

Welcome to *Eco-Connections*, a 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

** Happy New Year! In 2009, be sure to CONNECT with NSEN.ca and add your event, job, announcement and action alert directly to our web site.*

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A. Actions

A1.

New Year's Resolution: Read these important climate change documents this year:

James Hansen et al. Target Atmospheric CO2: Where Should Humanity Aim?

http://www.columbia.edu/~jeh1/2008/TargetCO2_20080407.pdf

"If humanity wishes to preserve a planet similar to that on which civilization developed and to which life on Earth is adapted, paleoclimate evidence and ongoing climate change suggest that CO2 will need to be reduced from its current 385 ppm to at most 350 ppm."...

UK Public Interest Research Centre (PIRC) "Climate Safety: In Case of Emergency"

<http://climatesafety.org/>

Climate Safety in presenting this examination of recent climate science brings two important messages. The first is that climate change is accelerating more rapidly and dangerously than most of us in the scientific community had expected or that the IPCC in its 2007 Report presented. The second is that, because political inaction has delayed progress for so long, the imperative for extremely urgent action on both national and global scales is now paramount.

A2.

Check out the Public Accounts of Nova Scotia

Find out how your money is being spent:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/en/home/publications/publicaccounts/default.aspx>

A3.

Learn about Grassroots Fundraising Journal - Inspiring idea and useful tips!

<http://www.grassrootsfundraising.org/>

A4.

Find out about the Second Phase of the Natural Resources Strategy Voluntary Planning Process

Deadline to nominate someone to serve on the Panels of Expertise is January 23, 2009.

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/>

A5.

Watch your TV “FOREVER PLASTIC” CBC Documentary

Premiering On: Thursday January 15, 2009 at 9 pm on CBC TV

Repeating on: Saturday January 17, 2009 at 10 pm on CBC Newsworld

Durable, high-tech, sexy and see through...we just can't seem to resist its glossy appeal. It seems so modern, it's hard to believe it's been around for 100 years. The early days of plastics were explosive: the first synthetic billiard balls blew up on impact! Over the years plastics have quietly permeated all parts of our lives. But what do we do with something that doesn't go away when we throw it away? Our oceans and dumps are filling up with the stuff, and yet inventive ideas for single use plastics just keep rolling out. Forever Plastic focuses on our struggle to live more responsibly with plastic. At the heart of the documentary is a "plastics recycling challenge" which shows how hard it is to know what plastics really are being recycled. And those seemingly green containers that are so tempting? A closer look reveals that environmentally friendly plastics aren't always what they seem to be.

A new documentary from CBC TV's in-house documentary production unit. For more information please visit the website at www.cbc.ca/doczone.

A6.

Watch “Land & Sea” TV January 18, 2009 “Lobster & Scallops”

For years now on Nova Scotia's South Shore tensions have been building between lobster fisherman from Cape Sable Island and the Digby scallop dragging fleet. The lobster fishery there is worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Within the last decade the government has allowed the Digby fleet to ply the same waters as the lobster fishermen. The Cape Sable fishermen say the draggers are causing unprecedented damage to the lobster stocks, cutting into their livelihood. They say they're not going to take it anymore, even if it means someone might get hurt. Both sides of the battle this week on Land and Sea. Land and Sea in the Maritimes and Land and Sea in Newfoundland have joined forces to bring you a united series of stories from Atlantic Canada. For more than thirty years Land and Sea has brought you stories from people who live off the land and the sea. Today we cover issues that affect people in rural communities which ultimately affect those in cities as well. We bring you stories from those who celebrate life living close to nature, who promote and protect their culture and traditional ways of doing things. There are stories of success and sometime failures that portray the unique way Atlantic Canadians deal with the challenges and pleasures of living on the east coast. More info here: <http://www.cbc.ca/landandsea/>

Sundays,

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

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (NT)

on CBC Television

B. Environmental Events and Capacity-Building Workshops

B1.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CAUCUS MEETING ON JAN. 16

January 16, 2009 (Location TBD, probably in the Rowe Building at Dal) from 10am-12pm.

Caucus Chair: Caroline Canning, Program Officer/Agente de Programme

Public Education and Engagement Atlantic Region/

Participation et sensibilisation du public Région de l'Atlantique

Environment Canada/Environnement Canada

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www.ec.gc.ca/educators

More about the caucus here: <http://nsen.ca/environmentaleducation.php>

B2.

THE STORY OF STUFF: TOWARD SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION FILM & DISCUSSION Mar. 10

Spring Garden Road Memorial Library, 5381 Spring Garden Road, Halifax

Tuesday, March 10, 2009 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

We live in a society that is obsessed with the production and consumption of stuff. But what we don't see are the consequences. "The Story of Stuff" is a 20-minute, fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. The Story of Stuff exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental

and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world. Join us for the screening of this popular film followed by a discussion to explore ways we can become more sustainable. Participants will also learn about the new Nova Scotia Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act and how citizens can become more environmentally and socially responsible. Participants will receive resources to help them take action in their homes and communities. There will also be draw prizes for the new book "Go Green: How to Build an Earth-Friendly Community." Organized by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network. A project of SENSE: Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia for Everyone Working Group. For more information, visit us online: www.nsen.ca

B3.

BOOK CLUB: Go Green: How to Build an Earth-Friendly Community Saturday, April 4

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Alderney Gate Library

NSEN's First Annual Book Club. Read the book and attend the study circle to discuss ways we can make our communities in Nova Scotia more earth friendly. The book can be borrowed from Halifax Public Libraries or purchased from P'lovers Environmental Store, 5657 Spring Garden Road, or Outside the Lines Bookstore on 6297 Quinpool Road. For more information about the book, visit: <http://nancyhtaylor.com> All welcome.

B4.

Get into the Round: Winter Yurt Building Workshops January 9th-11th OR January 16th-18th

Involved in any exciting projects this winter? Thinking of a unique gift for someone that is interested in natural building? Join Little Foot Yurts; makers of traditional style yurts and learn how to build your own yurt – a low impact, affordable, shelter originating from Central Asia. Versatile and portable the yurt can be used for a cabin, studio, home or workshop space.

This two and a half day workshop will provide a thorough introduction to yurts, and the basics of yurt construction including: coppice as a timber crop, Acadian forest species, making a greenwood working station, using a drawknife, froe and other hand tools, planning and designing your walls, roof, and wheel, and erecting a yurt. Leave with the practical skills and resources to start building your own yurt. Open to all skill levels. Families welcome.

When: January 9th-11th OR January 16th-18th

Where: 1459 White Rock Rd, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Cost: \$250 plus tax, Includes workshop fee, yurt camping, gourmet vegetarian meals & snacks, and a yurt zine.

Accommodation: Sleep, eat, learn and share with others in comfortable yurts equipped with a log burner. Compost toilets and a warm yurt kitchen will be available for dining.

Registration: Please register online at http://www.lfy.ca/yurt_building_workshop/registration.html Full agenda is posted on our website. Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$140 will be required to reserve your spot. Deposit deadline is December 1st. For more information please contact Selene Cole at 902 670-4556 selene@lfy.ca or visit www.lfy.ca

B5.

"Fishermen and Scientists Research Society 16th Annual Conference" Truro, February 20-21, 2009

More details here: <http://www.fsrns.ca>

B6.

4th National Stewardship & Conservation Conference in Calgary, July 2009

4th National Stewardship & Conservation Conference 'Strengthening Stewardship - Investing at Every Step' - Taking place in Calgary next July, the 4th Stewardship and Conservation is the national conference where Canada's stewards can meet to discuss emerging issues and solutions for strengthening stewardship across the country. The program will open with a summary of the State of Stewardship in Canada report, which will review adopted policy directions, conservation tools, strategies of various communities of stewardship interest including governments, resource industries, and NGOs, and conclude with gaps and remedial actions required. Conference delegates will be part of creating a Road Map for future Stewardship investment in Canada. Please visit www.stewardship2009.ca for more information.

B7.

4th annual Renewable Energy Conference 2009 on May 27th & 28th at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Please note the website agenda, sponsor and exhibitor information is being updated to reflect the 2009 conference and will be completed by mid December. For more info, call Catherine Dennison at (902) 237-7010 catherine@energyconsultant.ca

B8.**Canada's Role in Kyoto: A UN Climate Change Conference Update Tuesday January 20th**

Two time: 11:45am-1pm AND 5-6pm Room 104, Weldon Law Building. Third year Environmental Science student Emily Rideout recently attended the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Poznan, Poland. Emily represented the Serra Club Canada and worked closely with the Canadian Youth Delegation. Come hear Emily speak about the outcomes, Canada's position, and the role of youth at these important climate negotiations. Learn about what needs to happen between now and Copenhagen in December 2009. For more info contact emily.rideout@dal.ca

B9.**February 14, 2009 "Luv N Life - A Valentine's Day Dance and Concert to support the EAC"**

Brother G Productions presents Luv n Life featuring The Ryan Sisters, Rasta Gumbo, and Glenn Knowles. Pier 21, Kenneth C. Rowe Auditorium, Heritage Hall.

EARLYBIRD TICKET PRICES: \$20 pp until Christmas.

After Christmas, tickets will be \$30 pp.

For more info: Ecology Action Centre, 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax NS B3K 4L3

902.442.0198 (p) 902.405.3716 (f)

B10.**Aboriginal Law and the Duty to Consult Aboriginal Peoples on Weds. 4**

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 The Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia This learning seminar is critically important for those who need to gain a better understanding of the ever-changing legal landscape of Aboriginal law; to understand their role in Aboriginal consultation; to assess and mitigate risks in project development; to work collaboratively with governments; and, to negotiate agreements with Aboriginal groups. Essential learning for corporate counsel, industry, and government!

SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS: Recent case law on consultation and trends Roles of First Nations, government, and industry; Accommodation at law and in practice Regulatory issues and challenges; Risk management in consultation. Registration information and the course brochure are available at :

www.gov.ns.ca/abor/resources/learningseminar/registration

For more information, please contact Beata Dera at (902) 424-2590 or at derab@gov.ns.ca.

Conference fee is \$1,100 (includes applicable taxes, course material, breakfast, and lunch). NGO rate \$900. Student rate \$500. Registration deadline: Friday, January 23, 2008

B11.**Environmental Education Training Opportunities (January 8 & 9, 2009)**

Environment Canada staff will be facilitating two environmental education training sessions for ENGOs, public servants, & educators. The facilitators are Karen Potter, Acting Head, Atlantic Region Education & Engagement Unit along with Caroline Canning, Program Officer, Atlantic Region Education & Engagement Unit.

COST: Free! TO REGISTER: Email Caroline Canning: caroline.canning@ec.gc.ca if you would like to register for one or both training sessions. Please indicate which sessions you are registering for in your email. Space is limited, sign-up today! January 8 - Building Capacity to Deliver Effective Environmental Education Programs Provide environmental community groups (ENGOs) in Atlantic Canada with an opportunity to share and develop knowledge and skills in environmental education (EE) program design. Provide an opportunity for ENGOs to share EE resources and experiences. Serve as a catalyst to explore future EE training needs and opportunities in the Atlantic Region WHERE: Murphy's Community Centre (200 Richmond Street, Charlottetown, PE)

WHEN: 9:00am - 4:30pm

January 9 - Project WET - Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) is an experiential environmental education program with a focus on water, designed primarily for students in K-12 but can be used for a wider audience. This session was developed to train people in the delivery of Project WET in formal and non-formal educational settings. This one day hands-on, interactive workshop will introduce participants to Project WET. By the end of the day you will be able to use the educators' guide to deliver water education activities to various audiences. Participants will receive a free educators' guide.

WHERE: Murphy's Community Centre (200 Richmond Street, Charlottetown, PE)

WHEN: 8:15am - 4:30pm

FOR MORE INFO: <http://www.cwra.org/Branches/ProjectWet/default.aspx>

B12.

"Research at the top of the world - the changing climate and the International Polar Year" Mar. 2

Time: 7:30pm on 2 March 2009

Location: Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History

Speaker: Glen Lesins, Dalhousie University

Organized by the Nova Scotian Institute of Science: <http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Science/NSIS/meetings.html>

B13.

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SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Recent case law on consultation and trends
- Roles of First Nations, government, and industry
- Accommodation at law and in practice
- Regulatory issues and challenges
- Risk management in consultation

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Thomas Isaac Partner, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

Thomas Isaac is a partner in the Vancouver office of McCarthy Tétrault LLP. He is one of Canada's leading authorities on Aboriginal law. Mr. Isaac advises industry and government clients across Canada on Aboriginal legal matters, and related litigation, consultation, environmental assessment, regulatory, and negotiations issues.

Registration information and the course brochure are available at :

www.gov.ns.ca/abor/resources/learningseminar/registration

For more information, please contact Beata Dera at (902) 424-2590 or at derab@gov.ns.ca. Conference fee is \$350 (includes applicable taxes, course material, breakfast, and lunch). Registration deadline: Friday, January 23, 2008.

B14.

Financial Management for Community Organizations Course starts January 2009

If you think a course in financial management for non-profit executive directors is not a remedy for the winter blues, think again! There is no better time to get out of the office, exercise your mind, work with and get to know some of your counterparts in other non-profits and develop some new approaches to informing your board and yourself about the financial health of your organization. The Dalhousie University College of Continuing Education is offering its four day course, Financial Management for Community Organizations this winter in Halifax. See the attached description. The dates are January 12, February 2, March 9 and April 13. The instructor is Kathy Wolfe, CA. The cost of the course is \$775, all inclusive. If you are interested in receiving a detailed outline of the course and a registration form call us at 902-494-7137 or e-mail Chris.Cameron@dal.ca. Our popular four-day Leading and Managing Non-Profit Organizations course is also coming up. It starts in April.

E. Grant MacDonald, Director

Non-Profit Sector Leadership Program

College of Continuing Education

Dalhousie University

1535 Dresden Row, Suite 201
Halifax, N.S. Canada B3J 3T1
Tel 902-494-1683
www.collegeofcontinuinged.dal.ca
Click on Continuing Management Education, and then on NPSL

B15.

Visioning meetings for the New Earth Institute in Nova Scotia on Jan. 15 & 16

Join a growing group of people who are planning to develop a new, international education and research institute in Nova Scotia. We would like to create a sustainably designed, living learning environment for youth, students and professionals who are striving to understand, think and act in new ways to address the most pressing ecological and social concerns of modern life. We would like to invite you to the next vision meetings for the New Earth Institute in Nova Scotia.

MAHONE BAY: We will meet on Thursday, January 15th, from 6-9p.m.

Please bring something for a simple, small potluck - nothing extravagant (unless you feel moved)! Contact us for information about location.

HALIFAX: We will meet on Friday, January 16th, from 6-9p.m. at 3006 Oxford Street (corner of Oxford and Cork Street, near Local Joes - enter on Cork Street). Please bring something for a simple, small potluck.

Please RSVP to let us know if you plan to attend either of these meetings.

If you could not make it to the first meeting, please feel comfortable to join us now. Everybody is welcome! Feel free to extend this invitation to whoever you believe would be interested.

If you have any questions, please call us (489-2524) or write to us (info@newearthinstitute.ca).

All the best,

Saskia & Shahar

B16.

Canadian Environmental Network Annual General Assembly in Edmonton June 12-14, 2009

Stay tuned for more details: <http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/index.html>

B17.

Celebrating the Past, Recognizing the Present, Envisioning the Future - 2009 Outdoor Practitioners Conference

Organized By NSHPP and DNR

Location St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia Event Starts May 29 & May 31st, 2009

Interested in the outdoors? If your area of interest is in education, recreation, community programming, or adventure you will want to join us at this exciting conference. We will come together as an outdoor community to recognize past contributions, acknowledge current realities facing outdoor practitioners, and develop new directions for the future. Building on the success of the 2001 Sharing the Outdoors Conference, this will be an opportunity for fun, learning, and celebration. The conference will include hands-on experiential sessions, a trade show, an engaging series of keynote speakers, entertainment, magic and much more including the Outdoors! For more information contact Jody Conrad: 424-7589, Jody.Conrad@gov.ns.ca or Sandra Fraser: 424-5481, frasersx@gov.ns.ca

B18.

Foundations of Board Governance at the Tatamagouche Centre, March 19, 2009

Effective Board governance rarely happens by accident - it is generally the result of proactive and intentional efforts to build capacity and enhance performance. This workshop provides an overview of the key elements of a strong Board, and introduces a framework and tools for participants to assess their own Board strengths and areas for improvement. A participatory approach facilitates knowledge-sharing, and a workbook is provided. This workshop will be of interest to individuals who serve on not-for-profit Boards and seek greater effectiveness!

Leadership: Bruce Smith, Bruce is an organizational consultant, mediator and facilitator based in Liverpool, NS.

He works with not-for-profit Boards on all aspects of governance, including Board-Executive relations, monitoring and evaluating performance, and strategic planning.

Program Start: March 19, 2009 10:00 A.M.

Cost: \$105 (\$85 tuition + \$20 meals/snacks)

B19.

"Winter Nature of the Maritimes" Reading by authors on Jan. 21 in Halifax

Author Reading: Merritt Gibson and Soren Bondrup-Nielsen:

Winter Nature of the Maritimes combines Maritime natural history, environmental awareness and out-door education. Join biologists and nature enthusiasts Merritt Gibson and Soren Bondrup-Nielsen for a guide to mammal tracks, suggestions for creating and stock-ing bird feeders and an introduction to plant structure.

Keshen Goodman Public Library

Wednesday, January 21/7:00 pm

More info: <http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca>

B20.

Sustainability Education in Bridgewater Area Public Meeting Jan. 23 *Great speakers!

You are invited to attend the Bridgewater SENSE network meeting. Come hear local organizations, community groups, schools and businesses are doing regarding sustainability education in and around Bridgewater.

Hear from Leon de Vreede, Sustainability Planner for the town of Bridgewater, Jim Drescher with Windhorse Farms, Andrea Cleland with Global Education Association, The Nodding Group, Rosmarie Bradley with Helping Nature Heal, Amanda Lavers with Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute, and Bettina Grunwald with Claussen Walters Real Estate. The meeting will take place on Friday, January 23rd from 10am to 3pm and will be held at the NSCC Lunenburg campus in Bridgewater located at 75 High Street, five minutes from Highway 103. A catered lunch will be provided. Free public meeting. If you are interested in attending please RSVP by January 21 by e-mail: esd_novascotia@lsf-1st.ca or by calling 454-6846 so I can schedule you in and ensure adequate catering.

Storm date Monday, January 26. Organized by SENSE: Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia For Everyone Working Group and NSEN: Nova Scotia Environmental Network. More info here: www.nsen.ca

B21.

"Making our community sustainable - successful sustainability initiatives in Sweden and NS" Jan. 22

On Thursday, January 22, 2009 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the Tupper Building, Room Tupper C I Dalhousie University, Halifax. Small reception to follow. The Swedish Consulate, Halifax Regional Municipality, Atlantic Chapter - Canada Green Building Council and Dalhousie University cordially invite you to this seminar to learn: What can we learn from successful sustainability initiatives in Sweden? What are we doing in Nova Scotia and Halifax Regional Municipality today? What are our opportunities for tomorrow based on world wide trends? You will have the opportunity to hear about Sweden and examples of their efforts toward reducing energy consumption and GHG-emissions, green rebuilding and transportation. You will also hear about initiatives being undertaken in Nova Scotia and Halifax Regional Municipality to make our society more sustainable, and listen to a panel discussion regarding sustainability action feasible for Halifax Regional Municipality and Nova Scotia.

