312

H. News

H1.

Students dig in to secure future of communal garden at UVic

Brennan Clarke, Victoria
Globe and Mail Update
Published on Thursday, Apr. 01, 2010 4:55AM EDT

For the second straight week, University of Victoria students armed with garden implements, potted seedlings and pails of compost dug up a patch of lawn and planted gardens in front of the McPherson Library as part of an ongoing turf war with the administration over communal gardening on campus.

As many as four dozen guerrilla gardeners took part in Wednesday's protest, using plastic garbage bags full of topsoil to build raised beds and erecting two-foot-high chicken wire fences to keep the campus's voracious bunny population at bay.

As they planted, another dozen protesters beat drums, played trombones and danced while several hundred spectators looked on.

Protester Matt Loewen said students are concerned about the future of a well-used 1,500-square-metre communal garden on campus and upset at UVic's inaction on a 12-hectare communal agriculture project that was proposed for vacant land near the campus borders more than a decade ago.

"There's a long waiting list to get a plot in the communal garden and the lease is up and right now it's slated to be built on," Mr. Loewen said. "What we have now is just not cutting it as far as the demand."

But yesterday's protest was also meant to highlight student concerns about global food security and corporate control of the world's food supply, he said. "We're concerned about alienation from how our food is produced overseas and the social and environmental ills of the global industrial agricultural system we are situated in," Mr. Loewen said.

"We should be growing food on these huge expanses of lawn and instead we're importing most of our food and causing a lot of CO2 emissions."

University of Victoria spokesman Bruce Kilpatrick confirmed that the school is renegotiating the lease on the existing community garden, but said there are "absolutely no plans" to shut it down, although the project could be relocated if the land is needed for other purposes.

The proposed 30-hectare project, envisioned as an ethno-botanical garden and a learning centre, is under discussion as part of the school's "sustainability action plan," he said.

There were no arrests and minimal police presence at yesterday's protest. Mr. Kilpatrick said the school has a long tradition of "taking a measured approach" to on-campus demonstrations. However, he said UVic has not ruled out vandalism charges based on this week's action, noting that Saanich police are also investigating.

Last Wednesday, school officials were caught by surprise when the same group of students constructed a series of raised flowerbeds in front of the library, using stones from a decorative rock garden behind the building.

School officials allowed the protest to happen, then went in with a bobcat at midnight and repaired the damaged turf.

Mr. Kilpatrick said this time the school will "take a few days to consider" its next course of action. He complained about the protesters' links to local anarchist groups. "It's a group of people who have decided they are going to voice their displeasure with these global issues by focusing on a particular piece of UVic."

The protesters claim to have no leader and refused to meet with university officials prior to yesterday's protest, he said.

History student Marie Wallace said students see a contradiction between what they are learning in school and what's happening in the real world.

"Overwhelmingly students want a place to enact the sustainability and food security lessons they've been learning in class," she said. "We should be able to have a place on campus to grow healthy and affordable food."

H2.

Green market squandered by Canada: study

<http://www.cbc.ca/technology/story/2010/03/25/green-technology.html>

Canadian business is failing to take advantage of the exploding global market for green technology, according to a study by the Conference Board of Canada.

The report — Global Climate-Friendly Trade: Canada's Chance to Clean Up — said world trade in climate-friendly technologies grew by an average of 10 per cent annually from 2002 to 2008. But it said Canada's exports in that area didn't grow at all during that period.

Canadian business could do a lot more to take advantage of its relative strength in several clean technologies, the Conference Board of Canada says. (CBC)

"The trade data suggest that Canada is not deeply engaged in the global market for climate-friendly technologies," the report says. "To the degree that it is involved, it is more of a technology adopter than a technology maker." It says Canadian businesses have the potential to be leaders in some of these technologies if they adopt more globally oriented business practices and get more policy support from government.

"Governments should eliminate domestic and international barriers to developing, trading, and investing in climate-friendly technologies," the report urges.

The report estimates that total global imports of technologies that help to cut greenhouse gas emissions were \$209 billion in 2008. Canada's share of that was \$4 billion — about a 10th of Germany's share.

Climate-friendly technologies include things like energy-efficient lighting, solar power, hybrid cars, fuel cells, thermostats and wind turbines.

"Canada will not be a leader in everything, but it is not too late for this country to be a leader in some technologies, parts of technologies, or related services," said the report's author, Danielle Goldfarb, who is also associate director of the Conference Board's International Trade and Investment Centre.

"We have areas of relative strength due to our geography and resource base that we could harness to become world leaders in specific climate-friendly technologies and services."

Some of those areas of relative strength include gas turbines, membranes for landfills, waste containers and photovoltaic system controllers.

China leads

In a separate study released Thursday, Pew Charitable Trusts said Canada plowed \$3.3 billion US into clean technologies in 2009. China was in the lead, investing \$34.6 billion US in clean-energy financing, it said. The Pew study said countries like China, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Germany and Spain that have "strong, national policies aimed at reducing global warming pollution and incentivizing the use of renewable energy are establishing stronger competitive positions in the clean energy economy." Coincidentally, the Toronto Stock Exchange and Standard & Poor's launched the S&P/TSX Clean Technology Index Thursday. It's designed to measure the performance of TSX-listed companies that develop green technologies.

"A growing number of investors are interested in the clean technology investing theme," said Jasmit Bhandal, director of S&P Indices in Canada.

Read more: <http://www.cbc.ca/technology/story/2010/03/25/green-technology.html#ixzz0jD142Ev4>

H3.

Conservatives gut key environmental law: Budget Bill would roll back twenty years of protection

OTTAWA – A Supreme Court of Canada decision requiring the federal government to fully assess the environmental effects of mining and other large industrial projects will be overturned by newly introduced budget legislation, says Ecojustice.

