

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

** Be sure to CONNECT with NSEN.ca and add your event, job, announcement and action alert directly to our web site. Celebrate World Water Day on March 22. May 22nd is also International Biodiversity Day - This year's theme is "Invasive Alien Species" Sustainability Week at Saint Mary's University – lots of great events:
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Fashioned like a tongue-in-cheek murder mystery, Who Killed the Electric Car? sets out to uncover who was responsible for the demise of the EV-1, an electric car considered to be one of the fastest and most efficient production cars ever built. The car used no fuel, produced no emissions and when it was introduced in the mid-nineties, catapulted American technology to the forefront of the automotive industry, creating an opportunity to capture the 'green' market. . The lucky few who drove it including filmmaker Chris Paine, never wanted to give it up. So why did General Motors crush its fleet of electric vehicles in the Arizona desert? As a new crop of hybrid electric cars make their "green debut" at auto shows across North America, Who Killed the Electric Car? investigates what happened the last time the electric car was introduced to consumers.

<http://www.cbc.ca/documentaries/passionateeyeshowcase/2009/electriccar/>

A3. Watch this excellent 5-minute video clip “Dirty Oil: Alberta's Tar Sands Explained”

An powerful overview of the tarsands by Andrew Nikiforuk. Renowned environmental journalist Andrew Nikiforuk breaks down the tar sands operations in northern Alberta, Canada in this video. Based on his new book, Tar Sands: Dirty Oil and the Future of a Continent, this concise presentation explains how this "unconventional oil" - the majority of which is exported to America - is ruining forests, wiping out woodland habitat and draining our water systems, not to mention wreaking havoc on economic systems and energy policy.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjjnEzoxEI8>

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Visit www.insidethebottle.org to sign-up.

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A6.

Call the premier’s office and tell him to buy back Irving land in NS

For more info about the land for sale go to: <http://www.buybacknovascotia.ca/>

Contact: Honourable Rodney MacDonald

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424-7648

premier@gov.ns.ca

Premier, Office of the Premier

7th Floor, One Government Place, P.O. Box 726, 1700 Granville Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia
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A7.

Best thing you'll never do – Pledge to stop littering in Nova Scotia

www.bestthingyoullneverdo.ca

A8.

Sign the petition - I Speak for Rivers - protecting Canadian Navigation Rights

This recreational and water-focused organization out of Alberta is encouraging everyone to sign the House of Commons approved petition to stop the Federal government from making amendments to the Navigable Waters Protection Act. These changes will allow the Transport Minister an unprecedented discretion to define “classes” of projects on waterways that do not require government approval or environmental assessment (EA). This means that culverts, bridges, roads or other constructions could go forward without an adequate environmental assessment being undertaken – threatening the health and recreational potential of Canadian rivers.

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

A9.

Toast Public Water on World Water Day March 22: Sign the pledge

Sign-Up and pledge to making a toast to public water. Click here or visit www.insidethebottle.org

Find out more about the bottled water ban:

<http://novascotia.cupe.ca/water%20day/world%20water%20daymarch%2022%20-%202009.pdf> Find out more UN International Decade of Water for Life 2005-2015: <http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/>

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Scotiabank Theatre, Sobey Building, Saint Mary's University

Organized by the Marine Affairs Program

http://marineaffairsprogram.dal.ca/News_and_Events/MAP%20Events%20Calendar/index.php

B2.

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

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

B3.

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

Organized By NSHPP and DNR

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

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

B4.**Foundations of Board Governance at the Tatamagouche Centre, March 19, 2009**

Effective Board governance rarely happens by accident - it is generally the result of proactive and intentional efforts to build capacity and enhance performance. This workshop provides an overview of the key elements of a strong Board, and introduces a framework and tools for participants to assess their own Board strengths and areas for improvement. A participatory approach facilitates knowledge-sharing, and a workbook is provided. This workshop will be of interest to individuals who serve on not-for-profit Boards and seek greater effectiveness! Leadership: Bruce Smith, Bruce is an organizational consultant, mediator and facilitator based in Liverpool, NS. He works with not-for-profit Boards on all aspects of governance, including Board-Executive relations, monitoring and evaluating performance, and strategic planning.