Speakers:

Sofie Adolfsson Jörby, Ph.D., Environmental Coordinator, Boverket, Sweden NN, Province of Nova Scotia (to be announced) Peter Duncan, P.Eng., Manager, Infrastructure and Planning, Halifax Regional Municipality John W. Lindsay Jr., President, East Port Properties Limited

Moderator:

Rochelle Owen, Director of Sustainability, Dalhousie University

Please R.S.V.P. before January 21, 2009

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B22.

SENSE Public Meeting on "Social Sustainability in NS" in Halifax on Feb. 18

The public is invited to the Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia For Everyone Working Group networking meeting focused on "Social Sustainability" on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs (CCEPA) in Halifax with lunch provided. Keynote: Lynn Hartwell,

NS Community Services who will talk about the Social Perspectives of Sustainable Prosperity (Linking environment-economic-social): http://www.gov.ns.ca/coms/departement/documents/Weaving_the_Threads.pdf
If you are interested in attending please RSVP by e-mail: esd_novascotia@lsf-1st.ca or by calling 454-6846 to ensure adequate catering. Organized by SENSE: Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia For Everyone Working Group and NSEN: Nova Scotia Environmental Network. More info here: www.nsen.ca

B23.

SENSE Meeting “Sustainability Education in the Antigonish area” at St. FX on March 6

Friday, March 6, 2009 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier University, Keating Building in Antigonish with lunch provided. Keynote: Julie Stinson, Community Sustainability Officer for the Town of Antigonish. We will have speakers on sustainability in the schools and in the community from the region. If you are interested in attending please RSVP by e-mail: esd_novascotia@lsf-1st.ca or by calling 454-6846 to ensure adequate catering. Organized by SENSE: Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia For Everyone Working Group and NSEN: Nova Scotia Environmental Network. More info here: www.nsen.ca

B24.

ACORN Conference & Trade Show “Organics: Good for You, Good for the Planet” Truro, NS, Feb. 26-28

Theme is Organics: Good for You, Good for the Planet. Thursday the 26th kicks off with a special film presentation and discussion on the health benefits of organic food. Everyone is welcome, cost is \$10 at the door. The ACORN Conference will also feature author of the Eco-Foods Guide, Cynthia Barstow. Workshops include how to go organic, season extension, raising organic sheep, alternative farm energy, organic landscaping and much more! Check the website for details and full conference program. Beth McMahon

Executive Director, ACORN

1-866-322-2676

admin@acornorganic.org

Looking for local organic food? www.acornorganic.org

B25.

Power Politics - Energy, Policy and real Solutions to Climate Change in Nova Scotia on Wed. Jan. 21

The Ecology Action Centre presents: Power Politics - Energy, Policy and real Solutions to Climate Change in Nova Scotia on Wed. Jan. 21, 7:00pm (snow date Jan 28) in Room 105, Weldon Law building, Dalhousie Law School
A panel discussion with:

James Taylor, Nova Scotia Power

Scott McCoombs, N.S. Department of the Environment Dan Roscoe, Scotian Wind Fields

More info: www.ecologyaction.ca

B26.

The 4th Annual Atlantic Sustainable Campuses Conference in NL from January 30 - February 1

At Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador. Cost:\$30.00 for SYC members, \$50.00 for non-SYC members. Contact, Jessica, atlantic@syc-cjs.org More info: <http://syc-cjs.org/sustainable/homepage>

B27.

Topic: Directors and Officers Liability - Are you covered? Jan. 20

CSAE Nova Scotia Chapter Luncheon/Education Session on Tuesday January 20th at the Four Points by Sheraton Halifax 1496 Hollis Street Halifax. Deadline for registration is Friday, January 16th at 12 noon. Please register before that time or we may not be able to accommodate you. Please note: if you send in a registration but do not get an email confirmation, please contact Esther at 454 2267 or email her at csae@ns.alianzinc.ca .

SPEAKER: Nahla Hanna, Senior VP, Marsh Canada Ltd.

Nahla Hanna of Marsh Canada has over 20 years insurance industry experience including claims handling, business development and client management. Nahla's presentation will examine D&O liability as it pertains to associations and other not-for profits, define various legal aspect of D&O insurance and address some common policy terms.

Throughout the presentation we will identify common D&O risks and share real claims scenarios.

TIME: 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM

• To register, complete and submit the form found below

and email it to csae@ns.aliantzinc.ca or fax it to 482 3380

- Registration is \$25 per person and includes full luncheon and presentation.
- Payment at the door by cash or cheque -- sorry no credit cards.
- Non-Members welcome at no extra charge.
- Please note: No shows will be billed as lunches are ordered in advance.

You must register by Friday Jan 16 at 12 noon.

Bring along your President or Treasurer and/or senior staff responsible for finance and administration

B28.

NSEN ENGO ROUNDTABLE: ELECTION READINESS & AWARD CEREMONY ON FEB. 27

Full day strategy meeting for NSEN members from 9:00-4:00 PM at the Nova Scotia Public Archives, 6016 University Avenue, Halifax. This meeting is to network, learn and strategize as an environmental movement. Come to hear about our caucuses, to plan for the upcoming municipal, provincial and federal elections and to discuss challenges such as the OHV. At the end of the day will be our Annual Eco-Hero Award ceremony. Let's make sure the environment is a top priority in 2009! NSEN Members are free (Representatives of environmental groups only). Non-members (representatives of environmental/health groups) must pay \$45 (includes cost of membership). (Storm date Monday, March 2). Space limited. To attend, please RSVP to Tamara at nsen@cen-rce.org

B29.

Council of Community Organizations Meeting on Jan. 15

The Council of Community Organizations will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday ,January 15,2009 at the Safety Minded ATV Club,Station Road,Head of St.Margaret's Bay.All Welcome.For further information call Beth McGee-823-2245.

B30.

Forest Products Association of Nova Scotia AGM on Jan. 14-16

Nova Scotia's "voice of the forest industry" Forest Products Association of Nova Scotia is holding its 75th Annual General Meeting and Convention from January 14 to 16, 2009 at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax. Come Join in our Celebration! Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Patrick Moore. Dr. Moore is the Founder of Greenspirit, a consultancy focusing on environmental policy and communications in natural resources, biodiversity, energy and climate change. For more info: <http://www.fpans.ca/content/annualmeetingupcoming.aspx>

B31.

"Environmental Impacts of Historical Gold Mines in Nova Scotia" on Jan. 15

Speaker: Dr. Mike Parsons, Geological Survey of Canada

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY Environmental Studies Program Seminar

Thursday, January 15 Time: 1:00 2:15 PM Location: Science S310

Tara Inman, Secretary, Environmental Studies & Forensic Sciences Programs, Room S208, Saint Marys University
Phone: 902.496.8148 Email: tara.inman@smu.ca <<mailto:tara.inman@smu.ca>>

B32.

Dollars to Sense Energy Management Workshops

Natural Resources Canada's Office of Energy Efficiency will be offering three Dollars to Sense Workshops in Halifax: "Energy Efficiency Financing (Public Sector)", January 29, 2008, "Spot the Energy Savings Opportunities", February 17, 2009, and "Energy Monitoring", February 18, 2009. The "Energy Efficiency Financing" workshop helps participants calculate the financial benefits of energy efficiency projects and how to build a convincing business case for senior management. "Spot the Energy Savings Opportunities" will help companies understand energy basics and how to identify and rank energy-saving opportunities. The "Energy Monitoring" workshop teaches participants how to collect and analyze utility data, how to identify achievable energy savings opportunities, and how to set energy-saving targets. For more information on these workshops or to register, please visit: <http://oeo.nrcan.gc.ca/industrial/training-awareness/index.cfm?attr=24> or contact Johanne Renaud at 613-996-6585 or jrenaud@nrcan.gc.ca.

B33.

Public Consultations on Nova Scotia's Solid Waste Resource Management Strategy – Various Dates

Invitation to Participate: Stakeholder Workshops on the Renewal of Nova Scotia's Solid Waste Resource Management Strategy. We need your knowledge, ideas and expertise to help Nova Scotia reduce waste to no more than 300 kilograms per person per year. Nova Scotia Environment has prepared the paper Thinking Outside the Landfill, to use as a starting point for the exchange of ideas. Thinking Outside the Landfill includes some background information and questions to think about before the workshop. Join us at one of the workshops being held throughout Nova Scotia. Please share this invitation with your colleagues. To register for one of the dates send an email to solidwastestrategy@gov.ns.ca or call 902-424-4300 Registration cut off is 3 days before the date of each workshop. All Half Day Workshops 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. More info:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/waste/strategy.asp>

- January 14, 2009 Days Inn, 50 North Street Bridgewater
- January 15 Wesleyan Church, 70 Haley Road Yarmouth
- January 16 Kentville Fire Hall, 463 Main Street Kentville
- January 21 Colchester MRF, 185 Mingo Road Kempton
- January 22 Museum of Industry, 147 North Foord Street Stellarton
- January 27 Delta Sydney, 300 Esplanade Sydney
- January 29 Holiday Inn Harbourview, 99 Wyse Road Dartmouth
- Halifax* February 3 Westin Nova Scotian, 1181 Hollis Street Halifax

*French language support available

B34.

