

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

** Happy belated St. Patrick's Day. Happy World Water Day on March 22. EARTH HOUR on March 27 at 8:30 p.m. Be sure to plan now for Earth Day events for April 22 – the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day! A regular reminder to post your local events to our interactive online calendar: www.nsen.ca and click on **Connect!***

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A. Actions

A1.

Keep the Pressure on Parliament: PHONE MOB THURSDAYS

Shutting down switch boards is fun, fast and gets Parliament’s attention. That’s why every Thursday, hundreds of people are calling targeted MPs to make our demands known:

- 1.Reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25%-40% below 1990 levels by 2020; and 80%-95% below 1990 levels by 2050;
- 2.Stop subsidies to dirty fossil fuel industries within five years, and ensure a just transition for workers in these industries;
- 3.Implement an aggressive strategy to create good, green jobs;
- 4.Allocate targeted funding to address the impact of climate change to developing countries and displaced migrants, and Canada’s northern, rural, indigenous communities and low-income peoples;
- 5.Sign the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and respect principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent for indigenous and impacted communities so they can participate effectively at all levels of decision-making to address climate change.

Join the Facebook Group – Phone Mob Thursdays – for information on weekly themes and targeted MPs. Today, and every Thursday from now until the G8, phone Parliament (1-866-599-4999) and ask to speak to Jim Prentice or Stephen Harper. Tell them: “The G8/G20 meetings are taking place in Canada this June, and I want the world to know that people in Canada want leadership and concrete action on climate change. Canada can’t afford to prorogue climate change any further... more Sierra Youth Coalition: <http://www.ourclimate.ca/wordpress/g8g20-subpages/get-involved/>

A2.

Tell the NS Government You Want Green Jobs – Environmental, Social and Fiscal Balance

Getting Back to Balance

The Government of Nova Scotia is engaged in public consultations regarding the province's finances. Please participate in these consultations to let the Government know about the importance of making the links between the economy and the environment. The environment cannot be short-changed any longer. Our province needs to green the economy, fund environmental and climate change programs, and enforce environmental laws. We need to get our economy and our environment back to balance. Deadline for consultations is the end of March 2010. Read more information here: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/backtobalance/>

A3.

Turn off your power for EARTH HOUR – Saturday, March 27 at 8:30 p.m.

On March 27 at 8:30 p.m., hundreds of millions of people around the world will turn off their lights for an hour to demand action on climate change. But that's just the beginning. Every hour, Canadians are taking small steps to lessen their impact on the environment. From hanging your clothes to dry to taking transit to work, those small steps add up to huge changes for the better. Get inspired by others who are living Earth Hour every hour, and tell us your story.

<http://wwf.ca/earthhour/>

B. Environmental Events and Capacity-Building Workshops

B1.

Strategy Session on Moving Forward on Sustainability Education in NS on March 26 – MUST RSVP

Strategy Session on Moving Forward on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Nova Scotia on Friday, March 26. There will be a free, public strategy session on advancing Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Nova Scotia on Friday, March 26 from 1:30pm-4:30pm at the NSCC Waterfront Campus in Room 4426, 80 Mawioni Place in Dartmouth. The purpose of the meeting will be to bring together leaders in education and sustainability together to provide provincial and national updates on ESD initiatives, share resources, and identify next steps for action. There will be a facilitated dialogue with presenters from the Nova Scotia Department of Education, the Nova Scotia Community College, The Minister’s Round Table on the Environment & Sustainable Prosperity, Education for Sustainable Development Canada, and Learning for a Sustainable Future. The meeting is organized by SENSE: Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia for Everyone. There is limited seating and RSVPs are required. To RSVP and for more information, please visit the SENSE web page <http://www.nsen.ca/education.php> or contact Sam Juru by phone (902) 454-6864 or by email: esd_novascotia@lsf-1st.ca. Note: There will be a free, optional outdoor tour of NSCC Waterfront Campus including new green external features of the Centre for the Built Environment at 12:30 p.m. This strategy session is being held in conjunction with the Green Roots Symposium.

B2.

Green Roots Symposium: Community Action on Sustainability, Education & Partnerships Mar. 26 & 27

Prince George Hotel in Halifax, March 26-27, 2010 in Halifax

Nova Scotia Environment, the NS Department of Education and the Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia for Everyone Working Group (SENSE) invite you to attend this exciting provincial gathering dedicated to sustainability in Nova Scotia, with a focus on education and partnerships.

Conference highlights (see attached files for details):

- A pre-conference strategy session on moving Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) forward in NS (free session at the Waterfront Campus of the NS Community College)

- Respected Mi'kmaq Elder Albert Marshall will share the concept of Etuaptmumk (Two-Eyed Seeing) and how it can serve as a guiding principle for sustainability
- Keynote Luncheon with NS Environment Minister Stirling Belliveau
- A plenary session on provincial priorities two days after the NS throne speech with the Deputy Minister of the NS Office of Policy and Priorities, Rick Williams
- A moderated session on working with the provincial government
- Local food advocate and entrepreneur, Lil MacPherson as Master of Ceremonies
- A performance by the award-winning youth group Mindshift
- A meet and greet reception that showcases successes and best practices from around the province

The pre-conference workshop and outdoor campus tour will take place at the Waterfront Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College in Dartmouth. All other events will occur at the Prince George Hotel in Halifax. To Register and for more info: www.nsen.ca Please submit the attached registration form before March 22, 2010 to take advantage of the low registration fee of \$20. Friday events are free, however they do require participant registration. Register on-line at <https://surveys.gov.ns.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=8643m84>.

If you require accommodations, the Prince George Hotel is offering a reduced rate of \$125 for conference delegates - please book accommodations ASAP to take advantage of this fantastic deal and to ensure your place.

Directions to the conference venue: Prince George Hotel - Directions

(http://www.princegeorgehotel.com/the_hotel/location_directions.asp)

Please contact Joliene Stockley (NS Environment) stockjl@gov.ns.ca or 424-6261 or Sam Juru (NSEN/SENSE) esd_novascotia@lsf-1st.ca or 454-6846 for details.

B3.

NSEN Water Caucus Conference Call on Mar. 29

The monthly water caucus call will be on Monday March 29th from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. The phone in details and a call for agenda items are usually circulated a week before the call. More info about the caucus here:

<http://nsen.ca/water.php> To join and for more details please contact, the chair of the caucus:

Jocelyne Rankin

Water Coordinator

Ecology Action Centre

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B4.

East Coast Environmental Law Association presents EGSPA @ TWENTY TEN on Mar. 19

Friday March 19, 2010 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., Room 105, Weldon Law Building

Dalhousie University, 6061 University Avenue, Halifax

In April of 2007, the Nova Scotia House of Assembly unanimously passed the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act (EGSPA). The Act sets out an ambitious vision for Nova Scotia and 21 specific goals, with deadlines. They address ecosystem protection, air emissions, renewable energy, water quality, contaminated sites, solid waste, sustainable purchasing, and energy-efficient buildings.

How are we doing three years in? Is Nova Scotia on track to become one of the cleanest and most sustainable environments in the world?

A discussion with panelists:

- Chris Bryant, Director, N.S. Department of Economic & Rural Development and chair of the senior officials group responsible for the implementation of EGSPA;
- Mark Butler, Policy Director, Ecology Action Centre; and
- Bill Lahey, Assistant Professor, Schulich School of Law and former Deputy Minister, N.S. Department of Environment and Labour

ECELAW is a non profit organization that encourages the development and fair application of innovative and effective environmental laws in Atlantic Canada

www.ecelaw.ca

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B5.

Environmental Education Caucus (EEC) Meeting on Mar. 22

The Next EEC meeting is Monday March 22, 2010 from 2-4pm at Saint Mary's University, Atrium Building Room 213 NSEN Environmental Education Caucus (EEC) - Subscribe by emailing: ns-eeec+subscribe@googlegroups.com For more information about this caucus, EEC Chair: Lisa Kretz: lkretz@clean.ns.ca (902) 420.7947 or Susan Glynn-Morris: Susan.Glynnmorris@EC.GC.CA (902) 426.1704

B6.

NOVA SCOTIA AGRICULTURAL FORUM April 21-23 in Truro

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

B7.

Water for People-Well Tapped Event on Mar. 19

Come and see ECMA nominee Jeff Torbert at the annual Water for People Fundraiser: Well Tapped @ Garrison Brewery. Date: Friday March 19 Time: 8 pm to 11 pm Where: Garrison Brewery, across from Pier 21

This event is in celebration of World Water Day (March 22). Tickets are \$20 (includes drinks!)

We only have 150 so act fast! (\$25 at the door) All proceeds go to Water For People, an international organization that helps people in developing countries improve their quality of life by supporting the development of locally sustainable drinking water resources, sanitation facilities and health and hygiene education programs.

This is sure to be a fun night - really hope to see you there! Advanced tickets can be purchased at Duly Noted Stationary 1459 Brenton Street, off Spring Garden Rd. www.waterforpeople.org

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B8.

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

"Conserving Biodiversity Pays: The Values of Ecosystem Services"

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

B9.

Atlantic Canada W.A.T.E.R Symposium & Planning Forum March 27th Truro, Nova Scotia

The meeting is the inaugural Atlantic Canada W.A.T.E.R. Symposium & Planning Forum, the acronym standing for "Watershed Assessment, Technology, Education & Research". More details about this year's meeting can be found at www.nsac.ca/water We hope to see you at this, what we hope to be, first in an ongoing and much needed series of networking meetings about water and watershed issues in our region.

Sincerely, Dr. Robert France

Associate Professor of Watershed Management, NSAC - Author/Editor of Handbook of Water Sensitive Planning and Design, Facilitating Watershed Management: Fostering Awareness and Stewardship, Introduction to Watershed Development: Understanding and Managing the Impacts of Sprawl, Deep Immersion: The Experience of Water, Wetland Design: Principles and Practices for Landscape Architects and Land- Use Planners, Profitably Soaked: Thoreau's Engagement with Water, and Wetlands of Mass Destruction: Ancient Presage for Contemporary Ecocide in Southern Iraq. Contact: Theresa Osborne, Administrative Assistant, Department of Engineering, 893-6710 (phone), 893-1859 (fax), tosborne@nsac.ca

B10.

Film: "No Impact Man" on March 18, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Potter Auditorium, Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building

6100 University Avenue, Halifax. Canada. Co-sponsored by the College of Sustainability and the Ecology Action Centre. Contact: Ingrid Cottenden, Program Secretary, College of Sustainability, Dalhousie University sustainability.dal.ca Ph. 494-4581 / sustainability@dal.ca

B11.

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

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

B12.

Current Developments in Canadian Maritime Law on June 3, 2010

Time: 0845 – 1700

Location: Westin Nova Scotian Hotel

Halifax, Nova Scotia

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

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

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

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

B13.

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

Local Gatherings will be held in 11 communities across Nova Scotia from February to May 2010. The gatherings will bring together staff and volunteers (including board members) from non-profit and voluntary sector organizations for a full day of networking, learning, and discussions. Participants will have an opportunity to make connections, celebrate local success stories, and explore current opportunities and challenges. A session on insurance and risk management is also included. Attendance is open to anyone with an interest in the voluntary sector. Lunch will be provided and there is no charge to participate. Click here for a list of locations, dates, and local contacts for registration and information: <http://www.recreationns.ns.ca/files/volunteerism-local-gatherings.pdf> Local Gatherings are a joint initiative of the Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection (Volunteerism and the Voluntary Sector) and local community partners.