“The Conservative government is using the Budget Implementation Bill introduced today to continue its attack on the country’s most important environmental law,” says Ecojustice Executive Director Devon Page. “By giving the Environment Minister authority to overlook the Supreme Court’s decision on environmental assessment, government has fed Canadians another poison pill by allowing mines to be approved without looking at the totality of the pollution they cause. Likewise for tar sands developments, refineries and any other large industrial project.” On January 21st Ecojustice set a groundbreaking precedent in the Supreme Court which ruled that the federal government was violating the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) by limiting the assessment of the massive Red Chris Mine in British Columbia to a small component of the project while excluding the mine itself. The changes to CEAA tabled by the government today in the 2010 Budget Implementation Act turn the Supreme Court decision on its head by giving the Minister of the Environment express authority to limit assessments at his discretion.

“Why is the government using the cover of a budget bill to change the law when a parliamentary review of the law is scheduled to begin in two months?”, asked Ecojustice lawyer Stephen Hazell. “Not only does this jeopardize responsible environmental protection, it also circumvents the parliamentary process.”

This is the second consecutive year the Conservative government has brought forward a major change in environmental assessment by slipping it into the annual Budget Implementation Act. In 2009, amendments to the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA) granted the Government a discretionary authority to identify what waterways were deemed worthy of federal protection. Projects affecting those waterways that are declassified were excluded from environmental assessment. This year’s changes to CEAA go much further.

For more information, please visit www.ecojjustice.ca or contact Devon Page, Executive Director, Ecojustice, (604) 685-5618 ext 233 or 778-828-5512 (cell) Stephen Hazell, Lawyer, Ecojustice (613) 422-1107 or (613) 724-1908 (cell)

H4.

Province drilled for lack of mining incentives in Nova Scotia

Think-tank says regulatory uncertainty puts N.S. behind other Atlantic provinces in survey

By BRUCE ERSKINE Business Reporter

Fri. Apr 16 - 4:54 AM

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/Business/1177570.html>

Nova Scotia needs to dig a little deeper and provide incentives to help the province’s mining sector thrive, says the executive director of the Mining Association of Nova Scotia.

"That is one of the absolutely critical keys," said Michelle Landreville in an interview Thursday. "We’re one of the only provinces that doesn’t have a mineral incentives program."

Landreville was responding to the results of the Fraser Institute’s annual survey of mining companies, which ranks the world’s most attractive jurisdictions for mining exploration and development.

Nova Scotia finished 16th out of the 72 jurisdictions ranked, well behind Quebec, which finished first for the third year in a row, and New Brunswick, which placed second, ahead of Finland in third....

H5.

Mining firm’s search for gold expands in Nova Scotia

By BILL POWER Business Reporter

Thu. Apr 15 - 4:55 AM

Acadian Mining Corp. will ramp up gold exploration at its Fifteen Mile Stream site in eastern Nova Scotia after obtaining impressive preliminary results.

"We feel (that) Fifteen Mile Stream has some tremendous potential," Paul K. Smith, Acadian Mining's vice-president of field operations, said in an interview Wednesday.

The Halifax company has already identified a 200,000-ounce resource at the site, and Smith said an upcoming round of aggressive exploration should push that estimate up dramatically.

An aerial survey is underway and extensive summer exploratory drilling is planned.

Smith said preliminary estimates indicate there are at least 1.2 million ounces of gold at the site....

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/Business/1177336.html>

H6.

Special Report: The Poop on biosolids in Nova Scotia

Local growers must toe line, but imports don't, says activist

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4-part series

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I. Resources

I1.

Input from Canadian NGOs to the Canadian Delegation to the UN Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD 18-19) (February 2010)

In February 2010 the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada invited the Canadian Environmental Network to coordinate the consolidation of ENGO priorities for the thematic cluster of the 18th and 19th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD): transport, chemicals, waste management (hazardous and solid waste), mining and the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production. This paper, which was primarily written by Randy Christensen of Ecojustice and edited by Carolyn Webb of CIELAP, outlines the aspirations Canadian NGOs have for the upcoming CSD and discusses the challenges and context surrounding these objectives. Download the report

http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/caucuses/international/pdf/201002_CSD%20Priorities%20Paper.pdf

I2.

The Legal Context for Sustainability Initiatives at the Local Government Level – article available.

Subsidiarity at Work — The Legal Context for Sustainability Initiatives at the Local Government Level: How an environmental agenda could be advanced by Canadian municipalities article.

By Howard M. Epstein, lawyer, MLA. Excellent resource. For a pdf copy, please email Tamara at nsen@cen-rce.org

I3.

Climate Progress: The Earth is Warming - Data

Climate Progress - has incredibly good, solid data. The complete guide to modern day climate change. All the data you need to show that the world is warming. <http://bit.ly/worldiswarming>

I4.

NSEN Media Resources

NSEN has posted its media toolkit and other media & communications material on its web site. Please visit the page here: <http://nsen.ca/media.php>

I5.

USEFUL RESOURCE – TO BE A CHARITY OR NOT

The Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia has just created a handy tool to guide your organization in its decision-making to become a registered charity or not. Use the simple tool here:

<http://www.charitydecisiontree.legalinfo.org/>

I6.

NBEN Toxics Pocket Guide

http://www.nben.ca/aboutus/caucus/ceh/2007/Toxic_Guide.pdf

I7.

Invasive Species Alliance of Nova Scotia (ISANS) Web Site Up!

I'm happy to announce that the Invasive Species Alliance of Nova Scotia (ISANS) website is now up and running in its new format at www.invasivespeciesns.ca. Please keep in mind that as we continue to grow our organization, the website will expand and evolve. Comments are welcome. Sorry for any cross-postings.

Thanks,

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