Water and air quality focus of upcoming environmental forum in Pictou – Weds. Jan. 14

PICTOU – An environmental sustainability issues forum on air quality, drinking water and water management will be held Wednesday, January 14. Air and water issues were among the top three environmental priorities identified by Pictou County residents in recent surveys. The information from this forum will be used to help develop an integrated community sustainability plan for much of Pictou County. Participants will be asked to suggest actions, projects, policies or ideas. Johnny McPherson, airshed planner for Nova Scotia Environment, will speak on airshed planning in Nova Scotia and air quality in Pictou County. Judy MacDonald, supervisor of Nova Scotia Environment's Drinking Water Management Program, will talk about drinking water and water management provincially and in Pictou County. Prior to joining Nova Scotia Environment, MacDonald participated in Part 2 of the Walkerton Inquiry on behalf of the Ontario Water Works Association and Ontario Municipal Water Association providing recommendations on the production and distribution of safe drinking water. Scott Conrod, Pictou's chief administrative officer, will provide an overview of a joint town-county sewage treatment project and its relevance to drinking water. The forum is free and will run from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Pictou Academy. The storm date will be Jan. 15 at the Academy.

B35.

Demolition & Waste Management Symposium, Halifax NS - February 19, 2009

Participate to learn about the Nova Scotian demolition and waste management industry. Discussion and presentation topics are sure to include the status of regulatory governance, current and best demolition and dismantling practices, the 3R's approach for minimizing the deposition of CRD waste into landfills, and more... Information here: <http://www.esans.ca/events.html#demo>

B36.

"Wild Nova Scotia" Public Lecture Thursday, February 5, 2009

Auditorium of the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax. Meetings are open to the public. Nova Scotia has designated thirty-three Crown-owned areas as Wilderness Areas, consisting of about five percent of our provincial land-mass. These Wilderness Areas showcase the best of natural Nova Scotia, and Len Wagg has photographed them all. Len has covered a varied selection of assignments in Nova Scotia, Canada, United States, Europe, the Mediterranean, Ethiopia, and Rwanda, since joining The Chronicle Herald in 1984. Over the years his photographs have appeared in such publications as The New York Times, Time Magazine, MacLean's, and other newspapers all over the world. Len has won numerous journalism awards on the regional and national level, and also for his work in magazines. Most recently, his book Wild Nova Scotia won the Award for

Excellence in Illustration at the 2008 Atlantic Book Awards. Tonight he will be sharing some of these breathtaking aerial photographs of Nova Scotia with us. Halifax Field Naturalists: http://hfn.chebucto.org/meet_show.cgi
B37.

Winter Woods Walk in Wolfville on Jan. 14

Keep your New Year's resolution - Get more exercise, meet new people, have more fun, get outside. Discover the year-round hiking opportunities in Acadia's backyard. Join us for a free hike WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14, 12 - 1PM. Meet in the main lobby of the KC Irving Centre, 32 University Avenue, 585-1917. Wear warm clothes and boots for winter hiking.

<http://botanicalgardens.acadiu.ca>

Location: Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens

Posted by: Priesnitz, Melanie

More info here: <http://calendar.acadiu.ca/>

C. Non-Environmental Events

C1.

VOW Potluck Social & Discussion on the "Troubling Rise of Militarism in Canada" Jan. 14

Wednesday, January 14th, Potluck Social & Discussion on the "Troubling Rise of Militarism in Canada - A Closer Look at Military Spending and Canada's First Defence Strategy" from 6-8:30 on Wednesday, January 14th we will be having a potluck at the Women's Community Space of the YWCA on Barrington (1233 Barrington - walk to the back of the building from Barrington St.). The potluck social will be followed by a presentation by Tamara Lorincz about high military spending and the related cutbacks to social programs. After the presentation, we will have a discussion and planning session. Please come with your ideas! NB - the YWCA is a nut-free zone, so please don't bring any food containing nut products!

C2.

Fair Vote Nova Scotia: "Coalition Governments: Real Democracy or Democracy Hijacked?" Sunday, January 25th at 4 PM at Just Us! Cafe, 5896 Spring Garden Rd., Halifax. Dr. Lori Turnbull, Associate Professor of Political Science at Dalhousie University, will be our guest speaker, followed by a discussion on the pros and cons of coalition government, and how electoral reform can help or hinder the process. Come join us for what is sure to be an interesting discussion ... we hope to see you there!

C3.

FREE PUBLIC FILM SCREENING: "Why We Fight" Thursday, January 15 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Rm. 224, Student Union Dalhousie University, 6136 University Ave. Halifax

Free. All Welcome. Don't miss this important film. Learn more about the "Canada First Defence Strategy"

Acclaimed filmmaker Eugene Jarecki, creates a sense of urgency and moves beyond the headlines to uncover the deeper answers behind the American war machine in WHY WE FIGHT - Winner of the Documentary Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival in 2005. Inspired by Dwight Eisenhower's legendary farewell speech, filmmaker Jarecki surveys the scorched landscape of a half-century's military adventures, asking how, and revealing why he believes that the nation of, by, and for the people has become the savings-and-loan of a system whose survival depends on a state of constant war. Jarecki explores the gap between perception and reality, and is concerned not only with the viewpoint of Americans, but also with the perspective of those on the receiving end of the US war machine. We must question Canada's new military transformation "Fight with the Canadian Forces"? Why does Canada spend 20X more on the military than on the natural environment? Why are we fighting with the US-led NATO and killing in Afghanistan? Why was the Canadian public not consulted on the Canada First Defence Strategy that commits the federal government to spend \$490 BILLION in the military over the next 20 years? Watch the film and find out more. *Anniversary of former President General Dwight Eisenhower's Address on the Military Industrial Complex on January 17, 1961* Organized by NSPIRG and the Halifax Peace Coalition
hfxpeace@chebucto.ca

www.halifaxpeacecoalition.ca

C4.

You are cordially invited to a RECEPTION for Dr. Jeff Halper on Monday, January 12, 5-7 pm

Dr. Halper is from the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions visiting Halifax as part of his cross-Canada tour. Monday, January 12, 5-7 pm, The Art Gallery, Saint Mary's University Loyola Building, 5865 Gorsebrook Avenue. Refreshments will be served. .Jeff, an Israeli Jewish author, will speak about current attack on Gaza and non-violent strategies to solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict .He will be giving a public talk Tuesday, January 13, 7:30 pm at the Scotiabank Auditorium, Dalhousie University, 6135 University Ave., Halifax. A main purpose of this reception is to raise funds for ICAHD through the Near East Cultural and Educational Foundation (NECEF); all donations from individuals made to NECEF for ICAHD will be tax-deductible (please bring your cheque book) Canadians, Arabs and Jews for a Just Peace (www.forjustpeace.org) For additional information please contact Lawrence Roche at 462-3010 or via email at lawrence.roche@rcrca.ca

C5.

The Attack on Gaza: A Jewish Israeli Peace Activist Speaks Out JEFF HALPER Tues. Jan. 13

Tuesday, January 13, 7:30 pm Scotiabank Auditorium Dalhousie University, 6135 University Ave., Halifax

- . Jewish Israeli author and speaker about non-violent strategies to solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
- . Co-founder Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (www.icahd.org)
- . On Free Gaza flotilla that first broke the Gaza siege in August 2008
- . Nominated for Nobel Peace Prize by American Friends Service

Committee Sponsored by Canadians, Arabs and Jews for a Just Peace info@forjustpeace.org and Independent Jewish Voices www.independentjewishvoices.ca Nova Scotia Public Interest Group www.nspirg.org 240-2782

C6.

The Axis of Diesel Public Lecture: Thursday, 22 Jan 2009

Jerome Davis, Department of Political Science in the Lord Dalhousie Room, Henry Hicks Building, Dalhousie University, 12:30pm - 2:00pm. More Centre for Foreign Policy Studies 2009 seminars here: <http://centreforforeignpolicystudies.dal.ca/seminarseries.php>

C7.

Deep Democracy: The Art of Effective Decision-Making on February 26-27, 2009

Presented by Sera Thompson and Georgina Veldhorst. Location: Halifax, NS

Deep Democracy is about fostering awareness within and of oneself and in groups. The training provides practical and pragmatic tools and techniques that are simple yet powerful. These teach you how to:

- enhance individual and team effectiveness,
- improve the quality and inclusiveness of decision-making
- get people to say what they need to say
- view challenges and conflict as vehicles for growth

Registration Fee: General: \$850; Community leader: \$700

To read more about how Deep Democracy can impact your effectiveness and productivity, go to the workshop website: <http://www.aliainstitute.org/programs/2009DeepD/home.html>

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C8.

LOOKING BACK, THINKING AHEAD: Using Research to Improve Policy and Practice in Women's Health

The Westin Nova Scotian - Halifax, Nova Scotia

March 15 -18, 2009

<https://acewh09.dal.ca/>

C9.

Public lecture "Fair Traded Coffee" Jan. 31 in Halifax

Join representatives from The Java Factory Roasting Company for a taste of select coffees from around the world. The art of coffee roasting, fair trade and sustainability and its effect on the coffee industry will be discussed. Registration required
J.D. Shatford Memorial Public Library
Saturday, January 31/2:00 pm
More info: <http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca>

C10.

Reclaiming Higher Education Symposium Tatamagouche Centre from January 30 to February 1, 2008

The "Reclaiming Higher Education Symposium consists of two parts: firstly, an analysis and critique of the role that the university and the university education plays in society, and secondly, working group sessions to further the development of an innovative institution for higher education founded on principles of sustainability and social justice. Part academic conference, and part working group session, the Reclaiming Higher Education Symposium continues to build the foundations for the New University Cooperative, with a particular emphasis on furthering the development of the curriculum, For more information, please contact: newucooperative@gmail.com phone: 902 657 2532 web: www.newuniversity.ca

C11.

Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia Illustrated Public Lecture on Jan. 15

Understanding & Conserving: The Standards & Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada
Speaker: Jeffrey Reed
Standards & Guidelines Officer for the Historic Places Initiative
Thursday, January 15th, 2009: 7:30pm
Museum of Natural History
1747 Summer Street, Halifax (Auditorium) Admission Free All Cordially Invited!!