B14.

Nova Scotia Nature Trust at 5pm on April 27

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

B15.

Reliable Fundraising in Unreliable Times with Kim Klein on April 29

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

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

Co-sponsored by United Way of Halifax Region

B16.

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

An intensive weekend with Kim Klein to deepen your hands-on knowledge at the Tatamagouche Centre from Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2, 2010.
Are you interested? To register, contact: tatacent@tatacentre.ca
Telephone: 1-800-218-2220 Web: www.tatacentre.ca

B17.

Local Food Brunch Network Invitation, March 28

Everyone is invited to Community Greenhouse Acquisition and Availability Conversation. Hope you can be there and let us know if you have “kitchen table” facilitation skill to share. St. Andrews Community Hall “LOCAL FOOD” Brunch and Conversation. Sunday, 28 March’10 - 12:00 to 1:30pm
Bean and Leafy Green Salad with Red Wine Vinaigrette, Red-fife Bread: \$5.00/plate
Kathryn Graves. BHE’74
St. Andrews, Nova Scotia, BOH 1X0
Email: home.community@gmail.com

B18.

6th Annual Sustainability and Environmental Research Symposium on Mar. 25*Environmental Defence

Dalhousie University's Elizabeth May Chair in Sustainability and Environmental Health presents the 6th Annual Sustainability and Environmental Research Symposium to be held this March 25th 2010. The symposium is a wonderful opportunity for undergraduate students, graduate students and researchers from all disciplines to present on a wide variety of topics related to sustainability and the environment. It is also a unique networking opportunity from which it is hoped future collaboration will develop. The symposium begins at 12:30 pm with a keynote address by Dr. Rick Smith, director of Environmental Defence and author of *Slow Death by Rubber Duck*, followed by research poster presentations and a reception with environment and sustainability experts. For further information concerning and updates on the symposium, please visit our website http://emaychair.dal.ca/Upcoming_events/

B19.

Windhorse Forest Quest - April 3-13

This April 3rd to 13th, Windhorse Farm will host an ancient and powerful land-based ceremony called a “quest”. This is a wilderness rite for women and men who are seeking greater depth and clarity about their life’s purpose and meaning. Based on the Animas Quest and led by guides Jade Sherer and Jim Marsden of the Animas Valley Institute, this journey is a western, contemporary, nature-based approach to an encounter with one’s inner being, or “soul”. You will explore questions around, “What are the unique gifts that I can offer to help this world.” Following a traditional form common across many indigenous cultures around the world, this forest quest honours a variety of ancient traditions while weaving in a mix of depth psychology and contemporary practices that renew and enliven our relationships in the natural world and deepen our understanding of our selves and our life in transition. The quest is an 11-day experience that includes a 3-day solo in nature, during which you will partake in a water fast. The solo is preceded by ample preparation, offering tools for diving into this experience, and followed by 2 days devoted to reflecting on the insights and seeds of potential you have rediscovered during your time alone in the forest. Price: \$1,450. (If you think you should be here, but don’t have enough money, we can talk) To register or enquire about the Forest Quest at Windhorse Farm, please contact Jim Drescher at 902 543-6955 or jim@windhorsefarm.org For more information please explore www.animas.org and www.windhorsefarm.org

B20.

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

Westin NS Hotel, Halifax, NS
\$525 - Early-Bird Registration until February 19th
Online conference information is available by clicking one of the categories to the right or by contacting Shera-Lee Kerr at sheralee@energyconsultant.ca or 902-576-5383.

B21.

Leocadio Juracan, Mayan Community Leader, Tour in NS from Mar. 19-22

Please join a special presentation from Leocadio Juracan, Mayan Community Leader and coffee farmer with the CCDA (Campesino Committee of the Highland). This is an amazing opportunity to hear first-hand of the high cost CCDA farmers are paying in their struggle for peasant rights in Guatemala.

. Friday, March 19, 2010: 12 noon pm, Al Whittle Theatre, Main Street, Wolfville

. Friday, March 19, 2010: 7:30 pm, Just Us! Spring Garden Coffeeshouse, 5896 Spring Garden Rd, Halifax

. Sunday, March 21, 2010: 7:30 pm, Fables (Main St), Tatmagouche

. Monday, March 22, 2010: Tba (check local listings)

"I have never met a more dedicated, thoughtful, or courageous individual." Jeff Moore, CEO Just Us! Coffee Roasters Co-op. Sponsored by Just Us! (www.justuscoffee.com) and Breaking the Silence (www.breaking-the-silence.ca).

B22.

Nova Scotia Energy Research & Development Forum 2010 in May

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: MAY 26 and 27, 2010

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

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

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

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

B23.

GROW YOUR OWN! NSAC 2010 Summer Workshop Series

Start Your Food Production Journey with NSAC...

First Workshop: Building a Solid Foundation

Day 1 June 11, 2010

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

Day 2 June 12, 2010

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

Fees: \$80.00 for one day

\$150.00 for complete 2 day workshop

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

Also in summer 2010:

Workshop 2: Weeds, Tools and Pests

Workshop 3: Preserving Your Bounty

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

B24.

Food Connections 2010: Celebrating NS Farms and Food on Mar. 31

Wednesday, March 31/10 at the Kentville Agricultural Research Station

Celebrating Nova Scotia Farms and Food

Nova Scotia fruit and vegetable producers are working hard to put fresh, safe, affordable and delicious food on the tables of Nova Scotia residents. On March 31, 2010, the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association is hosting a public event to showcase Nova Scotia farms and their produce titled: 'Food Connections 2010: Hats off to Fruits and Vegetables!'. "Nova Scotia Agriculture is more than food on your plate", says Mary Lou Power of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association. "The size and scope of our industry has changed. When you buy Nova Scotia fruits and

vegetables, you're investing in Nova Scotia farms and food and the future of the Nova Scotia agricultural industry. Nova Scotia residents need to hear about our vibrant industry".

Speakers at the conference to be held at the Kentville Agricultural Research Centre, Kentville, Nova Scotia on March 31, include Andrew van Oostrum, from Van Oostrum Farms, Mary Sue Waisman, dietitian, chef and cookbook author and many more. This day is dedicated to having consumers connect to Nova Scotia farms and food and is sponsored by the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association, Horticulture Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Agriculture and Select Nova Scotia. Space is limited at this day long, public, reasonably priced event at \$20 per person, including GST, lunch and a sampling from local producers. Get ready for spring and enjoy some delicious Nova Scotia produce. To register or for more information, contact the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association at 902-678-1093 or Horticulture Nova Scotia at 902-678-9335.

B25.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT WORKSHOP on Mar. 29

Date: Monday, March 29th, 2010

Time: 9am-12pm (Part A), 1:30pm – 4:30pm (Part B)

Where: McInnes Cooper, Purdy's Wharf Tower II

1300-1969 Upper Water Street, Halifax, NS

Cost: Free for non-lawyers. (Lawyers: \$50). Lunch provided.

RSVP to Jen Organ, Workshop Coordinator, by March 5th, 2010 at j.organ@nsnt.ca

The Nova Scotia Nature Trust and East Coast Environmental Law (ECELAW) are pleased to be offering a workshop to land conservation organizations and lawyers regarding the growing field of conservation easements. There are few lawyers in Canada experienced in developing conservation easements. As a result, lawyers from the U.S. often advise land trusts in Nova Scotia to ensure effective and strong agreements are developed. With efforts to increase the capacity of lawyers in Nova Scotia who are familiar with conservation easements, the Nova Scotia Nature Trust has welcomed an experienced lawyer from the U.S. to facilitate a day-long workshop for those interested in Conservation Easements. We are extremely fortunate for this opportunity to occur in Nova Scotia, and we hope that you are able to come and take advantage of this opportunity to learn about this exciting and growing field of environmental law!

About the Facilitator: A partner of K & L Gates in Seattle, Washington, Konrad Liegel specializes in various legal practices including land conservation and the legal arena surrounding these initiatives. He is legal advisor to the American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts, and has worked on countless conservation easements and other land conservation initiatives with land trusts. He has also done many conservation law and conservation easement seminars and workshops, including several presentations at the U.S. Land Trust Rally. Prior to entering the field of law, Konrad was actively engaged in ecosystem restoration while working with various non-profit organizations. This, coupled with his extensive experience in environmental law, makes Konrad an ideal individual to host the workshop on Conservation Easements.

For more information please visit Konrad's website at:

<http://klgates.com/professionals/detail.aspx?professional=3711>

Workshop Summary

Conservation easements are legal tools designed and implemented by lawyers, land trusts and private land owners to ensure that property will forever be managed by future landowners to protect specific conservation values and purposes. Developing an effective conservation easement and easement program requires a lot of time, patience, and resources, and a very specialized type of expertise. This workshop has been designed to advance conservation easement expertise and awareness in Nova Scotia.

This one day workshop has been designed to serve two purposes and has been split into two corresponding workshops:

A. Conservation Easements 101, March 29th 9-12.

This workshop provides an overview of all aspects of conservation easements. It is intended for three audiences: a) land trusts or groups/individuals using or about to begin using conservation easements in Nova Scotia and needing greater guidance on specifics b) groups contemplating the land trust/conservation easement concept and needing an introduction c) conservation lawyers looking to build their professional knowledge in this increasingly popular conservation tool.

Sample topics:

- The range of conservation tools, and when easements make sense

- Types of conservation easements, what they can/cannot do
- Elements of an effective easement program (policies, easement project selection, easement planning, baseline studies, monitoring, stewardship and defence)
- Financial/estate planning/appraisal/property tax implications of conservation easements
- Key elements of effective conservation easement documents
- Conservation easements “lessons learned” from around the world
- Q and A’s on conservation easements
- Key considerations for cross-border easements

B. Advanced Conservation Easements 1:30-4:30

This is a more in depth workshop on conservation easements is intended for lawyers interested in this emerging aspect of the legal field. It may also be appropriate for experienced land trusts who would like to advance their knowledge surrounding this legal tool.

Sample topics:

- Effective easement drafting
- Ensuring enforceability
- Case law and what we’ve learned to inform easement drafting, risk areas
- Easement amendments

The Nature Trust and ECELAW gratefully acknowledge funding for these workshops provided by: Environment Canada's EcoAction Community Funding Program

B26.

Developing Sustainable Tourism Experiences March 30, 2010 to March 31, 2010

Location: Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve

White Point Beach Resort

White Point NS (Near Liverpool)

Developing Sustainable Tourism Experiences within the UNESCO Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Workshop; March 30 & 31 2010

If you are an existing business, organization or department interested in exploring partnerships and opportunities to provide, sell and market unique, value-added and authentic UNESCO Southwest Nova Biosphere experiences.

The Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association in partnership with the Gros Morne Institute for Sustainable Tourism (GMIST) and White Point Beach Resort invite you to attend this workshop. **THE OPPORTUNITY :**

Develop and deliver exceptional sustainable year-round tourism packages and itineraries that deliver authentic, hands-on, engaging experiences for visitors to truly connect with and explore the UNESCO Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve. Ultimately, we'll enhance the viability and sustainability of tourism and related businesses and suppliers.

THE POTENTIAL : The potential. Phenomenal.