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

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

<http://tatacentre.ca/programs/details/70>

B5.**SENSE Meeting "Sustainability Education in the Antigonish area" at St. FX on March 6**

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

B6.**THE STORY OF STUFF: TOWARD SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION FILM & DISCUSSION Mar. 10**

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

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

We live in a society that is obsessed with the production and consumption of stuff. But what we don't see are the consequences. "The Story of Stuff" is a 20-minute, fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. The Story of Stuff exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world. Join us for the screening of this popular film followed by a discussion to explore ways we can become more sustainable. Participants will also learn about the new Nova Scotia Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act and how citizens can become more environmentally and socially responsible. Participants will receive resources to help them take action in their homes and communities. There will also be draw prizes for the new book "Go Green: How to Build an Earth-Friendly Community." Organized by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network. A project of SENSE: Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia for Everyone Working Group. For more information, visit us online: www.nsen.ca

B7.**BOOK CLUB: Go Green: How to Build an Earth-Friendly Community Saturday, April 4**

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

Alderney Gate Library

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

B8.**The St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association Community Forum March 28 -29**

A two day forum for Bay residents to create a positive vision for development in Tantallon Village. Friday night will feature a slide show summary of the current state of the Crossroads and an expert panel discussion. Saturday morning will consist of discussion groups to vent and vision. Admission Free. Lunch provided. HRM Staff will audit the process. A schedule for Watershed Studies in the area is also under discussion; it has been suggested that

the two processes could occur concurrently. More info: community@heartofthebay.ca Visit: [/www.heartofthebay.ca](http://www.heartofthebay.ca)

B9.

5th World Environmental Education Congress May 10-14 in Montréal

The 5th World Environmental Education Congress, from May 10-14 in Montréal, will bring together environmental educators working in diverse settings and allow them to identify new and persistent challenges in the field of environmental education. Intended for all educators and all actors in environmental education, this event will gather international socio-scientific experts to present their ideas and to discuss with others, through presentations in the form of workshops, oral presentations, round tables and posters. Additionally, a unique forum for NGOs and NPOs will allow delegates to come to know organizations active in environmental education. The deadline for early-bird registrations is February 15, 2009. Visit <http://www.5weec.uqam.ca/EN/> for more information.

B10.

Fifth Annual Sable Island Meeting, 7:00 – 9:30, Weds March 4th, 2009, Room 201, Sobey Building, Saint Mary's University Campus. Event will include four short illustrated talks and a question and answer session followed by a reception. For more information click here:

http://www.greenhorsesociety.com/Synergy/Sable_Island_Update_2009.htm

B11.

4th annual Renewable Energy Conference 2009 :Emerging Opportunitites" May 27th & 28th, 2009

Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, NS. You may now register online by February 21st at the Early-Bird Registration rate of \$475.00. For AGENDA and REGISTRATION information, go to www.ENERGYEVENT.ca or contact Catherine at 902-237-7010 or Email at Catherine@energyconsultant.ca

B12.

ATLANTIC CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE 2009, Halifax - March 10-11, 2009

Location: Westin NS, 1181 Hollis Street. The winter of 2008-2009 brought changing economic conditions, the Federal and Provincial government budgets, the NS Energy Strategy and Climate Change Action Plan, and some new initiatives. Admission: \$150 for ESANS Members, \$200 for Non-Members. More info: esans.ca/events.html#acc09

B13.