C12.

Come and share an evening of Ideas with Bernie Lucht on Jan. 29 at King's College, Halifax

Executive Producer of CBC Radio documentary program Idea's.
Thursday, Jan 29, 7-9 pm
Peter Wilson Common Room, New Academic Building, University of King's College, 6350 Coburg Road, Halifax
Bernie will be reading from Ideas for a Century (2008), published by Goose Lane Editions. Blurb below.
Everyone welcome.

C13.

ETHICS IN THE FINANCIAL MARKETS? On Jan. 21

Transparency, Leadership, Accountability. Who are the key players, what questions should we be asking them, what are their roles, and are they fulfilling them? A JUST IN TIME presentation by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs (CCEPA) Featuring:
Greg Grice - Regional President, Atlantic Provinces, RBC Royal Bank
Dr. Greg MacKinnon - Professor of Finance, Saint Mary's University
David Swanson - Advisor, Investment Management, TD Waterhouse
Moderated by: Bill Black - Former CEO Maritime Life, Board Chair CCEPA
Wednesday, January 21, 7pm - 9pm
Scotiabank Theatre Auditorium
Saint Mary's University
FREE ADMISSION
For more info: www.ccepa.ca

C14.

JUDES Wisdom Tour in Mexico from Feb. 28-March 8

Leave winter behind and take advantage of lower flight prices to learn about the ancient Zapotec culture and how they have protected their forests for thousands of years. Try your hand at harvesting coffee, hear the stories and music of this rich cultural area, relax and enjoy the tranquility, and experience the delights of the local food.

Departure: Saturday, February 28 – Sunday, March 8, 2009.

- Cost: \$1350 per person (excludes flights & insurance).
- Fees include all transportation within Oaxaca (private van), 8 nights accommodation (double-occupancy), knowledgeable and bilingual guides, meals, entrance to historic sites, and most activities. The fee also includes a Sustainability Fee (towards Gold Standard carbon offsets for international and local travel & local environmental projects), a Reciprocity Fund (to bring representatives from producer communities to Canada), and a contribution towards the administration & education costs of JUDES.

Registration deadline is 30 days prior to departure. Space is limited (max: 9 people / trip), so register early!

Satya Ramen

Development Coordinator

JUDES (Just Us! Development and Education Society)

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C15.

Equal Voice Nova Scotia Meeting on Jan. 26

After a busy political season, it's about time for EVNS to meet for a planning session. It's just coincidence that Parliament resumes with the Speech from the Throne on the very same day. Perhaps by that evening, we'll have a sense whether EVNS should be gearing up for another federal election, or whether EVNS should prepare for a provincial election. In the meantime, other projects are on the back burner. Come out and join the Steering Committee on 26 January. Everyone is heartily welcomed. Equal Voice Nova Scotia meets at 7pm in the Political Science lounge, 3rd floor, Hicks Admin Building, Dalhousie University. Park for free at Wickwire soccer field during the evening.

C16.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 19th at St. FX, Antigonish

3:00 pm, MacKay Room, Bloomfield Centre, St. FX campus, Antigonish

A celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Day will take place on Monday, January 19th at 3:00pm in the MacKay Room of Bloomfield Centre. Keynote address by Mr. Irvine Carvery, President of the Africville Genealogy Society and the first African Nova Scotian Chair of the Halifax Regional School Board, on Dr. Martin Luther King, The Visionary. More info: <http://www.stfx.ca/events/>

D. Announcements

D1.

MISA Newcomers offer Accounting help to Community Groups

I am now the Coordinator for MISA's Mentor Program where I look for professionals to mentor internationally educated newcomers trained in the same profession. We have a number of clients with an accounting background. They are looking for hands on experience so I am wondering if you know of any community groups where the treasurer could use some help. Some of these professionals have decades of experience and their English is very good. Please let me know if you are aware of a group who could use some help or if you would like more information on these valuable volunteers.

Graziella Grbac

Mentor Program Coordinator

Work in Nova Scotia (WINS)

Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association -MISA

Suite 201 - 7105 Chebucto Place

Halifax, N.S. B3L 4W8

<http://www.misa.ns.ca/>

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F (902) 423-3154

D2.**Ideas wanted for Canadian Land Trust Alliance annual conference this September**

The Canadian Land Trust Alliance annual conference is moving into serious planning mode this month. This will be an outstanding, hands-on event for anyone interested in land conservation in Canada. The conference will be at the Westin (in Halifax), Sept.24 – 26, 2009. Have your say on the workshops YOU would like to see facilitated... Would you like to learn more about conservation easements? How about effective land conservation campaigns? Or would like to find out more about tax-savvy ways to incorporate nature conservation into estate planning. Let's hear your ideas! Please send your ideas for workshops for the CLTA conference to me by end of day tomorrow, Jan. 9th. See below for the original email of inquiry, and a few ideas for workshop topics. Thanks for your thoughts!

Karen McKendry

Private Land Conservation Facilitator

Nova Scotia Nature Trust

1657 Barrington St., Roy Bldg., Suite 517

P.O. Box 2202

Halifax, NS

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(902) 425-5263

D3.**Asbestos Transfer/Bulking Facility Opportunity for Public Input**

Proponent:Enviroclean Ltd./Power Vac Services

Location:Burnside Industrial Park, HRM

Class:I

Project Status:Under review

This is to advise that on December 11, 2008, Enviroclean Ltd./Power Vac Services registered an Asbestos Transfer / Bulking Facility for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act. Power Vac Services requires an asbestos / transfer bulking facility site for asbestos waste and requires a temporary storage location be relocated from the existing location on Cobequid Road to 51 Raddall Ave., Dartmouth. Opportunities for Public Input: Public comments on the Registration Document will be accepted until January 20, 2009. All comments received will be available to the public at the Nova Scotia Environment Library, 5th floor, Halifax Office, 5151 Terminal Road. More info:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/ea/enviroclean.asbestos.transfer.bulking.facility.asp>

D4.**Dalhousie Continuing Technical Education Spring 2009 Environmental Management Courses**

Courses in environmental auditing, indoor air quality, OH&S, radon mitigation monitoring... More info:

<http://collegeofcontinuinged.dal.ca/Continuing%20Technical%20Education/>

D5.**Transport Canada and Environment Canada consultation on an Emission Control Area for ships. Jan. 21**

Transport Canada and Environment Canada are holding a consultation on an Emission Control Area for ships. A North American Emission Control Area will require that ships substantially reduce their emissions of smog-forming air pollutants while in designated Canadian or American waters, delivering significant air quality and health improvements to Canadians and Canadian ecosystems, in a manner that is recognized internationally. January, 21 at 1:30 PM at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront , 1919 Upper Water Street Halifax, NS B3J 3J5 If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to me (contact info below). On behalf of the EC and TC co-chairs of the Working Group on Air Emissions of the Canadian Marine Advisory Council,

Lynn Nadon, Environment Canada

Place Vincent Massey, 10th Floor

351 St. Joseph Blvd, Gatineau, Quebec, K1A 0H3

Tel: (819) 934-8782, Fax: (819) 953-7815, Cell: (819) 210-4033

D6.

The Otesha Project's 2009 cycling and performing tours have just been launched!

The Otesha Project is a youth-run organization that uses theatre to mobilize young people to make local and global change through their everyday consumer choices. The cycling and performing tour offers participants the chance to live in a mobile sustainable community while giving performances to high school students and community groups about how to make sustainability a part of everyday life. This year we are offering 7 tours departing from four different cities across Canada: Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa and Moncton. Learning tours, bilingual tours, one month, two months - the possibilities are endless! If you or someone you know is interested in applying to go on a tour, now is the time. For more information or to apply go to www.otesha.ca or email applications@otesha.ca. Apply by January 15 and successful applicants will receive FIVE copies of The Otesha Book: From Junk to Funk to kickstart your fundraising adventures!

D7.

Solar Shelter Courses: Halifax & Bridgewater

Solar Nova Scotia is pleased to announce the next courses of Solar Shelter Design, a practical, how-to course on designing and building solar shelters, including greenhouses, solariums, additions and especially solar homes. This course is intended for the general public and for those in design and construction. The main instructor is one of Canada's most experienced solar designer-builders, Don Roscoe.

Here's the outline:

- (1) *_Solar Basics_* of active and passive, an affordable approach.
- (2) *_Climate Control_* for comfort and health, energy and the environment
- (3) *_Site Designing_* working with nature
- (4) *_Shelter Designing_* bringing you, your needs, and your site together
- (5) *_Solar Construction_* ground frost insulation, heat storage slabs, glazing types and systems and solar mechanicals
- (6) *_Making It Happen_* costing, controlling costs, contracting, doing it yourself, case studies, and other approaches.

Fee for the course is \$90 for individuals and \$150 for couples and includes a hand out. If you don't have a textbook (The Solar Shelter Manual) already, you can buy one at the course for \$15.

----- Upcoming Courses -----

When you register, we'll need to know (a) if you're single or a couple and (b) contact information for you in case something changes. Note that each course has specific registration info.

HALIFAX: At NS Community College, Leeds St. Halifax, Six Tuesdays 7-10:00pm starting Jan 13. Register at: 852-4758

BRIDGEWATER: Bridgewater High School. Six Thursdays 6:45-9:45pm starting Jan 15. Information and registration from Sandy Mair: 543-2274

D8.

Revolution of the Mind: Transformative Learning for Sustainable Living course starts in Feb.

New Earth Institute course starts in February 2009

Open for registration now!