We have an internationally recognized UNESCO designation that showcases our best attributes - our natural assets. We have an extensive inventory of existing nature reserves and parks, museums and historic sites, beaches, campgrounds, accommodations, cuisine, festivals, crafters and artisans, guides, and more that bring the Biosphere to life. As determined by research undertaken by NS Tourism, visitors to Nova Scotia are attracted to our Seacoast, Outdoors, Culture, Cuisine, Heritage and Urban experiences. Within the UNESCO Southwest Nova Biosphere, we have 4 out of 5! Building on our strengths, let's package the pieces together and deliver year-round UNESCO Biosphere experiences in the marketplace. **DID YOU KNOW ?** In 2001, the five most southern counties in Southwest Nova earned the distinguished designation of UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in recognition of its globally significant ecological and cultural landscape - 1 of only 15 in Canada and 500 around the world. One of its mandates is to assist in the development and collaboration of multi-sector tourism products and partnerships. This workshop is designed to achieve just that mandate.

REGISTER NOW! Call White Point Beach Resort 1.800.565.5068

Agenda & Registration Information www.snbra.ca/reg

Contact: Maegan Power Noble

Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association

www.snbra.ca/reg

www.snbra.ca/reg

Registration Info & Agenda

B27.**Mobius Environmental Awards & Luncheon on June 2, 2010**

Time: 12:00-2:00 PM

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

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

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

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

Contact: RRFB Nova Scotia

www.rrfb.com/mobius/

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

mobiusawards@rrfb.com

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

B28.**EarthDream Film Festival Mahone Bay Mar 19-21**

The EarthDream Film Festival will take place on the 19th, 20th and 21st of March 2010.

The festival is presented by the South Chapter of the Council of Canadians in association with the Ecology Action Centre and Cinema Politica. The 2010 Film Festival theme is environmental sustainability and all of the film presented will offer insight and commentary on current environmental movements. Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St. , Mahone Bay Films include: The Age of Stupid, The End of the Line, H2Oil, Food, Inc. more... We look forward to seeing you there! <http://earthdreamfilmfest.wordpress.com/>

B29.**Book Launch: _Grow Organic_ on March 23, 2010**

Time: 7 p.m. , Location: Spring Garden Road Library, Spring Garden Road, Halifax

Come on out and help local author Elizabeth Peirce celebrate the release of her new book, _Grow Organic: A Simple Guide to Nova Scotia Vegetable Gardening_. Buy a book and get it signed! The event is free to the public; snacks and free seedlings provided.

Contact: Elizabeth Peirce

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elizabethpeirce@hotmail.com

B30.**"Thinking Green in Demolition" Symposium 2010 on Apr. 22**

Demolition & Hazardous Waste Management Symposium 2010

Marriott Harbourfront, Halifax - 08:00-16:00

More info: <http://www.esans.ca/events.html#demo2010>

B31.**Old Forest Workshop for Youth March 27th, 10-4, Windhorse Farm**

132 Sarty Road, near New Germany

Fee: Free! Mileage money available for carpools. [OBJ]

Join other environmentally-minded youth to learn about what makes the Acadian forest so unique. We'll talk about the natural cycles of the Acadian forest, the value and benefits of old forests, the future of forests, and take some time to reconnect with this amazing ecosystem.

To Register :

(902)682-2371 info@merseytobeatic.ca

B32.

Old Forest Workshop for Woodland Owners March 28th, 10-4:30, Windhorse Farm

Location: Windhorse Farm (FSC Certified Forest)

132 Sarty Road, near New Germany

Leaders: Jim Drescher, Jamie Simpson

Fee: \$35 early bird fee (\$50 after March 19th) * [OBJ]

*Bursaries available, ask for details

Join us to learn about restoration of old Acadian forests and share ideas with fellow woodland owners. We'll talk about the natural cycles of the Acadian forest, the value and benefits of old forests, planing harvests, and restoration techniques. To Register : (902)682-2371 or info@merseytobeatic.ca

\$35 deposit to hold place (spots limited): Mail cheques to :

MTRI, PO Box 216, Kempt, NS, B0T 1B0

B33.

WATERLIFE Film Screening for World Water Day on March 22, 2010

Time: 7 pm to 9 pm

Location: Saint Mary's University, Sobey Building room 255, 923 Robie Street, Halifax

More: Free film screening of Waterlife to commemorate World Water Day, directed by Kevin McMahon and produced by the National Film Board of Canada. Awarded the Special Jury Prize of the Hot Docs 2009 Festival, this film describes the epic cascade of North America's Great Lakes toward the Atlantic Ocean, telling the story of how the greatest body of fresh water on Earth is slowly transformed as it travels through the thickening machinations of modern society. Narrated by Gord Downie, lead vocalist of The Tragically Hip and Waterkeeper's Trustee of Lake Ontario. Featuring music by Sam Roberts, Sufjan Stevens, Sigur Ros, Robbie Robertson and Brian Eno. Donations to the EAC are accepted.

Contact: Jocelyne Rankin, Water Coordinator

Ecology Action Centre

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waterlife.nfb.ca

B34.

World Water Day - Forum on Water Issues at Dalhousie University on March 22, 2010

Time: 4:30 to 6pm

Location: Scotia Bank Room, Marion McCain Arts and Social Sciences Building, 6135 University Avenue
Halifax

Dalhousie University will be hosting a Forum on Water Issues on World Water Day (March 22nd) sponsored by the College of Sustainability, Dalhousie office of Sustainability, DSU Sustainability Office and the Council of Canadians Atlantic Chapter. Issues of bottled water on campus, concerns about water quality and treatment, and questions of social justice surrounding water are of growing concern to society. Panelists Dr. Graham Gagnon (Canada Research Chair in Water Quality & Treatment), Professor Steven Mannell (Director of the College of Sustainability), Rochelle Owen (Director of the Dalhousie Office of Sustainability), Will Horne (Executive Director of the Dalhousie Student Union Sustainability Office), and Graham Carey (Founder/Chair of the Green Residence Initiatives Panel) will discuss water issues on campus, in our community, and globally. The panel discussion will take place March 22nd from 4:30 to 6pm in the Scotia Bank Room in the Marion McCain Arts and Social Sciences Building at 6135 University Avenue. Light refreshments will be provided.

Contact: Mary-Frances Lynch, College of Sustainability, mary-frances.lynch@dal.ca

B35.**WE ARE WHAT WE EAT - SLUDGE DIET MOVIE NIGHT on March 23, 2010**

Time: 7 PM - 9 PM

Location: BLACK ROCK CULTURAL CENTRE, 4404 BLACK ROAD ROAD, WATERVILLE, KINGS COUNTY

More: Film Is About The Use Of Treated Sewage Sludge (Biosolids) As A Fertilizer On Agricultural Soils And Is About 50 Minutes Long. No Charge. Canteen On Site. Location Is 8 Km North Off Highway #221 On The Black Rock Road.

Contact: Marilyn Cameron, Chair

BIOSOLIDS & WASTE WATER CAUCUS

Ph. 542-5330

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B36.**Celebrate World Water Day with the Nature Trust on March 22, 2010**

Time: 4:30-6pm , Location: Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, 1675 Lower Water Street, Halifax

More: Celebrate World Water Day with the Nova Scotia Nature Trust as they are awarded a RBC Blue Water Leadership Grant! Join the Nature Trust and RBC Blue Water Project as they celebrate this exciting partnership, which will directly support the St. Mary's River Conservation Legacy Campaign. Monday March 22, 2010 at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic from 4:30pm to 6pm

RSVP: Contact Robin at robin@nsnt.ca, 425-5263

Contact: Robin Levy

Nova Scotia Nature Trust

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B37.**Slow Death by Rubber Duck on March 25, 2010 Time: 7:00 pm**

Location: Potter Auditorium, Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building
6100 University Avenue, Halifax,

More: Rick Smith, Environmental Defence Canada, Toronto

Co-sponsored by Dalhousie University's College of Sustainability and Elizabeth May Chair in Sustainability and Environmental Health

Book signing and reception to follow

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B38.**Changing Gears: Increasing Young People Cycling in NS workshop on March 27, 2010**

Time: 10 am to 3 pm, Location: Dartmouth Sportsplex, 110 Wyse Road, Dartmouth

This is an invitation to the workshop Changing Gears: Increasing Young People Cycling in Nova Scotia taking place Saturday, March 27th from 10 am – 3 pm and held at the Dartmouth Sportsplex Nantucket Room. Please RSVP before March 25th to workshop@cyclehalifax.ca. The number of young people who cycle to school, recreational activities and just for fun has plummeted in the past two decades. This decline in personal mobility has resulted in increased time in “Mom’s and Dad’s Taxi” and to physical inactivity that is causing significant long-term health problems for the next generation. The reasons for this decline are multifaceted. They include infrastructure, land use, safety, perceptions, and various other factors. This workshop will consider these obstacles and identify solutions. Our goal is to create a collective action plan that can be used by governments, schools, young people, parents and anyone with an interest in youth health and well being to make it safer and more

convenient for young people to cycle or to be cycled. We hope that you can join us. To confirm your attendance please RSVP workshop@cyclehalifax.ca. We will hear from experts and youth who have examined the issue and offer solutions. Officials from government will explain what they are doing now and planning for the future. Together with young people who are looking for new cycling opportunities attendees will develop a plan for all stakeholders to consider in providing more opportunities for safe, active transportation in our communities. We will keep the workshop short (10 am to 3 pm) and provide food and refreshments. We are looking for your ideas. This event is co-organized by the Ecology Action Centre's Active & Safe Routes to School program and the Halifax Cycling Coalition. It is supported by Transport Canada, The Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection, the Halifax Regional Municipality and Mountain Equipment Co-op.
Contact: http://www.cyclehalifax.ca/content/changing_gears.htm

B39.

Mindshift youth performance on April 1, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm Location: Potter Auditorium, Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building
6100 University Avenue, Halifax,

More: Mindshift is designed by youth, for youth, to make a difference in schools and communities. It is a powerful teaching and learning process that inspires action. Mindshift will be presented by Camila Das Gupta, Sagar Jha, Elijah DeCoste, Tayte Willows, Lydia Fraughton, Connor MacNeil, Bethley Morrison, and Alison Taylor as part of the Environment, Sustainability, and Society Thursday evening lectures.

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www.earthed.ns.ca/mindshift/
Earth Education

B40.

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

Time: 8:30am - 4:30pm, Location: Library Building, Nova Scotia Community College
36 Arthur St. Truro

Transition Towns began in Totnes, U.K. and has grown to include hundreds of communities in the U.K. The Transition process brings a community together to take action in response to the triple challenges of peak oil, economic instability and climate change. The focus on increasing resilience is broadly appealing, and the positive, creative, participatory and local approach catalyzes fun and creative action. The movement is spreading quickly: "Transition Initiatives" are now being organized in hundreds of neighbourhoods, cities and towns around the world. In Canada alone there are 13 Transition Towns: ON: Guelph, Peterborough, Dundas, London, Ottawa, Poplar Hill/Coldstream, Barrie; BC: Victoria, Nelson, Powell River, Saltspring Island, Vancouver; NB: Cocagne; The two day workshop is intended to introduce and allow for practice of skills required to initiate the very successful "Transition Town" model of local response to global challenges. Participants will learn how to: initiate a transition group in the community; build awareness of peak oil, climate change and economic instability; and engage citizens from all walks of life in neighbourhood or community projects. From the practical (organizing Open Space sessions and planning awareness activities) to the theoretical (principles of resilience and theories of change), participants will leave the session better equipped to offer transition leadership in their own communities.