Andrew Nikiforuk - The Alberta Tar Sands-Dirty Oil and the future of a Continent.* NS Tour March 2-6

Calgary based journalist/speaker Andrew Nikiforuk, one of Canada's foremost nonfiction authors and an award winning business reporter will be hosting a series of free public lectures in Nova Scotia on The Alberta Tar Sands-Dirty Oil and the future of a Continent.* March 2-6. Dates, Places, Times: 1. Sydney: Monday March 2: Membertou Trade and Convention Centre 7-9pm 2. Antigonish: Tuesday March 3, St. Francis Xavier University, 7-9pm 3. Bible Hill: Wednesday March 4, Nova Scotia Agriculture College, 12-1pm 4. Halifax: Wednesday March 4, Dalhousie's College of Sustainability, Kenneth Rowe Management Bldg. 7-9pm 5. Wolfville: Thursday, March 5, Acadia's Arthur Irving Academy for the Environment 7-9pm 6. (not-confirmed) Chester: Friday, March 6, Forest Heights Community School 1-2 pm 7. Mahone Bay: Friday March 6, Mahone Bay Community Centre, 7-9pm For information updates and details see <http://www.andrewnikiforuk.com/>

B14.

Greening Communities in the New Economy. The 2009 Annual Conference of Green Communities Canada. 18–20 March 2009, Hamilton Convention Centre, Hamilton, ON. <http://www.gca.ca/indexcms/>

B15.

Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute Annual General Meeting with Guest talk about Forest Certification

Guests Jonathan Kierstead & Peter Jones, AbitibiBowater

March 30th, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

For more information: phone: 902-682-2371

Web: <http://www.merseytobeatic.ca/>

B16.

Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute Seminar: Paddling the Shelburne River - April 28th, 7:00-8:00 pm

With backcountry packing demo by Harold & Diane Clapp

Andy Smith

For more information: phone: 902-682-2371

Web: <http://www.merseytobeatic.ca/>

B17.

Good News on the Environment Wednesday March 4th 4:00-5:00pm

Conference Hall, Loyola Building, Saint Mary's University

Presented by the Environmental Studies Program at Saint Mary's University

While there is much to be concerned about in the environment, there are many positive changes happening as well.

Faculty in the SMU Environmental Studies Program will outline some examples of big progress on the environmental front. The session will begin with a snapshot of sustainability initiatives at Saint Mary's, presented by Gabe Morrison, Chair of the SMU Sustainability Task Force. Come and join the discussion...

Georgia Pe-Piper and David Piper: "Improved Scientific Prediction of Climate Change"

Jeremy Lundholm: "Plants In and On Buildings: Greening the Hardscape"

Roxanne Richardson: "Local Food - A Growing Concern"

Cristian Suteanu: "Our Most Sensitive Environment: We Have More Power Than We Thought"

Tony Charles: "Grass-Roots Success Stories: Communities and Local Ecosystems"

Jason Clyburne: "Successful Applications of Green Chemistry"

This event is a part of Sustainability Week at Saint Mary's University

More info: www.smu.ca

B18.

"Tides of Change on Grand Manan Island: Culture and Belonging in a Fishing Community" Mar. 6

Reading & Discussion with Author Joan Marshall from 2:30-4 PM on Friday, March 6 - Room 204, Weldon Law Building, Dalhousie University. Organized by the Marine Affairs Program. More details:

http://marineaffairsprogram.dal.ca/News_and_Events/MAP%20Events%20Calendar/index.php

B19.

"The Worth of Water" Tues. Mar. 3 at 7pm at Scotia Bank Theatre, SMU

Perspectives on challenges surrounding the world's most valuable resource.

Speaker and Panel Discussion

6:30pm – 9:15pm. Scotia Bank Theatre. Sobeys Building, Saint Mary's University. Reception: 6:30 to 7pm.

Discussion starts at 7pm. Dr. Gordon Young, former Coordinator of the United Nations World Water Assessment Program and President of the International Association of Hydrological Sciences, will speak about threats to global water supplies. Following his presentation, Dr. Young will partake in a panel discussion featuring: Jessica Paterson, Water Strategy Coordinator for the NS Department of Environment; Dr. Lisa Kretz, Environmental Ethicist; as well as a representative from the Nova Scotia community (TBA). Topics will include threats to local water supplies, water issues in Nova Scotia communities, government policy and environmental ethics. Sponsored by Saint Mary's University Visiting Speaker Series, the Ecology Action Centre and Fusion Halifax. More details:

<http://www.smu.ca/sustain/activities>

B20.

Hike Bluff Wilderness Trail on Mar. 6

Friday, March 6th, 10 am - 4pm. Meet at SMU, then carpool to the Bluff Wilderness Trail near Timberlea.