Description:

We are excited to offer the Revolution of the Mind course in Nova Scotia as one of the first offerings of the New Earth Institute, which is an organization that is evoking new solutions to the pressing problems we are facing today through transformative, holistic educational processes. In these critical times, we need new forms of leadership and a new generation of change agents who have a genuine appreciation for the inner and outer dimensions of healthy, sustainable transformation. To this end, the "Revolution of the Mind" will introduce participants to revolutionary integral frameworks, processes and tools that have been developed by various leaders in systems change around the world. Through facilitated personal and group exploration of these models, they will come to life and will enable participants to apply what they have learned effectively in their respective fields. The course is based on integral, contemplative models of education and wisdom traditions. It will engage both 'inner' (personal, mental, spiritual) and 'outer' (cultural, social, environmental, economic) dimensions of beneficial personal and social transformation. The systems of knowledge and approaches usually applied to the challenges we face in the world

will be complimented and enhanced through familiarization with the intelligence that comes through inquiry and redefining concepts. In short, this will be a process of learning how our every thought and action is an opportunity to impact the planet positively. The intention is to inspire new, holistic solutions and the leadership to address the most pressing ecological and social concerns of modern life. The course will benefit individuals, organizations and communities seeking more holistic, integral and dynamic pathways to a bright and sustainable future. The fruit of the process for participants is a more integrated, personal sense of direction, purpose and vision in whatever field s/he is engaged in and committed to. Revolution of the Mind will be delivered over 8 weekly 3-hour evening sessions. It will culminate in an optional weekend retreat on Nova Scotia's beautiful South Shore.

Locations:

Mahone Bay: Weekly 3-hour classes starts on Thursday, February 5th and ends on Thursday, March 26th, between 6-9 p.m. Location TBA.

Halifax: Weekly 3-hour classes start on Friday, February 6th and end on Friday, March 27th, between 6-9 p.m. They will meet at the GPI Atlantic office at 3008 Oxford St, Suite 203 (corner of Oxford and Cork, near Local Joes Cafe) Cost: Sliding scale, \$140-\$180 for the eight meetings. Everybody is welcome regardless of ability to pay. Registration: Limited space available in both locations. For more information and to register, contact Saskia Tait and Shahar Rabi: info@newearthinstitute.ca; Tel: 902-489-2524

D9.

Department of Natural Resources Voluntary Planning Seeking Expert Panelists – Deadline Jan. 23

Natural Resources Minister David Morse has announced that retired Chief Justice of Nova Scotia Constance Glube has been named chair of a steering panel that will oversee the balance of the natural resources strategy process, starting with Phase II, which will incorporate the work of the Voluntary Planning citizen engagement process. The remaining steering panel members will be named shortly. The Department of Natural Resources is also seeking applicants for four panels of expertise to focus on the key components of the strategy: forests, minerals, parks and biodiversity. Applications are being invited up to Friday, January 23, 2009. Questions regarding the recruitment and selection process should be directed at the Department of Natural Resources. Further details on the natural resources strategy process are available on the department's website at <http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/strategy2010/>

D10.

Take the Survey - Invasive Alien Species Contact List

The purpose of this survey is to identify, gather and circulate relevant information about people or organizations working with invasive alien species, with an emphasis in Atlantic Canada. The information is being gathered by a group of organizations from across Atlantic Canada seeking to promote IAS-related communication and to connect provincial IAS bodies, practitioners, and stakeholders in Atlantic Canada. To access the survey please visit the following site: <http://channels.mun.ca/survey/entry.jsp?id=1224610403420>

D11.

Greening Your Business Program in Cape Breton

ACAP Cape Breton is pleased to offer a Greening Your Business program to Cape Breton businesses. Launched in the fall, we are now looking for some businesses that would like us to visit and provide direction in the areas of water conservation, energy efficiency, solid waste management and climate change. The program involves a staff presentation and a one on one session with a public education coordinator. Our goal is to help businesses reduce their carbon footprint. Please contact Katherine at 567-1628 if you are interested in enhancing your business practices. If you would like more information on ACAP Cape Breton's programs, please contact us at 567.1628 , visit our website or drop in the Centre located at 582 George St., Sydney. www.acapcb.ns.ca

D12.

Comments due on Atlantic Industrial Services proposed expansion of waste management services

This notice is to advise that on December 5, 2008, Atlantic Industrial Services registered the proposed expansion of waste management services at Debert, Nova Scotia, for environmental assessment in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act. The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to provide additional storage capacity and enhanced processing capabilities to enable the existing Debert Industrial Waste Management Facility to manage wastewater and containerized waste materials generally classified as Waste Dangerous Goods. The planned expansion will take

place within the boundaries of the existing Facility located at 660 MacElmon Road, in the Debert Industrial Park, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. Implementation is planned over a two year period (2009 - 2010). Copies of the environmental assessment registration information may be examined at the following locations:

- Public Library Colchester East, 754 Prince Street, Truro, NS
- Municipality of Colchester Administration Office, 1 Church Street, Truro, NS
- Clean Nova Scotia, 126 Portland Street, Dartmouth, NS
- Ecology Action Centre, 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment, 2nd Floor, 36 Inglis Place, Truro, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment, 5th Floor, Library, 5151 Terminal Road, Halifax, NS
- EA website at 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 January 14th, 2009 or contact the department by phone at (902) 424-3230, by fax at (902) 424-0503, or by e-mail at EA@gov.ns.ca

E. Jobs & Internships

E1.

Job Vacancy – Climate & Energy Campaigner (Tar Sands) Greenpeace

Position: Campaigner on Climate & Energy

Location: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Reports to: Climate and Energy Coordinator

Closing date for applications: Friday January 16, 2009

Annual salary: \$42,855, plus an excellent benefits package

Term: One-year contract

Greenpeace is seeking an experienced campaigner to join the Greenpeace team in confronting the world's largest industrial project. The construction and development of the Athabasca tar sands represent one of the largest environmental threats happening in Canada. From runaway greenhouse gas emissions, to impacts on forest and wetlands, to growing toxic lakes, downstream health impacts and workers rights the tar sands are an ecological and social ticking time bomb. Greenpeace is working directly in the belly of the beast to slow and stop the project and bring about a transition to clean energy sources within Canada. Candidates should have a proven record on developing campaign strategies and implementing successful tactics. You will work on this campaign with colleagues in Edmonton, Toronto and Montreal, and around the world. You will develop relationships with other groups and activists; represent Greenpeace at meetings with industry and government officials; act as a spokesperson to the media and at public events; organize community-based activists; research and analyze a wide range of materials related to the tar sands issue; and produce written campaign materials. The successful candidate will possess: excellent communications skills (both verbal and written); strong negotiation skills; the ability to work as part of a team as well as independently; demonstrated good judgement and leadership skills; be extremely well-organized; and understand and support Greenpeace's campaign style including engaging in peaceful civil disobedience. Experience related to climate change, oil and gas issues, and other energy issues, is a strong asset. You must be able to travel, including internationally. The ability to work evenings and weekends is sometimes required. An ability to communicate in French and English will be considered an asset. Please send resume and cover letter to:

Greenpeace Canada

Attn: Laura Severinac, Assistant to the Campaigns Director

33 Cecil Street

Toronto, Ontario, M5T 1N1

E-mail: laura.severinac@greenpeace.org

Fax to: 416-597-8422

Greenpeace Canada embraces equity and diversity and is committed to a workplace that is enriched by the people, needs and desires of Canada's diverse community. We thank all applicants, but only those invited for interviews will be contacted.

E2.

The Council of Canadians Trade or Health Care Campaigners in Ottawa

The Council of Canadians is a national public interest group opposed to deeper integration with the United States and increased corporate control, and committed to protecting and reclaiming Canadian sovereignty by promoting better democracy. Under the general direction of the Director of Campaigns and Communications and working in close collaboration with other members of staff, the Campaigner is currently responsible for contributing to the planning and implementation of all components of The Council's Trade or Health Care Campaign, Organizing and Communications Strategy. The Campaigner is specifically responsible for the planning and delivery of all elements of the Trade or Health Care campaign including the development, planning and implementation of creative and inspiring public campaigning. As well, the Campaigner is responsible for collaborating with other members of the Campaign Team to ensure that all work of the Team is effectively planned and implemented and with other Council staff to ensure the effective and efficient functioning of the National Office.

The Campaigner will:

- develop and maintain Council expertise on the specific issue campaign;
- develop strategy together with other members of the Campaigns and Communications Team to achieve the campaign goals;
- monitor policy developments on the issue/related issues and ensure a timely and appropriate response from the Council;
- research and develop written materials on the issue including articles, fact sheets, brochures, briefing notes, op-eds and correspondence, including correspondence with different levels of government for signature;
- in collaboration with Communications staff, develop and implement a media strategy including writing press releases, media interviews etc.;
- in collaboration with Regional Organizers, develop campaign tactics (including events and materials) to support and develop grass-roots activism;
- undertakes outreach activities; liaise, develop and maintain working relationships with relevant organizations and individuals (including coalitions, as appropriate) and represent The Council on that issue; and facilitate/maintain good organizational relationships with all contacts;
- oversee and participate in the implementation of planned campaign and organizing activities in collaboration with the organizing team (e.g.: lobbying, workshops, "days of action," popular education events, conferences, etc.) including logistical elements and oversight of event staff/volunteers;
- develop appropriate relationships with media, politicians, bureaucrats and other key decision makers related to the campaign;
- brief the Director Campaigns and Communications and the Executive Director on the issue campaign;
- prioritize areas for work and response and integrate these with the broader Council campaign team work plan and with broader organizational objectives;
- maintain a "watching brief" on campaign issue/related issues and share relevant information with other Campaign Team staff;
- participate in the planning and implementation of The Council's long-term and annual campaign plans and strategies;
- input to the development of an effective communications, organizing and issues strategy for The Council;
- contribute to the preparation of the annual Campaign operational plan and budget (overall and on the assigned campaign) and planning, overseeing and monitoring assigned budget area;
- participate in the production of materials and resources and contributes to Council publications and correspondence; and develops materials as requested;
- respond to complex and strategic information requests and correspondence (mail, email, phone, fax, etc.)
- develop & maintain working files and collaborates with other team staff on their eventual integration into common files; and,
- contribute to the preparation of reports to the Executive Director and the rest of the organization as required.
- contribute to the development of plans and strategies and the resolution of operational issues together with other teams;

The qualifications for this position are:

- commitment to the Council's values, vision and direction;
- relevant degree and/or equivalent educational qualifications and/or work qualifications;
- excellent skills and demonstrated ability in the development, planning and implementation of creative and inspiring public campaigning;

- proven skills and experience in the planning and implementation of projects;
- strong strategic thinking skills, conflict resolution and negotiating skills;
- demonstrated experience in public, media and government relations;
- superior knowledge of current national economic, social and political issues;
- excellent research and writing skills;
- good interpersonal skills and the ability to exercise tact, discretion and judgment at all times;
- proven administrative skills and an organized approach with an ability to prioritize and effectively handle many demands;
- excellent communications skills, both oral and written;
- capacity to work in a self-directed manner and demonstrated ability to work well within a team setting;
- computer skills including familiarity with word processing, spreadsheet, communications and database software.
- The ideal candidate will have fluency in both official languages of Canada.