Contact: Andrea Caven
Living Earth Council
<http://www.livingearthcouncil.ca/>
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amcaven@eastlink.ca

B41.

Farmers' Market Aficionado on April 6

Fresh: A Celebration of Community Food and Spirit at the Westin Hotel on Tuesday April 6th, 6 PM is celebrating the much anticipated Seaport Market summer 2010 opening. This event will include 12 -14 of Halifax's finest chefs from local restaurants preparing gourmet delights using fresh market products, prepared foods from market

vendors, local wine tasting and entertainment by Farmers' Market buskers. The Halifax Farmers' Market and the Farmers' Market Investment Co-operative are the event hosts. Fresh tickets are \$75 and can be purchased at the participating restaurants Fid, Scanway, Wooden Monkey, Saeger etc... Come join us with your Farmers' Market friends at this delightful community celebration of Nova Scotia bounty.

Executive Director, Farmers' Market Investment Cooperative
6148 Quinpool Rd., Suite #2
Halifax, NS B3L 1A3
(902) 429-7322

B42.

"A Vision of the Land" Algonquin Nation Perspective on Mar, 19

Jacob Wawatie- Mi'kmaq Friendship Centre Friday, March 19th, 7-9:30pm

Mi'kmaq Friendship Centre: 2158 Gottingen Street Halifax, Nova Scotia

Jacob Wawatie from the Algonquin Nation will be sharing his knowledge and

stories to those wishing to hear he is Founder and Director of Kokomville Academy

(www.kokomvilleacademy.com) Kokomville Academy is a foundation striving to compile documentation,

distinguishing the Wisdom of Nature. Guided by the wisdom of the Elders, Jacob Wawatie, elaborates an

educational structure base from the cultural background of the Algonquin Nation... to project a vision of integrity within the environment

B43.

Film Screening: The Cove on March 22nd, 7:00pm-9:30 pm

You are invited to attend a screening of the Academy award winning documentary The Cove. The screening is being put on as a project by a group of students in the BIOL 3060 Nature Conservation class. The purpose of this project is to raise awareness regarding animal abuse and threats to human health stemming from the illegal dolphin hunting. Before the screening there will be a brief talk by Dalhousie graduate student and Marine Animal Response Society (MARS) member and organizer Tonya Wimmer. After the film we will also be handing out a brief questionnaire that will assist us in this project. We are requesting that you make a minimum donation of \$2. All money raised will go to MARS. Where: Potter Auditorium, Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building, 6100 University Av. Cost: minimum of \$2 donation to MARS

B44.

St.Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association AGM & High Tea-March 28,2010

SMBSA AGM and HIGH TEA – DAVE MACISAAC & LOUIS BENOIT At 2PM on March 28th at Paul's Hall in Glen Haven, the SMBSA AGM. What the heck has the Stewardship Association been up to? Lively discussion of the year's accomplishments, key issues, new directions and lots and lots of new energy. Protecting our islands. Development in the coastal zone. Building community through culture. A jet-propelled AGM. Then, at 3PM we'll lay out a High Tea featuring homemade baked goods, biscuits, clotted cream and local preserves, fancy teas and coffees, and then, the icing on the cake, the renowned fiddle of Dave MacIsaac and the guitar, banjo and mandolin of Louis Benoit. \$15 tickets for the musical portion of the afternoon's entertainment will be available at the door or in advance at Mariposa. \$5 off for SMBSA members. The High Tea, of course, will be free for one and all. Come. Visit. Get involved. And best of all, have a blast! Dancing shoes are recommended.

B45.

Annual General Meeting of the Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust _ Mar. 25

The Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2010 beginning at 7 PM at the Tantallon Public Library, Hubley Centre at Exit 5 of Highway 103. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. to allow those who wish to renew their membership or for those persons wishing to support the Trust's work by becoming a member. In addition to the Reports of the Committees of the Trust on the work and accomplishments of the past year, members and attendees will also hear of the plans for the coming year. On October 19,2009, the Five Bridge Lakes Area was declared a Candidate Wilderness Area. The Public Consultation phase will begin shortly. We are very pleased to have Peter Labor, Acting Manager of the Protected Areas Branch of Nova Scotia Environment as our Guest Speaker. Following the business meeting Mr. Labor will give a presentation entitled "Drawing Boundaries in Nature - the challenge of defining protected area boundaries,

with examples from the FBLCWA"? We look forward to having you attend our AGM. Please join us as we enter this exciting phase of our work. For further information please contact Beth McGee, telephone 823-2245

B46.

Halifax North West Trails Association AGM on Mar. 25

Greetings Trails Group Supporters!

Spring is in the air and the prospect of walking safely on our local woodland and urban trails will soon be here. To start off the season, we invite you to attend and participate in the Annual General Meeting of the local trails group, Halifax North West Trails Association. The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25 at 7pm. at St Peters Church Hall, 3 Dakin Drive (near the corner of Kearney Lake Rd at Bedford Highway). An overview of the evening's events follows:

7:00 - Meet and greet; networking. Membership renewal. Display of some of the past year's activities

7:15 - Annual General Meeting/Nomination of Directors of the Board

7:45 - Informal dialogue with Oliver Maass, Coordinator (Central Region),
Protected Areas Branch of NS Environment. Oliver will be sharing his knowledge
about the Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area

8:30 - Refreshments

We hope that you will be able to attend the AGM and continue to support the trails group as you have in the past. Please feel free to spread the word on this event - we need the support of all members of the community.

Trails continue to be an important community resource for our neighbours and visitors and will be even more important once the Canada Games Centre is open!

Hope to see you on the 25th!

Bob McDonald

Halifax North West Trails Association

B47.

Sea of Plenty? – Cape Breton on Mar. 26

Sea of Plenty? Historical Trends, Current Issues and Future Perspectives on Our Use of Seafood Friday, March 26, 2010. Time: 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Location: Cape Breton University (CE 326)

Details: Visiting speaker Heike Lotze, PhD, Canada Research Chair in Marine Renewable Resources from Dalhousie University. Admission is free and open to everyone.

B48.

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

Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada 5 – 9 September 2010

Abstract submission closed on January 31st. We received 231 abstracts and can't accept any more contributions
Cape Breton Island is on the Atlantic coast of Canada. As one of the earliest North American areas to be settled it is rich in new world culture – you will find vibrant First Nations, French, English, and Celtic communities throughout the Island. Furthermore, it is the location of the first coal mine in the North Americas. The national parks and breathtaking natural beauty of the island have been recognized by premier travel experts, Conde Nast, as they have rated Cape Breton Island as one of the best island destinations in the world. Surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the coastline offers spectacular vistas, world class sailing and beautiful beaches – we have earned the title of Canada's Ocean Playground. Scientific research has a long history here in Cape Breton. It is here that inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Guglielmo Marconi did much of their research. Coal mining was once the life blood for people living in Cape Breton. Most of the large undersea coal beds are no longer active and remediation efforts are underway for the former Cape Breton Development Corporation's legacy mines. However, coal mining on Cape Breton Island might come to a peak as once again Xstrata Coal is developing a new, modern undersea coal mine near Donkin, Nova Scotia.

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

B49.

Transforming a Power Company - James Taylor Thu, March 18, 7pm - 9pm

McNally Theatre Auditorium, Saint Mary's University, Halifax

<http://www.smu.ca/sustainability/welcome.html>

Transforming a power company. From reliance on fossil fuels to more sustainable options James Taylor, General Manager, Carbon Management for Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI), will give a talk on the transformations NSPI is undertaking to reduce its carbon footprint to a more balanced portfolio - including improved energy efficiency and conservation, natural gas and renewable energy sources.

B50.

Nova Forest Alliance (NFA) Partnership Meeting on Mar. 24

Wednesday, March 24th

11am - Presentation - Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre

12noon - Lunch

12:45 - Partnership Meeting

We are pleased to announce we will be welcoming representatives from the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, who will provide a presentation on activities at the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre. The Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre (MDCC) is a multiyear, multi faceted project which has been identified in the NS Heritage Strategy to become one of the major tourism anchors in Nova Scotia. To the Mi'kmaq, it will be an opportunity to research, interpret, protect and educate the world about the rich history and culture of the Mi'kmaw people – past and present. The MDCC campus will occupy a land area at Debert of approximately 1000 acres and will include a Cultural Centre, a network of interpretive Trails, Viewing Platforms, a healing lodge, and numerous outdoor gathering places for experiential interactive activities. Last year, NFA became a supporter of the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre (MDCC) and specifically the Netuklimk Demonstration Project that will be managed by the First Nations Forestry Program.

The presentation team will include Dr. Don Julien, Executive Director, Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, Tim Bernard, Director of History and Culture, and Gerald Gloade, Mi'kmawey Debert Public Information Officer.

Please let me know if you plan to attend the meeting.

Terry Stanislow

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B51.

TROUT NOVA SCOTIA: Annual General Meeting on Mar. 19

Friday, March 19, 2010

Prospect Room, Exhibition Park

6:00pm-8:00pm

Just a reminder that our AGM is taking place on Friday, March 19 at Exhibition Park in Halifax in conjunction with the Sport and RV Show. Trout NS members can get into the Sport and RV Show for free on March 19 at the exhibitor's entrance around back if presenting a valid Trout NS membership card.

Hope to see you there.

Lyle Goldberg

Past President, Trout NS

<http://www.troutnovascotia.ca/>

B52.

"The Lonely Leprechaun": Marionettes theatre on climate change & environment - this week!

Performances March 18 to 20, 2010

The story centers around young Sally, who lets her imagination take flight, when she writes by candlelight during a wind storm. Her muse appears as Sandy, the leprechaun, who has his own concerns. Sandy is worn out from keeping the world green without the help of all the other leprechauns, who have mysteriously disappeared. Alderney Landing Theatre, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia Showtimes: Weekends- 10:00am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, and 7:00 pm Weekdays, 10:00am, 3:00pm, and 7:00pm. <http://www.maritime-marionettes.com/home.php>

B53.

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

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

B54.

Lots of great training workshops & retreats at the Tatamagouche Centre

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

B55.

NSEN'S ANNUAL BOOK CLUB ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY!

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

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

Tynes Room, Alderney Gate Library, Dartmouth

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

C. Non-Environmental Events

C1.

HALIFAX – “Behind the Scenes at the Disaster” on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 7:30pm

A free public talk Friday, March 19, 2010 at 7:30pm, Alumni Hall, New Academic Building, University of King's College, 6350 Coburg Road. Mia Vukojevic, the Humanitarian Manager for Oxfam Canada and Stephen Puddicombe, CBC journalist will converse about their diverse experiences in some of the world's worst disaster zones including Haiti, Pakistan and the areas affected by the 2004 South Asia Tsunami. They will shed light on complexities and congestion of the humanitarian sector in disaster settings. With extensive illustrations from the field, Mia will speak to the work Oxfam is doing in current disaster zones as well as success stories from past relief and reconstruction efforts. Mia will also explain Oxfam Canada's innovative expertise in attending to the particular needs and challenges for women in humanitarian crises. A reception will follow.