SMUES invites the entire community to a hike. Pre-registration is required, please contact www.smues.ca by

March 4, 2008 by 6:00pm. On March 6th join SMUES and CPAWS as they hike the Bluff Wilderness Trail. Hikers

are invited to find friends and family to sponsor them for each kilometer they walk. All proceeds go to the Nova

Scotia Chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) to aid their wilderness conservation work.

For more information on the movie or hike, visit www.smues.ca or email smues@smu.ca. For more information on CPAWS, visit www.cpaawsns.org. More details: <http://www.smu.ca/sustain/activities>

B21.

SAVING LUNA playing in Halifax from 6th-12th at Bayers Lake Cinemas

a film by Suzanne Chisholm and Michael Parfit

See the trailer at www.SavingLuna.com

Halifax - March 6-12 - Daily at 1:00, 3:45, 6:45 and 9:00 PM

Director Suzanne Chisholm (from Nova Scotia and a Dal grad!) in attendance at all shows on opening weekend

Empire 17 – Bayers Lake Cinemas

190 Chain Lake Dr., Halifax

902.876.4800

In a film that has won awards worldwide, a little lost whale called Luna will leap into your heart with his energy and need, and the story of how humans react to him will delight you, baffle you, and immerse you in a great mystery: who are these lives who share our world, and what are the connections between us that we do not yet know? If you care about animals, independent film, or just fine entertainment, please join us at SAVING LUNA. And please forward this e-mail to your friends and colleagues who might be interested in this film. SAVING LUNA is family-friendly and is rated G.

Suzanne Chisholm

Producer, SAVING LUNA

Mountainside Films, Sidney, BC

www.SavingLuna.com

B22.

THE STRANGEST DREAM: Film about uranium, nuclear energy & nuclear weapons Mar. 9

A NATIONAL FILM BOARD OF CANADA PRODUCTION

Directed by Eric Bednarski Producer Kent Martin

Written by Eric Bednarski & Barry Cowling

The film will be followed by a discussion with filmmaker Eric Bednarski and NFB executive producer Kent Martin. Monday, March 9, 2009 | 7 pm (doors open at 6:15)

FREE Oxford Theatre, 6408 Quinpool Road, Halifax

The Strangest Dream tells the story of Joseph Rotblat, the history of nuclear weapons and the efforts of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs – which he co-founded – to halt nuclear proliferation. Nuclear physicist Joseph Rotblat was branded a traitor and spy after walking away from the Manhattan Project, builders of the first atomic bomb. But, with Bertrand Russell, he went on to help create the modern peace movement, and eventually to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

B23.

Build Green Atlantic Conference & Tradeshow May 15

The momentum is building: take a day to catch the wave of inspiration and innovation at this year's Build Green Atlantic at the NSCC Waterfront Campus on May 15. Build Green Atlantic is a day-long conference, trade show, and networking event to advance the design, construction, and operation of greener buildings here in Atlantic Canada. Whether you are a builder, a designer, provide a product or service, or manage a building, explore the many benefits of making Atlantic Canada's buildings greener and more sustainable. For more information, please visit www.buildgreenatlantic.org. If you are interested in presenting at this year's event, please contact Jennifer MacNeill at Jennifer.macneill@interfaceflor.ca or by phone at 902-456-4350. Submissions should be sent by March 13 and follow a theme of inspiration and innovation in designing and operating environmentally responsible buildings.

B24.

CME Presents 2nd annual energy excellence conference on Mar. 25

The conference will focus on offering opportunities, solutions, and savings for energy management. The event will take place at the World Trade and Convention Centre on 1800 Argyle Street, March 25, 2009. For more details please visit: <http://www.cme-mec.ca/ns/events.asp?id=1501&date=>

For information regarding partnership and exhibiting opportunities please contact Jackqui Squires at jackqui.squires@cme-mec.ca or by phone at 902-422-4477.

B25.