The Council of Canadians is an equal opportunity employer. This is a full time permanent position of 35 hours per week and is based in Ottawa, Ontario. We offer a unionized environment, a salary starting at \$54,098 per annum and the chance to make a difference! **APPLICATIONS:** Send your resume, in confidence, by 4:30 PM, Friday January 16 2009 to hr@canadians.org . Quote Competition# CoC-2008-19 Campaigner on application; and also please state you preference for either the Health Care or Trade campaign. We appreciate all applications but only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

E3.

Various Halifax Market Job Opportunities

Different positions open: Community Benefit Coordinators for several projects. For job descriptions, please contact: PPCL Special Projects Office
6950 Mumford Road, Halifax, B3L 4W1 www.peopleplusconsulting.com 444-3091

E4.

Job Announcement: Marine Planning & Community Based Conservation Coordinator

The Ecology Action Centre was founded in 1971 and is now one of Nova Scotia's most active and largest environmental organizations. Our well-established Marine Program focuses on ecological impacts of fishing, sustainable seafood and sustainable livelihoods. The Marine Program works with local communities to promote local seafood and sustainable fisheries, advocates for government policy that promotes conservation in addition to working collaboratively with several other marine conservation organizations in Canada and internationally. The position is based in our recently renovated green building in the North End of Halifax.

The Marine Planning & Community Based Conservation Coordinator will work with the other marine program staff and the Marine Issues Committee to further marine conservation in Atlantic Canada and beyond. We are seeking someone with a commitment to marine conservation and knowledge of community based conservation initiatives to carry out ongoing projects.

General Responsibilities

- Represent the EAC at integrated management initiatives
- Participate in collaborative marine spatial planning projects
- Work with coastal communities to implement community based conservation initiatives, including sustainable fisheries, marine protection and market based incentives
- Explore opportunities for coastal protected areas, in collaboration with other conservation groups as well as government agencies
- Coordinate with other marine program projects, including sustainable seafood initiatives

Additional Responsibilities

- Work with volunteers who have an interest in marine conservation
- Attend and help to organize monthly Marine Issues Committee meetings in collaboration with other staff
- Respond to inquiries and concerns of the public
- Grant writing and fundraising

Desired Skills and Experience

- Experience with and knowledge of Atlantic Canadian fisheries, or fisheries in general
- Knowledge of socio-economic considerations in conservation

- Excellent communication skills
- Networking and relationship building
- Working in the non-profit environment an asset
- Grant writing and report writing
- Must be able to work in a self directed environment, as well as work well as part of a team

Length of position: 1 year term position with option for extension

Start Date: February 15th, 2009

Salary Range \$34,000.00- \$38,000.00 depending on candidates experience. Health benefits included.

Please send cover letters and resumes to marine@ecologyaction.ca by January 22, 2008.

F. Volunteer Opportunities / HelpWanted

F1.

BECOME A NSEN BOARD MEMBER!

NSEN is recruiting new directors to join our board. We will be electing new directors at our Annual Gathering. Please join Larry Bell, Sackville Rivers Association; Gretchen Fitzgerald, Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter; Ashraf Mahtab, Partnership for the Sustainable Development of Digby Neck & Islands; Emma Board, Ecology Action Centre; and Derek Simon, Patterson Law (Honourary Counsel). NSEN needs your help – will you step forward? For more info, see attached form and visit our Directors' page: <http://nsen.ca/boardofdirectors.php> or email: board_nsen@cen-rce.org

G. Funding & Awards

G1.

Earth Day Canada's Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program

We are pleased to announce that Earth Day Canada's Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program is entering its seventh year of rewarding students from across Canada for their efforts to improve the state of the environment through school and community activities. We would appreciate if you could please pass this on to your members and volunteers. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2009. Detailed program information and applications are available at www.earthday.ca/scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact me at 416.599.1991 ext. 108 (1.888.283.2784 ext. 108) or at scholarship.coord@earthday.ca.

G2.

TD Canada Trust \$100,000 Go Green Challenge

TD Canada Trust \$100,000 Go Green Challenge provides university students with a fantastic opportunity to win 1 of 4 \$25,000 cash prizes for submitting a proposal for positive environmental change in their communities. All you need is a team of two or more students (both undergrads and graduate) and a faculty sponsor (someone to sign off on your proposal). Then complete and submit an entry form and submit an essay of no more than 4,000 words or 20 pages outlining your idea. The proposals should be focused on making your community more sustainable. Some examples: public transit, water quality, energy conservation, waste reduction, and naturalizing urban spaces. The homepage for the contest is at <http://www.tdcanadatrust.com/gogreen>. The deadline for proposal submissions is January 16, 2009.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the contest please contact Dave at daveespeseth@gmail.com.

G3.

NS Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award

Nominations for the 2009 award opened in October 2008 and close January 31, 2009. The criteria are the same as for the 2008 Awards program. For more details: <http://www.communityspiritaward.ca/details.htm>

G4.

Deadline for the Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Grants Program is January 15, 2009.

Details can be found on our website at www.cfns.ca

G5.

Announcement: Upcoming RBC Blue Water Leadership Grants Deadline is March 6

The RBC Blue Water Project Leadership grants are directed to organizations that are leaders in providing programs in North America and other countries where RBC does business. They have recently narrowed their focus to two areas:

1. Watershed protection. Programs and projects that focus on:

- Watershed awareness
- Community-based watershed stewardship
- Protection and restoration of sensitive natural areas, or
- Sustainable water use and conservation

2. Access to clean drinking water. Programs and projects that focus on making sure communities have access to clean, safe drinking water, when and where it is needed.

The next deadline for application is March 6th. For details about the first round of grants and to download the application go to: <http://www.rbc.com/donations/blue-water-pre.html>

G6.

Trail Maintenance Grants Information

Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/physicalactivity/publications/Trail-Maintenance-Program.pdf>

G7.

HRM Civic Events Grants – Pre-screen deadline January 30

<http://www.halifax.ca/events/grantprocess.html>

For more information:

Halifax Regional Municipality

Community Development

Attn: Civic Event Grant Process

Alderney Gate, 2nd Floor

P.O. Box 1749

Halifax, N.S. B3J 3A5

phone. 490.2700

fax. 490.5950

Email. CivicEventsGrants@halifax.ca

G8.

NSEN ECO-HERO AWARDS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – DUE FRIDAY, FEB. 16

In celebration of our 15th anniversary in 2007, the Nova Scotia Environmental Network launched new annual environmental awards. These awards will recognize groups and individuals who have made a significant contribution to environmentalism in our province. There are seven award categories for both individuals and groups. The awards will be given out at our ENGO Roundtable on Friday, February 27 (snow date is March 2). Nomination forms are attached and more information is available at <http://www.nsen.ca/ecohero.php> or please contact NSEN at nsen@cen-rce.org

1. Nickerson Lifetime Achievement (Individual)

Awarded to an individual with an impressive and long legacy of environmental stewardship and leadership in NS.

2. Eco-Heroes Group of the Year (Group)

Awarded to the community group that has taken determined environmental action, which has resulted in positive in Nova Scotia.

3. Eco-Hero Environmentalist of the Year (Individual)

Awarded to an individual who has shown inspiring environmental initiative in Nova Scotia.

4. Cole Award in Excellence in Environment and Health (Group or Individual)

Awarded to an individual or group who has passionately promoted the link between environment and health in Nova Scotia.

5. Marshall Award for Aboriginal Environmental Leadership (Group or Individual)

Awarded to a First Nations individual or group who has demonstrated great environmental leadership in NS.

6. Youth Environmental Leadership Award (Group or Individual)

Awarded to an individual youth (Under 30 years old) or youth group who has shown enthusiastic environmental leadership in Nova Scotia.

7. Award for Environmental Political Will (Group or Individual)

Awarded to an elected official/politician(s) at any level of government who has exhibited a genuine commitment to protect the natural environment, advance sustainability and show eco-leadership in the last year.

H. News

H1.

Study: Past overfishing has left N.S. fishery vulnerable to current economic woes

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wed. Jan 7 - 6:58 PM

A new study says Nova Scotia's fishery is still reeling from past overfishing and has been left "vulnerable" to the global economic crisis as a result. The report, by Nova Scotia-based research group GPI Atlantic, says the province's fishing industry is less diverse than before and is relying more "on species lower in the food chain, notably lobster and other shellfish." GPI traces the changes to the overfishing of larger fish that depleted many of the province's commercial stocks and led to the cod collapse in the 1990s. The report says high prices for lobster and crab initially helped protect fishermen from the social and economic fallout of the collapse. The report's lead author, Tony Charles, says fishermen nowadays are struggling to make a living from the lobster fishery alone, especially as prices dip, but there are few other options because certain species have not recovered from overfishing years ago. The report, which examines the ecological and human aspects of the fishery, also says the average age of fishermen has been increasing and suggests young people are struggling to break into the industry.