C2.

Global Governance and the Nuclear Revival: Are we up to the Challenge? Mar. 25

Louise Fréchette, Thursday March 25, 2010 from 5:30-7:30pm, The Prince George Hotel, 1725 Market Street Halifax. This event is FREE but please register: www.canadianinternationalcouncil.org

Madame Louise Fréchette is a Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) where she chaired the project on nuclear energy and the challenges of global governance. She was a member of the International Atomic Energy Association's (IAEA) Commission of Eminent Persons on nuclear energy challenges and the future of the IAEA and was subsequently made a member of the Advisory Board to the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament established by the governments of Australia and Japan. Mme. Fréchette is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre and serves on the board of several other organizations in Canada and in the United States. From 1998 to 2006, Mme. Fréchette was Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. The first incumbent of the post, she assisted Secretary-General Kofi Annan in the full range of his responsibilities. Prior to this, Mme. Fréchette pursued a career in the Public Service of Canada, serving notably as Ambassador to Argentina and Uruguay (1985-1988), Ambassador and

Permanent Representative to the United Nations (1992-1994), Associate Deputy Minister of Finance (1995) and Deputy Minister of National Defence (1995-1998). She is an Officer of the Order of Canada.

C3.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS – Dealing with Difficult People

<http://www.achievecentre.com/public.html>

Dartmouth - April 12 (Early Date - March 22)

Moncton - April 14 (Early Date - March 24)

June 17 (Early Date - May 27)

Sometimes stress, personality differences or other precipitating factors can lead to conflict between individuals or within an entire group. Many conflicts would not spiral out of control if people used conflict resolution techniques that are easy to learn and utilize. This workshop will teach participants to understand the dynamics of conflict and be able to respond confidently when faced with difficult situations.

FEES

Early Rate: \$145.00 (3 weeks prior to workshop)

Regular Rate: \$175.00

REGISTER

Web: www.achievecentre.com

Email: info@achievecentre.com

Phone: 204.452.0180

ON-SITE TRAINING- Call or email to receive a fee structure.

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C4.

ASSERTIVE COMMUNICATION <http://www.achievecentre.com/public.html>

Dartmouth - April 13 (Early Date - March 23)

Moncton - April 15 (Early Date - March 25)

Understanding our communication style and how we interact with others is essential to positive and productive relations. Effective communication requires us not only to be aware of ourselves, but also to be responsive and aware of others. Being assertive in communication is the ability to express positive and negative ideas and feelings in a transparent, welcoming and direct way – to state clearly and without defensiveness what one needs. Participants of this workshop will build an awareness of their communication patterns and learn to deal confidently with people around them. This workshop is fun, practical and highly effective at improving communication awareness and skills.

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C5.

V-Day Halifax presents The Vagina Monologues on Mar. 23 & 24

by Eve Ensler directed by Leana Todd

Tickets on sale now!

This popular, touching and hilarious show returns to Halifax after a 3-year hiatus. Leana Todd directs a cast of 35 women, including Starr Dobson, Lenore Zann and Nancy Regan, in V-Day Halifax's production of The Vagina Monologues. All proceeds go to local beneficiaries in support of ending violence against women and young girls.

Performances will be held at Neptune's Studio Theatre March 23 and 24 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$25 and are on sale now. Call 429-7070 or book online at www.neptunetheatre.com. Book now, as every performance to date has been sold out!

C6.

A Conversation with Valerie Payn, President of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce

Date: Tue. March 23, 2010 Time: 12:00pm

Dress: Business Casual Adult's Price: 19.95

By popular demand this Leadership Luncheon will be held on Tuesday from 12:00-1:30pm, where leaders in our community have a relaxed & interactive conversation with members and guests. The cost for this lunch is \$19.95 plus tax and gratuity. Please book early as seats are limited!

<http://www.halifaxclub.ns.ca/viewevent2.php?id=1034&thisdate=03/23/2010>

C7.

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

Thursday, April 29 to Friday, April 30, 2010

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

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

Thursday, April 29 to Friday, April 30, 2010

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

Venue: The Westin Nova Scotian

Address: 1181 Hollis Street, Halifax, NS

Tel.: 902-421-1000

C8.

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

Dalhousie University, June 21 & 22

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

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

C9.

Deep Democracy: Resolving Complex Issues and Reaching Decisions that Last April

with Sera Thompson and Georgina Veldhorst

April 15-16

The Hub, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Deep Democracy is a set of practical tools that are simple yet powerful. This workshop will help you and your group build shared vision, work through impasse, and achieve breakthrough.

You will learn how to

- make decisions that last by ensuring that all views are genuinely included
- deal successfully with the emotional dynamics within a meeting
- help people say what they need to say
- view challenges and conflict as vehicles for growth

Deep Democracy is being successfully applied in conflict resolution and mediation, organizational change, community development, leadership training, and group facilitation. It is practiced in fields ranging from education to healthcare, management consulting to municipal planning, and in contexts engaging both grassroots and executive leadership in Africa, Europe, North America, the Middle East and Asia.

Registration Fee

\$850; includes lunch on both days.

<http://www.aliainstitute.org>

C10.

“Planning the Best Meeting---Insider Tips” Luncheon Mar. 23

Guest Speaker: Lynn Buckley, Agenda Managers Inc.

As Founder and President of Agenda Managers Inc., Lynn is dedicated to providing leading edge ideas and expertise for meeting and event creation, design and implementation and special project management. She strives to bring this innovative thinking to the delivery of every program for Agenda Managers.

Guest Panelists: Jennifer Hitchcock, Destination Halifax

Ryan McKinnon, AVW Tel Av

Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Time: 11:45 am to 1:45 pm

Location: Halifax Marriott Harbourfront

Cost: \$30 per member Or: \$270 for 10 Luncheons w/ PP Card
\$35 per non member Or: \$300 for 10 Luncheons w/PP Card

Registration Form:

Please return this form before noon on Friday March 19, 2010 to

Bev Wilcott at: csae@ns.aliantzinc.ca

C11.

Coastal Communities Network’s Annual General Meeting and Gathering on Mar. 22

Monday March 22nd, 2010, Nova Scotia Community College, Truro campus, Room 113, Library Resource Centre., 36 Arthur Street, Truro, NS. 10:00 Am to 3 PM. Registration starts at 9:30 No fee. Lunch provided.

Everyone welcome! Come out and connect with your old CCN friends or meet new ones!

In order to arrange lunch, please register by sending form below to ccn@ns.sympatico.ca or mailing to: CCN, P.O. Box 402, New Glasgow, NS, B2H 5E5

There will be a Silent Auction during lunch. Please consider bringing an item (crafts, gift certificates, baked goods, etc.) The proceeds will support CCN.

C12.

Finance Consultations - Back to Balance – Sheet Harbour, Mar. 20

Finance Minister Graham Steele has rescheduled the Back to Balance meeting in Sheet Harbour for Saturday, March 20. The meeting, which was originally scheduled for Feb. 17, was postponed because of poor weather. The rescheduled meeting will be from 2-4 p.m. at Sheet Harbour Consolidated School, 479 Church Point Rd. To obtain a copy of the Back To Balancediscussion guide or to sign up for the meeting, visit www.gov.ns.ca/finance .

D. Announcements

D1.

ENGO Participation in International Biodiversity Day Activities

The RCEN has been invited by Environment Canada to select thirteen lead environmental NGO groups in each province and territory to carry out outreach and education activities for the International Day for Biodiversity (IDB) on May 22, 2010. This year's IDB theme is "Biodiversity, Development and Poverty Alleviation"; however, activities are not limited to this theme. Selected ENGOs will collaborate with the RCEN Biodiversity Caucus and Environment Canada's Ecosystems and Biodiversity Priorities Division to: prepare IDB Outreach plans; carry out outreach and education activities based on outreach plans; write a final report on completed outreach and education activities. The ENGO delegates will be compensated \$1250 for participation in two teleconferences and the development and implementation of the Outreach Plans, and \$200 to write the final report. The deadline for applications is February 22, 2010.

More information at http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/consultations/delegate_calls/10_02_IDB.html.

D2.

Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area Public Consultations

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

Public Open-House Meetings:

- Wednesday March 10, from 11:00 to 2:00 pm at Dalhousie University's Student Union Building in Halifax,
- Wednesday March 24, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the St. Margaret's Centre in Tantallon,
- Saturday March 27, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. Timothy's Church in Hatchet Lake.

Public Library Information Displays (March 1 to 31):

- Spring Garden Road Memorial Public Library
- Alderney Landing Public Library
- Tantallon Public Library

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

Please forward this email to any other individuals and organizations.

Protected Areas Branch

Nova Scotia Environment

Box 442, 5151 Terminal Road

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

B3J 2P8

Tel; (902) 424-2117

Fax; (902) 424-0501

protectedareas@gov.ns.ca

www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protectedareas

D3.

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

Date: Friday June 4th, 2010.

Time: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

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

This event will happen rain or shine (rain location is inside the Small Crafts Gallery of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic). The event is free of charge and open to the public. As in past years we're interested in exhibits that show

off your organization's mandates and interests as they relate to our Oceans and Coasts. We'll have interactive, educational exhibits and displays, the live touch tank, seafood samples, demonstrations and more! We will provide tables for your exhibits (1 table per organization). Please let us know by March 10th (even tentatively) if you will be able to participate in the event again this year. Coordination of Federal participation will be through DFO c/o Jennifer Hackett jennifer.hackett@dfo-mpo.gc.ca and participation by all other organizations will be through NSDFA Sean Weseloh McKeane weselosw@gov.ns.ca

D4.

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

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

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

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

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

D5.

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

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

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

D6.

Public consultations on draft Master Plan for the Western Common Wilderness Common

HRM is seeking public input on the draft Master Plan for the Western Common Wilderness Common situated between Highway 103 and Highway 333 (Prospect Road) extending west from the Ragged Lake Business Park to the area around Nine Mile River. The Wilderness Common is a proposed 1600 hectare portion of the Western Common that will become a Regional Park. A public open house meeting will be held on the following date:

Wednesday, April 14 from 6:30-9:00 pm

Brookside Jr. High School, 2239 Prospect Road

The public is also invited to comment on the plan via e-mail. Please submit your comments to parkplan@halifax.ca no later than April 14, 2010. The master plan and maps are available for download at:

<http://www.halifax.ca/RealPropertyPlanning/WCWA/documents/PublicMeeting.pdf>

For further information please contact John Charles, Planner, Real Property Planning, HRM Infrastructure and Asset Management at: 490 5771.

D7.

Call for Delegates: Policy Dialogue on the Way Forward on Climate Change Internationally

Climate Action Network Canada and the RCEN are conducting a delegate selection for a one-day policy dialogue on the way forward on climate change internationally organized by IISD in Ottawa on March 30, 2010. The policy dialogue will focus on two issues: moving forward on the Copenhagen Accord and continuing momentum on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) and agriculture. There is a total of \$5000 in funding available to help some participants cover travel costs associated with this dialogue. The deadline to apply is March 19, 2010. More information: http://www.cen-rcce.org/eng/consultations/delegate_calls/10_03_climate.html

D8.

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

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

D9.