ENVISION KENTVILLE: Integrated Community Sustainability Planning (ICSP) for Tomorrow–Today Mar. 9

You are invited to a public sustainability planning Open House on Monday, March 9, 2009 @ the Kentville Firehall from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. This informative and interactive session is an opportunity for you to learn more about Integrated Community Sustainability Planning (ICSP) in Kentville. Come and find out how you can get involved in this important sustainability planning process. Refreshments provided! Please send email to: envision-kentville@googlegroups.com with the word 'SUBSCRIBE' if you would like to join the ICSP mailing list to stay up to date on all the latest info on ICSP public consultations in Kentville. Also, please check out our online resources below for more information and background on the ICSP. **ONLINE RESOURCES.** Share your thoughts and ideas on the ICSP through these websites and online community groups.

OFFICIAL EMAIL & LISTSERVE

envision-kentville@googlegroups.com

OFFICIAL WEB-PAGE

http://www.town.kentville.ns.ca/townhall_sustainability.cfm

OFFICIAL BLOG

<http://envisionkentville.blogspot.com/>

OFFICIAL GROUPS

<http://groups.google.com/group/envision-kentville>

ENVISION KENTVILLE – Facebook Group

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B26.

What is Permaculture? An Introductory Talk 1st Tues. of the month Halifax

When: 2nd Tues. of every month 6:30-8:30pm (after business hours)

Where: at The Trident Cafe, 1256 Hollis.

Cost: \$10 donation requested (sliding scale possible).

What: A talk & discussion-- Exploring, designing, and implementing ecologically sane living in a world gone slightly mad.

Permaculture (permanent culture) offers a rich, provocative, and holistic systems perspective into our everyday world and its energy flows, especially in regard to human habitation. By seeing clearly how beneficial (or not!) connections are accomplished by design, we can ourselves begin to design and redesign our surroundings and our actions in them. Deeply anchored in compassionate ethics and ecological literacy, we can learn to connect the myriad dots of existence in ways that yield a bird's eye view of the landscape. This view, integrated with practical knowledge, creativity, cooperation, and a "tool kit" of strategies, may then give rise to effective "bottom-up action." Studying and practicing permaculture is a journey of empowerment. Whether it's installing a backyard garden, doing a passive solar design, establishing a farm or creating an ecovillage, permaculture principles and pathways can help guide us to mutually beneficial outcomes this world is so much in need of. As we move ahead into a future wherein increasing and uncertain climate change, diminishing energy supplies, and a wrecked economy clearly indicate will be unlike the road behind, we need different ways of thinking and responding to these trajectories. Based not on dysfunctional fantasies of continued economic "growth" i.e. more warfare, more habitat destruction, and more social injustice, nor on a magic technological elixir that will somehow "save" us, we need an approach grounded in creatively meeting our needs while conserving our remaining resources. This is essential if we are to prosper in a healthy way and continue to enjoy this particular planet. Permaculture is not "the answer," nor is it some utopian destination, rather it is a direction-- heading for a saner existence, both material and not, in this place. If you realize the road ahead may have some serious difficulties, but aren't too sure about what can be done, or just

simply want to explore PC a bit, this talk is for you. Alex DeNicola has been farming ecologically in Nova Scotia for 18 years, and has completed both Permaculture Design and Teacher Training courses. He has hosted a variety of talks and practical workshops. Please checkout the website at www.novascotiapermaculture.net for more info.

B27.

Seedy Saturday Sat, April 18, 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Where: Captain William Spry Community Center, 10 Kidston Road,
Spryfield, Halifax, Nova Scotia

What: SEEDY SATURDAY

Celebrate! Spring IS coming. The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield is holding its 11th Seedy Saturday in Halifax, NS. Swap and or buy seeds, visit seed & plant vendors. Visit the Kids'Corner. There will be displays and speakers as well as a focus on Seeds of Diversity, and heirloom seeds. Bring some seeds to share and take home some new seeds but if you have no seeds come anyway. Admission by donation. Door prize!! For more information or to book a table (donation, 10 % of sales) contact Jean Henshall White (902) 477-2933 or by email jphwhite@ns.sympatico.ca or check www.urbanfamspryfield.com

B28.