H2.

Province Plans to Create New Agency for Energy Efficiency & DSM Final Report

HALIFAX – The Ecology Action Centre commends the Government of Nova Scotia for taking leadership on electric energy efficiency through the creation of a new efficiency administrator. This is a unique and innovative step forward in Canada that positions Nova Scotia to establish a highly effective energy efficiency strategy.

"Energy efficiency is cost-effective resource that is cheaper than any other fuel and this decision puts in place the administrative structure that will ensure accountability and results," said Energy Coordinator, Cheryl Ratchford.

Electricity Demand Side Management or DSM refers to a process by which electricity consumption demand is reduced through energy efficiency and conservation measures. Nova Scotia Power found through an Integrated Resource Planning process that spending 5% of utility revenue on electric energy efficiency would save \$1 billion through rendering the construction of a new coal fired power plant unnecessary.

A stakeholder process led by Dalhousie University was then tasked with holding consultations to determine the organizational design required to administer electric efficiency. Only one recommendation arose from this report: a performance – based independent efficiency agency. This report was presented to the provincial government in April, 2008.

New legislation is required to create the electric efficiency agency and therefore cannot happen until the spring sitting of the Legislature. "We are very pleased that the Dalhousie recommendation has been accepted and now the question becomes – how quickly can the new administrator become operational?" says Ratchford.

Through investing in all cost effective energy efficiency, government and utilities will save money in the long term, lower energy bills, create jobs across the province, provide opportunities for innovation and fight poverty.

Nova Scotia is already seeing the effects of climate change and Nova Scotia must transition toward a low carbon economy in order to protect our health and our economy. This announcement is one very important piece that will help Nova Scotia move in that direction.

To read the final report prepared by Dalhousie University visit: www.conservens.ca/publicconsultations

H3.

Hurdle cleared: Province gives environmental approval of exploration project for Donkin coal mine - estimated reserves of 300 million tonnes of coal.

<http://www.novascotiabusinessjournal.com/index.cfm?sid=76509&sc=107>

H4.

World faces perpetual food crisis: study

Globe and Mail Update, January 8, 2009 at 4:16 PM EST

Martin Mittelstaedt

TORONTO — The world faces a “perpetual food crisis” because global warming will likely lead to massive and simultaneous crop failures in many regions, possible as early as the period from 2040 to 2060, says a new study.

The finding, appearing in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*, is based on climate models that suggest the worst heat waves of the past in a region, such as the deadly one in France in 2003 that killed at least 30,000, are likely to become their new normal summer time temperatures in the future.

Although the trend to extreme heat becoming the new normal is likely to start in some regions by mid century, well within the expected lifetimes of many people now alive, the researchers were highly confident it would become a global phenomenon between 2080 and 2100, according to the study, conducted by scientists at the University of Washington and Stanford University.

The searing temperatures will wither crops that are heat sensitive, particularly important staples like wheat, corn and rice, possibly cutting yields by an estimated 20 per cent to 40 per cent. The impact will not be as pronounced on some crops, such as millet, that are more heat tolerant but are not exactly palate pleasers.

The principal author of the study, University of Washington climate researcher David Battisti, says the reduction in yields of some of the world's most important crops will have dire results, particularly in the tropics and subtropics where many people are already malnourished.

“For me, this is the strongest argument that either you have to do something about global warming or you need to actually figure out how you're going to deal with these kind of permanent reductions in yield,” Dr. Battisti said.

In an interview, Dr. Battisti contended that global warming's effect on agriculture is likely to be far more of a near term and larger threat to humanity than the expected rise in sea levels submerging major coast cities due to melting ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica.

“This is going to unfold in the next 100 years,” he said, “whereas the sea level changes are going to probably, most likely unfold over the next 300 to 400 years.”

Most of the models run to predict climate conditions due to higher atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases have focused on the threat of droughts in subtropical areas and not on the problem posed by rising temperatures, as was done in this study.

But extreme heat can be as damaging to crop as drought because it reduces leaf development and the size of kernels, a key factor in determining yields.

During recent heat waves, such as the one in France or a similar episode in the Ukraine in 1972, the adverse effects that wiped out crops in those specific countries was mitigated because the rest of the global food system was still functioning well, and failures in one region could be supplanted by surpluses elsewhere.

The study said this may not be possible in the future because many areas could be suffering extreme temperatures at the same time.

“It will be extremely difficult to balance food deficits in one part of the world with food surpluses in another” unless major investments are made soon to develop heat tolerant crops and better irrigation, the study said.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20090108.wclimate0108/BNSStory/International/home>

H5.

Cabinet shuffle delays release of climate change plan

PAUL MCLEOD, METRO HALIFAX

January 09, 2009 01:00

Today was supposed to be Mark Parent’s big day.

The former environment minister had spent the past couple years working on the government’s climate change plan. After many delays, it was finally completed and ready to be released today.

But on Wednesday, Premier Rodney MacDonald shuffled his cabinet. Parent was moved out of Environment to Agriculture as former Natural Resources minister David Morse took over his job. Parent is also minister of Labour.

Now the report is delayed yet again, so that Morse has time to catch up and be the go-to guy when it’s released. A lot of people in Parent’s position would be frustrated, but luckily he’s a former pastor.

“There’s a passage in the New Testament where Paul talks about others labouring and him reaping, and him labouring and others reaping,” Parent said. “And so I thought, you know, I’m happy for David.”

Morse had some involvement with the plan in his previous job, but said he wants to study every aspect of it before the release. There is no new release date for the plan, which will be announced alongside the new energy strategy.

But Morse said he hopes it won’t be much more than a week.

“The biggest challenge we face globally is climate change,” said Morse. “You can solve terrorism, poverty and cure cancer, and it’s going to be irrelevant if we’ve allowed the climate to get out of control.”

The plan has already been approved by cabinet, and Morse said he won’t be making any changes to it.

The plan was originally due more than a year ago, but saw repeated delays. Morse said it will be worth the wait.

“You’ve really got to make sure that you’ve got it right. If that means that it takes an extra year, then it’s better to take the year. But make sure that it’s right when you do unveil it,” he said.

H6.

Wolfville petitions province to ban uranium mining

By Wendy Elliott/The Advertiser

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NovaNewsNow.com

When it comes to a ban on uranium exploration, opinions were divided at the Wolfville town council table last week. Representatives from a group called Citizens Allied to Ban Uranium Mining (CABUM) brought a presentation to the December committee of council.

On Dec. 15, Keith Irving responded to comments by Dr. Chris Toplack on the health implications of the industry by saying he hadn’t heard an opposing opinion. Irving then set out his decision to abstain from voting. Jim Lacey and

deputy mayor Hugh Simpson also announced their plans to abstain, which would then count as a negative vote, since they, too, hadn't heard both sides of the argument.

Bill Zimmerman pointed out to his fellow councillors that council had never asked the tobacco companies to offer an opposing opinion when council unanimously approved the Smoke-free Indoor Public Places By-law several years ago. David Mangle got upset, noting that information has been available for decades about the negative impact uranium can have. He called it incomprehensible that anyone was not informed.

Mayor Bob Stead and Carl Oldham sided with Mangle and Zimmerman to pass a motion that will petition the provincial government to permanently ban the exploration and mining of uranium in Nova Scotia.

The motion indicates that uranium exploration and mining result in the contamination of air, water and soil with radioactive chemical toxins and because there is no management option that can contain stored toxic waste, council believes any potential economic benefit is not worth the harmful effects of uranium mining on the environment and human health.

Wolfville has joined seven other Nova Scotia municipalities in calling for a ban on uranium mining: Chester, West Hants, Lunenburg County, Lunenburg Town, Windsor, Kings County, and Cumberland County. Kings County council heard from both sides of the uranium argument earlier in the fall and passed its call for a moratorium Oct. 7.

I. Resources

I1.

New GPI Atlantic report: Fisheries and the Marine Environment in Nova Scotia: Searching for Sustainability and Resilience . Authors: Anthony Charles, Chris Burbidge, Heather Boyd and Amanda Lavers
<http://www.gpiatlantic.org/>

I2.

"Meeting the Challenge" Recommendations for Budget 2009. Green Budget Coalition.
Focus: Climate, Water, and Nature
http://www.greenbudget.ca/pdf/GBC_2009.pdf

I3.

HeatSmart: Find out about zero-interest loans to make energy efficiency improvements
<http://gov.ns.ca/heatsmart/>

I4.

CMA's report "No Breathing Room: National Illness Costs of Air Pollution"

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has released "staggering" new data which predict that air pollution will claim the lives of 21,000 Canadians this year, including more than 2,500 who will die because of "acute, short-term exposure." The economic impact of air pollution because of worker absenteeism, higher health care costs and other factors will top \$8 billion this year, and the cumulative total between now and 2031 will be more than \$250 billion. Read more: http://www.cma.ca/index.cfm/ci_id/86830/la_id/1.htm

I5.

"The Tar Sands Leaking Legacy" Environmental Defence Report

WASTE WATER. "Tar Sands operations in Alberta leak more than 4 billion litres of contaminated tailings water every year. The leakage could expand to more than 25 billion litres within a decade," says Environmental Defence report. Read it here: http://www.environmentaldefence.ca/reports/tarsands_dec_2008.html

I6.

Latest Nova Scotia Media List

Available here: http://www.gov.ns.ca/cmns/media_list.asp

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