Environmental Assessment Notice: Whycocomagh Quarry Extension Project

This is to advise that on March 17, 2010, Alva Construction Limited registered the Whycocomagh Quarry Extension Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act. The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to extend the existing approved Whycocomagh Quarry site to allow for continued aggregate production for local construction needs. Proposed quarry activities (i.e. production levels, blasting and truck traffic) will be consistent with current quarry operations.

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

The Farmer's Daughter, 9393 Route 105, Whycocomagh, NS
Canada Post, 115 Main St, Whycocomagh, NS
Clean Nova Scotia, 126 Portland Street, Dartmouth, NS
Ecology Action Centre, 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax, NS
Nova Scotia Environment, 218 MacSween Street, Port Hawkesbury, NS
Nova Scotia Environment, 5th Floor Library, 5151 Terminal Road, Halifax, NS

EA website (when available) <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/ea>

The public is invited to submit written comments to:

Environmental Assessment Branch

Nova Scotia Environment

P.O. Box 442, Halifax, NS, B3J 2P8

on or before April 16, 2010 or contact the department at (902) 424-3230, (902) 424-0503 (Fax), or e-mail at EA@gov.ns.ca. All submissions received, including personal information, will be made available for public review in the Nova Scotia Environment Library, 5th floor, Halifax Office, 5151 Terminal Road.

D10.

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

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

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

D11.

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

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

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

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

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

For links and more information about incentives and prizes, see our Blue Nose website: www.nsnt.ca/bluenose

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Robin or Nicole at (902) 425-5263 or robin@nsnt.ca.

D12.

HRM Request for Proposal: Pesticide Application Permit Assessments

Request for Proposal 10-028, Pesticide Application Permit Assessments is being solicited by HRM. The solicitation can be downloaded at <http://www.halifax.ca/procurement/tenders3.asp>

D13.

NS Youth Conservation Corps - Community Partner applications - Due March!

Now accepting Community Partner applications for 2010 NSYCC program.

New application deadline: March 22, 2010

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/youth/>

E. Jobs & Internships

E1.

Community Advisor (full-time) with Active & Safe Routes to School

Deadline: April 11, 2010 at 6 pm

Start: late April 2010

<http://www.ecologyaction.ca/files/images/file/CommunityAdvisorJobPosting.pdf>

www.saferoutesns.ca

Follow ASRTS on Twitter: www.twitter.com/asrts

E2.

Pace Car Coordinator (part-time) with Active & Safe Routes to School

Deadline: April 11, 2010 at 6 pm

Start: late April 2010

<http://www.ecologyaction.ca/files/images/file/PaceCarCoordJobPosting.pdf>

www.saferoutesns.ca

Follow ASRTS on Twitter: www.twitter.com/asrts

E3.

Science Horizons Youth Internship Program

Environment Canada is inviting universities, private businesses and non-government organizations to submit project proposals for the 2010 / 2011 Science Horizons Youth Internship Program. The program offers promising young scientists and post-secondary graduates hands-on experience working on environmental projects under the mentorship and coaching of experienced scientists and program managers. Projects must address Science Horizons Youth Internship program objectives and Environment Canada's mandate, and provide meaningful work experience for the youth.

The deadline for all applications is March 31, 2010.

Project Details

- o There is a maximum contribution of \$12,000 per placement.
- o Projects are 6 to 10 months in duration, must begin on or after June 1, 2010, and are to be completed by March 31, 2011.
- o The employer must provide a minimum of 30% of the project costs.
- o A mentor must be identified for each project.

Application Information for Potential Employers

- Employer applications can be submitted electronically, or via mail or fax.
- The on-line application for employers is here:

http://www.ec.gc.ca/sci_hor/form.cfm?lang=e®ion_ID=1.

- The print application for employers is here: http://www.ec.gc.ca/sci_hor/schedulea.doc, and can be mailed or faxed to:

Science Horizons Youth Internship Program

Community Programs, Environment Canada

45 Alderney Drive, 16th Floor, Queen Square

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia B2Y 2N6

Fax: (902) 426-2062

E4.

Katimavik Project Leader –Deadline Apr.5

Looking for the most stimulating and rewarding job you will ever have? Become a Katimavik Project Leader!

Katimavik is your chance to put your ideals into action. You will make a difference in your life and in the lives of 11 youth from across the country with whom you will be living. Whether you work in a community in your home province or elsewhere in Canada, you will be heading a team of young volunteers involved in meaningful development initiatives. Put your skills to work and foster the personal development and civic engagement of Canadian youth between 17 and 21 years old. The 7 to 13 month contract would include: full training, a salary of \$26,711 – \$28, 901 plus benefits and living expenses! Your salary is all yours as all expenses are paid! Katimavik is Canada's leading national youth volunteer service program. Our mission is to foster the personal development and engagement of our nation's young people through a challenging program of community service, training, and group interaction. To apply or for more information, visit our website: www.katimavik.org/jobs
<http://www.katimavik.org/jobs/browse/personel/fiel>
Deadline: April 5, 2010 | Contact: Janet Belliveau

E5.

SACKVILLE RIVERS ASSOCIATION Executive Director –Deadline Mar. 20

The SRA is an incorporated, registered charity, community environmental association responsible for the Sackville River Watershed in Sackville, Nova Scotia. It is a 21-year-old organization with initiatives in river remediation, trails development, experiential education, outreach, and scientific research. It has 3 full-time employees, 5-8 summer students, and 100 active volunteer members.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The SRA is seeking an energetic highly organized individual to assume the role of Executive Director. The individual will carry out a variety of duties, in a highly active but interesting environment. The Executive Director will report to the Board of Directors and will be supported in their duties by other SRA staff including a field supervisor, part-time bookkeeper, auditor, board secretary and a legal advisor.

DUTIES WILL INCLUDE:

Provide scientific oversight to projects from design to completion. Supervise Staff in carrying out field and office-based scientific studies. Maintaining communications and developing strong relationships with SRA Board, committees, volunteers and various external stakeholder organizations. Coordinate publication of SRA monthly newsletter and maintain SRA website. Attend, prepare for, and present at monthly Board meetings and membership meetings. Prepare grant and funding applications to support various research, education and staffing initiatives of the SRA. In coordination with bookkeeper, maintain accounts receivable, payables, bank deposits, and ensure funded projects stay within budgets. Communicate and develop solid relationships with various media organizations. Be credible and professional representative of the SRA for media communications. Prepare media releases for events and issues concerning the SRA.

Coordinate and assist in the completion of fieldwork with the watershed.

Manage SRA's office and SRA staff on a day-to-day basis.

REQUIRED SKILLS:

Minimum education: Bachelors degree in Biology, Environmental Studies, Management, or Geography/Geomatics. (Masters degree preferred). Have a strong knowledge of watershed planning, environmental education, fish habitat, restoration, data management, water quality and wetland protection. Have experience in preparing for and participating in stakeholder and public consultations with an ability to think strategically. Possess strong written communication skills (technical report writing and public relations/media writing). Proven ability to raise money (fundraising). Have strong basic statistical analysis skills. Experience in supervising staff and the ability to maintain productivity, produce field reports, and remain within project budgets. Possess strong computer skills and be familiar with a number of software packages including Microsoft Office, Access (or other database software), GIS (ArcGIS), desktop publishing (Publisher, Adobe, Corel, etc.), web page editing (e.g. FrontPage, Dreamweaver). Have the ability and willingness to travel throughout Nova Scotia and work irregular hours when deemed necessary.

ADDITIONAL (ADVANTAGEOUS) SKILLS:

Electro fishing, knowledge of environmental/regulatory frameworks, knowledge of environmental law, stream surveys, and botanical identification experience would be considered an asset.

SALARY:

Compensation will range from \$40 - \$45,000 and will be commensurate with experience.

Interested applicants should provide application in MSWord format, and include a resume, two letters of reference, and covering letter. Only electronic applications will be accepted. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted, at

which time they will have to provide an RCMP security background check and a driver's license abstract. Short-listed applicants will be required to complete a computer test and a writing project.

Closing date is March 20, 2010

Please send applications to:

Larry Bell, Chair of Search Committee,

VP of Sackville Rivers Association

lbell@water-associates.com

www.sackvillerrivers.ns.ca/

Deadline: March 20, 2010 | Contact: Larry Bell, Chair of Search Committee,

E6.

Organic Farm Interns, Sweets Corner, West Hants, NS

Organization: Horse and Garden Farm

Location: Sweets Corner, West Hants, Nova Scotia, Canada

Horse and Garden Farm is entering its 3rd year producing a wide variety of greens and vegetables, a raspberry u-pick to open this year and a hay crop. The farm will certify organic this season. We are in the midst of reviving an old farm that had been abandoned many years. In addition to our gardens, projects abound! including construction projects, fence building, re-shingling, painting, cleanup in our small woodlot and along fencelines, creating perennial gardens and maintaining active compost windrows. Located in the beautiful St.Croix valley near Windsor NS, we provide to several local restaurants, 2 farmer's markets and this year, will offer a 25 member CSA Community Supported Agriculture program. The farm will welcome 4 interns this season (May 1 - Oct 31) two of whom are already confirmed. To complete our team, we are now seeking 2 interns with practical mechanical and carpentry skills, as well as an interest in organics and permaculture. The ability to drive a standard transmission is essential and comfort and experience with the tractor and implements and farm machinery in general is a real asset. The farm offers accomodation, meals and - with any luck - a bonus to interns at end of season. Accomodation is provided in 2 comfortable 18' travel trailers overlooking the farm pond and river, with outdoor privy and shower. A bunkhouse project is underway.

We are located centrally in an area with several organic farms and cooperate with others on projects and with an active social life. The farm offers a great opportunity to work hard and play hard, learn through doing and through demonstration, take initiative and responsibility and see all aspects of a small farm start-up. The area is well known for its musical events and jams, great swimming holes and beautiful vistas. We are located 45 min. from Halifax. We hope to have our team in place by April 15. Please contact us before that date via email: charper@eastlink.ca

E7.

ASSISTANT COORDINATOR, Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas

The Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas (www.mba-aom.ca) has an immediate opening for the position of Assistant Coordinator. The Maritimes Atlas is a five-year project to determine the distribution, abundance and status of all birds breeding in the Maritime provinces. 2010 the final year of data collection and the transition to the data analysis and publication phase of the project. The Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas Assistant Coordinator is a term position with Bird Studies Canada –Atlantic Region from April 1 2010 to December 31 2011 (or longer as needed), subject to a six-month provisional period during which the assistant must demonstrate good performance. The Assistant Coordinator reports to the Atlas Coordinator on behalf of the Atlas Steering Committee. The Assistant Coordinator's primary responsibilities relate to various aspects of book production (including fact checking, reviewing written materials, proof-reading written materials, assisting in the management and coordination of authors, editors and reviewers and potentially writing some species accounts), data verification and review, as well as volunteer management and communications in the final Atlas field season. Click here for a full list of duties and responsibilities. The Assistant Coordinator is based at the BSC Atlantic Region Office, co-located with the Canadian Wildlife Service in Sackville, New Brunswick, and may be required to travel within the three Maritime provinces.

SALARY RANGE

\$34,000 - \$40,000 per year, plus legal benefits (EI, CPP and vacation pay).

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITION

The Assistant Coordinator should hold a B.Sc. in biology, ecology or environmental studies, or relevant work experience, and should be legally entitled to work in Canada. A valid driver's license is required.