Dr. David Orr, environmental education guru, in Halifax on Mar. 20

5th Annual Sustainability and Environmental Research Symposium

Dalhousie University on March 20th, 2009

12:30-4:30 Keynote Speaker: Dr. David Orr

This symposium is an opportunity for undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, researchers and others from across Nova Scotia to share research related to sustainability and the environment. The symposium gives researchers a chance to present their work, while giving students, faculty and the general public an opportunity to learn about existing research and get involved in future projects. It is a networking opportunity out of which it is hoped that future collaborations may develop. The symposium aims to facilitate an exchange about environmental research across disciplines. More info: http://office.sustainability.dal.ca/news/march_20,_5th_Annual.php

B29.

Andrew Nikiforuk " Alberta Tar Sands-Dirty Oil and the future of a Continent" on Mar. 4

Dalhousie University's College of Sustainability is pleased to offer a free public lecture by Calgary based journalist/speaker Andrew Nikiforuk, one of Canada's foremost nonfiction authors and an award winning business reporter, on the Alberta Tar Sands-Dirty Oil and the future of a Continent.*

Beginning with a declaration of a political emergency Mr. Nikiforuk's presentation reveals how the world's largest energy project has profoundly changed Canada's economy, politics and labour patterns. Rapid tar sands development, for example, has largely been powered by workers from Atlantic Canada.

In the absence of a clear national energy vision, the project now poses a challenge to our energy security, economic sustainability, climate change action and the democratic nature of Canadian society. The financial meltdown, partly a product of high oil prices, now gives Canada an opportunity to reassess the pace and scale of development in the interest of Canadians. The presentation is about 40 minutes (excellent visuals) with time for Q&A. Date:

Wednesday, March 4

Time: 7-9 pm ,with reception. Place: Dalhousie University's Potter Auditorium, Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building. 6100 University Ave. Halifax NS

For more information contact:

The College of Sustainability or Just Us Coffee

For information updates and details on other locations please see <http://www.andrewnikiforuk.com/>

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B30.**HRM Step Up to Leadership Training sessions this March.**

HRM Community Relations & Cultural Affairs will be hosting three Step Up to Leadership Training sessions this March. They will be offered in Spryfield, Lakeside and Lake Echo. These sessions are open to all individuals living in HRM and not just for individuals residing in those areas. Step Up to Leadership training is a free, 8 week course designed for community members to develop their leadership skills and build on their involvement in community causes and organizations. If you know of anyone that might be interested in this training, please pass on the information. There are flyers for all locations attached. Questions can be directed to me if needed.

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B31.**GEOGRAPHY OF HOPE AUTHOR CHRIS TURNER SPEAKS IN HALIFAX ON MAR. 31**

CHRIS TURNER is one of the most positive, profound and provocative writers on environment in Canada today! The author of The Geography of Hope, his work can be found currently in The Walrus and on worldchanging.com. He's young, hip, smart, and interesting, and he's ALL OURS the night of March 31!!

Time: 7:00 pm
Date: March 31, 2009
Place: McInnes Room, Dalhousie University
Cost: \$15 Regular ~ \$10 Student/Senior/Unwaged
For more information, please contact:
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B32.**Green Leaders Reception & Panel on Mar. 11**

Wednesday March 11th, 2009 Location Student Union Building | 6136 University Avenue | Room 224

Time: 4:00- 6:00 pm

As an exemplar of Canadian Sustainability Leadership, the new Dalhousie College of Sustainability invites you to connect with the leaders of today and tomorrow of the expanding sustainability || Discover innovative sustainability initiatives || Learn how your organization can participate in sustainability leadership || Meet the Dalhousie students and alumni who are helping to build. With a welcoming address by Steven Mannell, Director of the Dalhousie College of Sustainability
Please RSVP to Dr. Lisa Kretz || lkretz@dal.ca || 444-1527

B33.**Environment Canada's Biosphere Training on Environmental Basics on April 6 & 7**

Environment Canada's Biosphere will be offering free day-long training sessions on the following environmental topics:

Day 1:

- Climate Change
- Energy

Day 2:

- Water
- Forests

Training description: Offered on two separate days, this training allows educators to learn about climate change and energy and/or about water and forests. Participants will receive practical tools to help them design learning activities on these subjects and the issues involved.