SKILLS

- Extremely strong organizational and communication skills (written and oral)
- Extensive knowledge of Canadian breeding birds
- Demonstrated research skills and strong attention to detail;
- Initiative and the ability to work independently with a minimum of supervision;
- Computer skills (familiarity with website design and MS Office including Word, Excel, Power Point and FrontPage).

ASSETS

- The ability to communicate in French (written and oral)
- Skills related to publication including editing, copy-editing, and developing and using templates
- Database experience and knowledge of SQL Server Enterprise Manager
- Familiarity with the Maritimes breeding birds and habitats
- Scientific publications
- Previous Atlas survey experience and familiarity with Atlas protocols
- Ability to identify birds by sight and sound

Applicants should submit a cover letter (highlighting relevant experience), resume, two references (with email and phone numbers) and a brief writing sample (ideally a scientific or popular publication, or a short unpublished report) in Microsoft Word or PDF format to:

Becky Stewart

Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas Coordinator

17 Waterfowl Lane, Box 6227

Sackville, NB

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Phone: 1-866-5ATLAS5

Email: bstewart@birdscanada.org

Deadline for submission: March 26, 2010, 4:00 pm Atlantic time. Electronic (email) submissions are preferred. While BSC appreciates all applications, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

E8.

CYCC is Hiring: G20 and Climate Campus Outreach Organizers

Canadian Youth Climate Coalition will be hiring 1 full-time and 5-7 part-time G20 and Climate Campus Outreach Organizers. Want to mobilize people on your campus around climate change, climate justice and green jobs? Do you want to see these issues properly addressed by the Canadian government and at the Toronto G20? Are you looking for part-time or full-time work for the next few months? Then check out the job description at <http://www.ourclimate.ca/joomla/>.

E9.

Department: Environment - Environmental Analyst I-II

Department: Environment (Policy & Corporate Services Division, Policy & Planning Branch)

Competition #5960LF-CB

Status (Permanent)

Our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative, at all job levels, of the citizens we serve. The Government of Nova Scotia has an Employment Equity Policy and we welcome applications from Aboriginal People, African Nova Scotians and Other Racially Visible Persons, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations or positions where they are under-represented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify, on your application form, cover letter, or on your resume. This job posting is initially restricted to NSGEU bargaining unit employees. Applicants applying for this opportunity must clearly indicate in their covering letter or resume that he/she is currently a NS Government Civil Service employee and a member of the NSGEU. Failure to do so means that your application will not be given first consideration and will only be included if external applications are pursued. Your Employee Self Serve access will allow you to confirm what your employment status is prior to applying for this restricted position. External applicants and current casual NS Government employees will only be considered if there are no qualified NS Government Civil Service NSGEU bargaining unit candidates. The Policy and Planning Branch of Nova Scotia Environment has a permanent vacancy

for an Environmental Analyst I-II. The Policy and Planning Branch is responsible for coordinating environmental policy and planning for the department, including legislative review and policy development; conducting environmental policy research, evaluation and advice; and continuously advancing and supporting good regulatory practice throughout the department and improving our protection of the public interest, including the competitiveness of Nova Scotia businesses. The Environmental Analyst I-II plays a key role in those responsibilities.

The duties of the Environmental Analyst I-II are:

Provide expert environmental policy advice that promotes contemporary regulatory reform principles in the development of programs that support the environmental legislative/regulatory frameworks coming under the department's mandate;

conduct environmental policy and legal research;

perform environmental qualitative/quantitative analysis;

develop and maintain performance measurement systems in support of an accountability framework;

facilitate, design and implement stakeholder consultation processes; and

prepare discussion papers, policy proposals, reports, briefing materials, and Executive Council submissions to advance the department's environmental agenda.

Qualifications:

BSc/BA plus 2 years related experience. Preference will be given to degrees in environmental science.

Demonstration of experience in areas including the environmental field, policy analysis, research methods, performance measurement, and writing reports and briefing materials. The successful candidate will be a team player, well organized, capable of prioritizing and undertaking high level work under tight deadlines, and possess excellent writing skills. Possession of basic computer skills, including thorough knowledge of software packages such as Windows, WordPerfect, GroupWise, Excel, and PowerPoint is needed.

Classification Level: PR 10-15

Salary Range: \$47,008.60 - \$69,905.96

Closing Date: March 23, 2010

Please send your cover letter and resume as one document when applying via e mail. Also please quote the competition number in the e mail subject line and in your cover letter.

Please forward your application/resume to the attention of:

Human Resources Division

Department of Natural Resources

P.O. Box 698, 1701 Hollis Street

2nd Floor, Founders Square Building

Halifax, NS B3J 2T9

Fax: (902) 424 3222

Email: Resources-JobApps@gov.ns.ca

Submissions must be received by mail or delivery by 4:30 P.M. on the closing date. Submissions must be received by fax or email by midnight on the closing date. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

F. Volunteer Opportunities / HelpWanted

F1.

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

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

For more information, please contact:

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NSEN: Connecting for a Sustainable Future

G. Funding & Awards

G1.

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation is Seeking New Applications

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

G2.

RBC Blue Water Grants

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

G3.

Community Action Program for the Environment Funding - Web Portal Launched

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new Community Action Programs for the Environment (CAPE) web portal, which brings together, for the first time, Environment Canada's 10 community funding programs on a single website. Canadians now have easy access to information about all our community funding programs, including each programs' goals, eligibility criteria, funding deadlines, geographic range, available funding, and website. Thank you for your interest in the CAPE portal. Please take a moment to bookmark the link at: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/pace-cape/Default.asp?lang=En&n=06DD166D-1>

G4.

Research Grants: Royal Canadian Geographical Society

The Royal Canadian Geographical Society supports geographic research projects on Canadian topics through its research grants program. The Research Grants Committee has funding opportunities for both students and the public: individual grants (up to \$3,000) and group grants (up to \$5,000).

The RCGS also awards Studentships in Human Geography and Northern Geography: the Maxwell Studentship in Human Geography for Master's students (\$5,000); the Bourque Studentship in Northern Geography for PhD students (\$5,000); and the RCGS Studentship in Northern Geography for Masters students (\$5,000).

Deadline for applications: February 28th of each year. Deetails at: http://www.rcgs.org/programs/research_grants/.

G5.

Earth Day: Hometown Heroes Award - Call for Nominations

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

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

New to the 2010 program is the Group Hometown Heroes Award, with a \$10 000 cash-prize to support their work.

Nominate yourself, an individual or group from your community by Earth Day, April 22nd, 2010.

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

G6.

Canadian School Eco-Fundraising Program

The Canadian Public Employee Acquisition Club has developed a program that offers Canadian schools the unique opportunity to fundraise while promoting discussion on the environment across the classroom, family and

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

G7.

Order of Nova Scotia Nominations Due This Month

The Order of Nova Scotia is the highest honour of the Province of Nova Scotia. Established in 2001, it encourages excellence by recognizing Nova Scotians for outstanding contributions or achievements. Members of the Order of Nova Scotia have distinguished themselves in many fields of endeavour and have brought honour and prestige to themselves and to Nova Scotia. If you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the cultural life or the social or economic well-being of our province, you should consider nominating him or her for the Order of Nova Scotia. It is a special way to honour an individual you respect and admire. Fields of endeavour recognized by this honour include the arts, academics, research, agriculture, business, industry, community leadership, public service, and volunteer service.

Nominations are accepted throughout the year. The deadline for consideration is the third Friday of March. More info: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/prot/order.htm>

G8.

United Way Youth Grants – Deadline Apr. 13

United Way Youth Grants applications are now online <http://www.unitedwayhalifax.ca/youthgrants>.

Got an idea? Want to make a difference? We can help you get started...

United Way of Halifax Region is giving out Youth Grants to youth-led projects that have a positive impact in the community. If you're 23 or under and have an idea for a project that makes a positive difference in the Halifax Region you can apply. Check it out at <http://www.unitedwayhalifax.ca/youthgrants> or become a fan of United Way Youth Grants on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/United-Way-Youth-Grants/56023199278?ref=ts>.

Deadline is April 13th. Please spread the word!

For more info e-mail youth@unitedwayhalifax.ca or call 902-461-3073.

G9.

Call for Nominations: 2010 Mobius Environmental Awards

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

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

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 30th, 2010.

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

G10.

Copenhagen Legacy Essay Contest-Deadline Mar. 31

Copenhagen Legacy Essay Contest asks post-secondary students to write an essay exploring the environmental legacy of the 21st century. \$2,500 scholarship, due 31 March

One hundred years from now, what will our environmental legacy be? The 2009 United Nations Copenhagen Summit was an unprecedented opportunity for our government leaders to come together to solve climate change. In the aftermath of 11 days of indecision, ask yourself what are we doing now and what will we do in the future. How will future generations remember our time? The Copenhagen Legacy Essay Contest is seeking essays that attempt to answer this question in a creative and inspiring manner. Imagine yourself in the year 2110 and write an essay that explores the environmental legacy of the 21st century. The winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship from AIR MILES My Planet and a chance to be published in Alternatives Journal, Canada's national environmental magazine. The contest is open to anyone enrolled in a Canadian post-secondary institution. The deadline for submissions is March 31st, 2010. The winning essay will be announced in late April.

Inquiries can be sent to info@copenhagenlegacy.com

Submissions should be sent as an attachment to submissions@copenhagenlegacy.com

H. News

H1.

“Meet the Radical Homemaker: Goodbye Rat Race, Hello Vegetable Garden”

Globe & Mail

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/work/meet-the-radical-homemaker-goodbye-rat-race-hello-vegetable-garden/article1501415/>

H2.

Non-sustainable fish pulled from Superstore Loblaw's shelves

Canada's biggest grocer pledges to stop selling fish that are at risk

Vancouver Sun

<http://www.vancouversun.com/life/sustainable+fish+pulled+from+Loblaw+shelves/2630722/story.html>

H3.

Tory budget ‘walks away’ from renewable energy, environmentalist says

When the Canadian government put money into environmental initiatives to stimulate the flagging economy, it focused on capturing the carbon emissions from the oil and gas industries and building “green” infrastructure like hydro transmission lines, landfills and sewage systems.

Other governments around the world, meanwhile, channelled their investments into the commercial development of renewable energy technologies. For some of them, this was not a new venture.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/budget/tory-budget-walks-away-from-renewable-energy-environmentalist-says/article1496915/?cid=art-rail-politics>

H4.

Sweden plans to build 2,000 wind turbines by 2020

The increase is equivalent to about half of the power generated by the country's nuclear reactors in 2009.

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9E6GRPG0.htm>

H5.

Green project head cries foul

Feds favour Quebec initiatives, says environmental group president

By GORDON DELANEY Valley Bureau

Fri. Feb 19 - 4:53 AM

The federal government is favouring Quebec over Atlantic Canada when it comes to doling out money for community environmental projects, says the president of a nationally recognized environmental organization.

The Conservatives have cut funding for a long-term program that supports community environmental efforts in this region, while extending the program for another year in Quebec, Richard Bridge of the Clean Annapolis River Project said Thursday.

The Atlantic Coastal Action Program, an Environment Canada initiative that supports 16 community organizations will no longer receive money from Ottawa, Bridge said in an interview.

The Clean Annapolis River Project has participated in the program since 1990 and its accomplishments are significant, he said. They include local watershed and habitat restoration, pollution reduction, protection of endangered species and public education.