Learning objectives:

- o Feel concern about one's ecological footprint
- o Distinguish between environmental awareness, knowledge of personal behaviour and true environmental literacy
- o Describe the environmental issues: climate change and energy; or water and forests (depending on the day attending)
- o Identify solutions, alternatives and/or green technologies for each of the different issues
- o Appropriate the basics and the objectives of environmental education
- o Give an example of a life cycle assessment

Who is it for? secondary school teachers, public servants working in education or doing outreach on one or more of these environmental topics, NGO educators

Who is delivering it? Environment Canada's Biosphere staff: François Pelletier and Claude Joyal

When is it taking place? April 6th and 7th from 8:30-4:30

Where is it taking place? Exact location TBD but will be either in Halifax or Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

How do I register? Email susan.bone@ec.gc.ca. In your email, please include the following information:

- Your full name and occupation
- The day(s) you would like to attend (i.e., 6th and/or 7th)
- A phone number where you can be reached

* Please note: registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

** While there is no charge for the training, Environment Canada is not able to cover the cost of travel or accommodation.

More info:

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B34.

Conservation Easements Workshop on April 2 in NB

"Conservation Easements: A Tool for Protecting Natural Areas and Working Woodlots on the Chignecto Isthmus"

Thursday April 2nd 2009 (7pm - 9:30pm), Crabtree Auditorium, Crabtree Bld, Mt Allison University, Sackville NB. A conservation easement is a legal agreement that ensures a property will be managed in perpetuity according to the landowner's wishes. Easements are one of many tools available to landowners for protecting their land or ensuring it is sustainably managed. Easements can be an important way to help conserve rivers, forests and wetlands - supporting clean water and clean air and providing habitat for wildlife. The purpose of this session is to enable participants to understand the process of conservation easements, including their tax implications and financial benefits. A special focus will be on creating easements for working woodlots. Presenters include Margo Sheppard from the Nature Trust of New Brunswick, George Fullerton and Marc Spence from the New Brunswick Community Land Trust, Susan McIssac of McIssac Darragh Accountants and Paul Chamberland from the Canadian Wildlife Service. Continuing Education Credits available for Woodlot Owners

The workshop is free of charge. For more information and to register contact:

Robin Musselman
(902-455-2202)
r.musselman@ns.sympatico.ca
or visit www.cpawnsb.org

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society would like to thank the Department of Geography and Environment, Mt. Allison University for co-sponsoring this event. CPAWS also thanks the New Brunswick Wildlife Trust Fund and The EJLB Foundation for their generous financial support of this project.

B35.

Illustrated talk on the history and geography of the Shubenacadie waterway on Mar. 11

The* first event* in this series is a wonderful *illustrated talk on the history and geography of the waterway by Mr. Bernie Hart*, a true authority from the Shubenacadie Canal Commission. There is *no cost* for this event and it *takes place Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m.* at the Fairbanks Centre on Locks Road in Dartmouth. It promises to be a great evening. To register for this and other activities in the artist series, please go to [_www.shubie.chebucto.org_](http://www.shubie.chebucto.org) <<http://www.shubie.chebucto.org>> and click on The Shubenacadie Art Connection logo.

B36

Social Movements in Central America & Latin American Cuisine. Saturday, March 14 from 2-5pm

With interns ACIC Emma and Becky who spent 5 months in Honduras. Halifax. More details to come.

B37

Wolfville - Premiere screening of the new film "SENSE OF WONDER: The Life of Rachel Carson" Mar. 25

On Weds. March 25 at 7pm at the Al Whittle Theatre in Wolfville. In Celebration of International Women's Day. Tickets \$5. More details to come. Save the date!

B38.

Halifax - Premiere screening of the new film "SENSE OF WONDER: The Life of Rachel Carson" Mar. 26

On Th. March 26 at 7pm at the Potter Auditorium, Dalhousie University in Halifax. In Celebration of International Women's Day. Tickets \$5. More details to come. Save the date!