Community organizations that do similar environmental work in Quebec will continue to get Environment Canada funding for another year until the federal government finalizes details of a new program, Bridge said.

The Atlantic Coastal Action Program used to get \$2 million a year to divide among 16 groups, with the Clean Annapolis River Project getting \$82,000. That amounted to roughly 16 per cent of CARP's annual \$500,000 budget, and its loss leaves a big hole.

"It's going to force us to stop some things and scale some other things back," Bridge said.

Much of the money was being used for environmental monitoring work, particularly regarding water quality and pollution in the Annapolis River watershed.

CARP also monitors biodiversity and how well plant and marine life are coping.

"A lot of it is the hard science of ecology," Bridge said. "And that hard science is one of our strengths."

He said there appears to be a double standard in effect.

"We're not getting the same kind of treatment that our good friends in Quebec are, even though the work is very similar," Bridge said. "The good works being done by community organizations in Quebec will receive support from Environment Canada, while similar work here is cut."

"Surely local ecological health is as important in Atlantic Canada as in Quebec. This unequal treatment makes no fiscal or environmental sense."

External, independent review has shown that the community organizations supported by the Atlantic Coastal Action Program carry out their projects at about one-tenth the cost of Environment Canada delivering them directly, Bridge said.

The community organizations rely upon volunteers but some employ scientists, university students and others for the more complex work.

CARP is a registered charity dedicated to restoring and protecting the ecological health of the Annapolis River watershed. It has received national and international recognition for its efforts.

Bridge said he is asking members of Parliament from Atlantic Canada to speak up on behalf of the region.

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H6.

Green-collar jobs vital to sustainable N.S. economy

By TAMARA LORINCZ and ANDREA HARDEN-DONAHUE

Chronicle Herald

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/Columnists/1170446.html>

Thu. Mar 4 - 4:53 AM

The provincial government has invited citizens to give advice to help Nova Scotia get back into financial balance. The province is faced with the serious economic challenges of increasing budgetary deficits and mounting debt.

However, it must also deal with other difficult social and environmental problems, including rising energy costs, unemployment, climate change and poverty. If we do not address these challenges simultaneously, our province will never truly prosper.

In the consultations, Back to Balance, one of the four questions that the government has asked is: What investments should be made today that will help grow the economy in the long term?

We believe a green-collar job strategy is a critical investment to stimulate the economy, reduce poverty and protect the environment.

A green-collar job has been defined as blue-collar employment that has been upgraded to better respect the environment. These jobs are also career-track and family-supporting. Examples of such jobs include electricians who install solar panels, farmers involved in organic agriculture, foresters in quality-improvement silviculture, service providers in sustainable tourism, and construction workers who build energy-efficient buildings and mass transportation systems.

Last year, Blue Green Canada was established by an alliance of two national labour and environmental organizations: the United Steelworkers and Environmental Defence. They are jointly advocating for the creation of a green manufacturing strategy that addresses climate change and reduces toxic chemicals in commercial activity across the country (www.bluegreencanada.ca).

In December, the Council of Canadians and the Canadian Labour Congress released a report, Green Decent and Public, that examined green job potential in Canada. The report focused on the important role of governments and the public sector and found that with targeted investments, thousands of decent jobs can be created in energy efficiency and renewable energy. It also emphasizes the distinct advantages of public and community ownership of needed renewable energy expansion.

The report cites the impressive Home Retrofit program by the German Alliance for Work and the Environment. Since 2001, 11 billion euros of public investment led to 342,000 homes renovated, 140,000 jobs created or saved, and two million tonnes per year of greenhouse gas emissions reduced in Germany.

In the United States, almost 1,500 mayors have signed on to the Green Jobs Pledge to create a thriving green-collar workforce. Van Jones, the author of the book The Green Collar Economy and founder of Green For All in the U.S., has documented many successful examples of poor communities being positively transformed by going green (www.greenforall.org).

The government of Ontario has taken up the green-collar challenge with the recent passing of the Green Energy Act. The act has given Ontario the potential to create and sustain 90,000 good-paying jobs over the next 10 years, according to the study entitled Building the Green Economy: Employment Effects of Green Energy Investments for Ontario.

Nova Scotia can be a leader in the clean-energy economy with a green-collar job strategy. The strategy would harness the full potential and power of the provincial Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act and the climate-change strategy.

A Nova Scotia green-collar job strategy would require an integrated government approach that collaborates with our academic, labour, private and non-profit sectors. It should also draw on the environmental and energy efficiency expertise of community groups like Clean Nova Scotia, the Ecology Action Centre, Solar Nova Scotia, and Clean Annapolis River Project among others. As well, the strategy should support home-grown businesses like Thermal Dynamics and link with initiatives like the Nova Scotia Business Alliance for Local Living Economies.

A green-collar job strategy for Nova Scotia would get the province on a new path of economic, social and environmental prosperity and bring us into real balance.

Tamara Lorincz is executive director, Nova Scotia Environmental Network. Andrea Harden-Donahue is energy campaigner, Council of Canadians.

H7.

Wacky winter a signal of years to come: Climatologist

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/technology/Wacky+winter+signal+years+come/2663423/story.html>

From the balmy Arctic, to the open water of the St. Lawrence and snowless western fields, this winter has been the warmest and driest in Canadian record books.

Environment Canada scientists report that winter 2009/10 was 4 C above normal, making it the warmest since nationwide records were first kept in 1948. It was also the driest winter on the 63-year record, with precipitation 22 per cent below normal nationally, and down 60 per cent in parts of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario.

"It's beyond shocking," David Phillips, a senior climatologist with Environment Canada, told Canwest News Tuesday. Records have been shattered from "coast to coast to coast."

"It is truly a remarkable situation," says Phillips, noting that he's seen nothing like it in his 40 years of weather watching. He also warns that "the winter than wasn't" may have set the stage for potentially "horrific" water shortages, insect infestations and wildfires this summer.

As much of Asia, Europe and the U.S. shivered through and shovelled out of freak winter storms, Phillips says Canada was left on the sidelines.

"It's like winter was cancelled in this country," he says.

Temperature across Canada, except for a small area over the southern Prairies, were above normal, with some parts of Nunavut and northern Quebec more than six degrees above normal, he and his colleagues report. It's been "downright balmy" in much of the north, the St. Lawrence River is all but ice free, as are waters off Newfoundland, while Vancouver had to haul in snow for the Winter Olympics.

Phillips says the extraordinary winter appears to be tied to several factors, chief among them El Nino, a shift in the winds and ocean currents in the Pacific Ocean, and the shrinking Arctic ice, which has thinned and retreated markedly in recent years.

"I think it's a combination of a strong El Nino and the shrinking and disappearance of the ice at the top of the world," says Phillips, adding that changing "pressure spots" in the Arctic and Atlantic also played a role. "They've all been working in cahoots to create this unbelievable winter."

Spring does not officially start until March 20, but Environment Canada classifies winter as December through February and has just finished pulling together data from across the country. The department's report was quietly posted online this week.

It says the long-term record shows Canada's climate has changed, most markedly in the winter, which has warmed 2.5 C over the last 63 years.

"The winter season shows the greatest warming of any season, but all seasons have shown a warming trend since 1948," says the summary. Of the 10 warmest winters, four have occurred within the last decade, and 11 of the last 20 winters are listed among the 20 warmest.

This winter was a standout, with records being shattered from B.C. to Baffin Island to the Great lakes. The North saw extraordinary temperatures, with three regions setting "a new high mark" — the Arctic tundra 5.4 C above normal, Arctic mountains and fiords 5.3 C above normal, and northwestern forest 4.2 C above normal.

Spring has now arrived in many parts of Canada with cherry trees in full bloom on the West Coast, and Phillips says, "crocuses already blossoming in Labrador."

The warm, dry winter could spell big trouble this summer. "One of the greatest things about our winter is it kills bugs and diseases and resets the clock for us," says Phillips. Or, it used to. He says many pests are sure to be thriving after this year's warm winter.

"Everything weird, wild and wacky that happens this summer people will trace back to the year without winter," says Phillips, noting that soil moisture in the western Prairies is very low.

Environment Canada's spring forecast does not hold much relief. Temperatures over much of the country are predicted to be warmer and drier than normal until the end of May.

As for the longer term, Phillips says the trend points to Canadian winters getting shorter and warmer. This year's wacky winter, he says, may be a sign of things to come.

"This may be dress rehearsal of what we'll see as normal in years to come," says Phillips, suggesting it is time to start adapting to the new warmer reality.

"We don't have to sit here and wait for Mother Nature to get us," says Phillips.

Link to the report on the 2009/2010 weather: <http://www.msc-smc.ec.gc.ca/ccrm/bulletin/national—e.cfm>

I. Resources

II.

Contaminated Sites in Nova Scotia - Final Paper - December 2009

Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia

<http://www.lawreform.ns.ca/introduction.htm>

I2.

Colin Stewart Forest Forum Final Report (in case you missed its release)

http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protectedareas/docs/CSFF_finalreport_sign.pdf

I3.

Climate Debt: Naomi Klein

Naomi Klein gave a fantastic talk last week in Toronto on the issue of climate debt. It provides a radically compelling and utterly rational view of the problem of climate change. It is posted on YouTube in 6 parts (55 min. total):

<http://www.rabble.ca/rabbletv/program-guide/2010/03/features/naomi-klein-speaks-climate-debt-toronto>

I4.

ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TOGETHER: NRTEE Report

The report entitled "Progress Through Process: Achieving Sustainable Development Together", a joint effort of Canada's National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy and the Public Policy Forum, recommends new collaborative approaches be adopted to achieve the goal of sustainable development. The study also argues that new governance methods must include key interest groups to build legitimacy; allow for ongoing dialogue that creates trust; and allow participants to take responsibility for solving difficulties - <http://www.nrtee-trnee.com/eng/news-media/news-media.php>.

I5.

Two Million Tonnes a Day - A Mine Waste Primer: MiningWatch Report

The creation of large volumes of waste, including solids, liquid effluents, and air emissions, is a fact of life for mining and mineral processing operations. Depending on the minerals' natural geology and how they are processed these wastes can often be hazardous to the environment and human health. Solid wastes including waste rock and tailings are, by volume, the most significant waste generated by mining and mineral processing. Solid wastes are typically in the tens to hundreds of millions of tons of waste for a single mine. A rough estimate of Canadian production is 2 million tonnes a day. Based on information available from the U.S., it is safe to assume that mining in Canada generates a greater volume of toxic waste than any other industry in the country.

http://www.miningwatch.ca/sites/miningwatch.ca/files/Mine_Waste_Primer.pdf

I6.

Small nonprofits: A big part of our sector (National Report)

This report is based on the results of the first major quantitative study of the paid workforce of the Canadian nonprofit sector, conducted by the HR Council in 2008. More information on this study and its methodology is available on the Labour Force Study project page.

<http://www.hrcouncil.ca/trends-issues/march2010.cfm>

"Canada's nonprofit sector is mostly made up of small organizations. There are about 54,000 of them. Three-quarters of nonprofits (74%) have fewer than ten employees and over half of Canadian nonprofits (53%) have fewer than five employees. ...

What do we know about the employees of small nonprofits?

Approximately 168,000 Canadians work for small nonprofits. They outnumber the combined teaching staffs of all of the country's universities and colleges."

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