B39.

Chester - Premiere screening of the new film "SENSE OF WONDER: The Life of Rachel Carson" Mar. 27

On Friday, March 27 at 7pm at the Chester Playhouse in Chester. In Celebration of International Women's Day. Tickets \$5. More details to come. Save the date!

B40.

HOPE FOR WILDLIFE 4th Annual Coffee House Sunday, April 19, 12-4pm

Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Dr, Cole Harbour

Chris Hawkins Music By: Ron Noiles & Friends, David Muise, Louise Brooking-Mcdow, Cross Session

Mickey Doile, Castaway, Stephanie Anderson, Local Artists: Jackie Verge, BarbCronk, Wyse photos

Sandy Moser, Robert Moser, Ron Decker. Children's Crafts. FREE - Entertainment for the whole family - FREE

Coffee, Tea, Snacks ... and much more !! Cole Harbour Place is located on Forest Hill Prkway between Portland

st/Cole Harbour Rd and Main st /#7 highway. It is a great event for families and kids who get to experience wildlife close up. Ph# 452-3339 or www.hopeforwildlife.net

B41.

Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust on Mar. 31

The Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 beginning at 7 PM at St. Nicholas Church, Westwood Hills at Exit 5 of Highway 103. Doors will open at 6:30 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. Following the business

meeting our Guest Speaker, Bob Guscott, Naturalist and GIS Analyst with Forest Protection at the Department of Natural Resources will give a presentation entitled "Landscapes and Natural History of the Chebucto Peninsula" Refreshments will be served. All Welcome.

Beth McGee, Chair

FBWHT

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B42.

Ocean Renewable Energy Group Meeting in Cornwallis May 13-14, 2009

Annapolis/Digby Economic Development Agency is pleased to inform you that the Ocean Renewable Energy Group (OREG) will be holding their annual general meeting at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia on May 13-14, 2009. You can visit their website at www.oreg.ca. There will be pre and post conference tours, along with a tour of the Annapolis Royal Tidal Power site.

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B43.

Solar Nova Scotia AGM on Th. March 19 & Book launch Mar. 24

please plan to attend the Solar Nova Scotia AGM on the evening of Thursday, MARCH 19! We have something reaaaaaly big to show you! Details will be out long before the AGM but in the meantime, mark your calendars for the unveiling of this MAGNIFICENT new thing! Canadian Solar Home Design Book Launch!

On March 24, 2009, Solar Nova Scotia unveils the new Canadian Solar Home Design Manual at The Hub, a new shared office environment in Halifax. All are welcome at the press conference and Q&A session from 3:00 to 5:00. Entertainment, refreshments, and more food will begin after that until 7:00pm. The new book, hot off the presses, will be available for purchase for \$30. Full information and RSVP link can be found here.

Daniel MacKay

Secretary, Solar Nova Scotia

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

C. Non-Environmental Events

C1.

'BLOOMING TEA' to Support Adsum for Women & Children Thursday, March 19th, 2009, 2 - 4 pm

Adsum for Women & Children will mark the arrival of spring with a celebratory Blooming Tea at The Prince George Hotel, Halifax. This event is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for Adsum, and at the same time honor important women in our lives, including mothers (and mothers-in-law), daughters, grandmothers, aunts, nieces, friends and colleagues. This is an exceptional afternoon. Tickets are \$20. Please call Ellen at 422-3389 for more information.

C2.

Film Screening and Discussion: IF WOMEN COUNTED on Mar. 15

Sunday, March 15, 2009, 2:30-5:00 PM, Helen Creighton Room, Alderney Public Library, 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth, NS. Free public event. All welcome. Women don't miss this! In celebration of International Women's Day. Come to watch the powerful documentary "Who's Counting: Marilyn Waring on Sex, Lies and Global

Economics” (1995). About this film, David Suzuki said, “I give the film and Ms. Waring every superlative – riveting, revealing, inspiring, etc... It penetrates to the heart of the global, ecological, and social crisis that afflicts the world... required viewing for all who know we are on a destructive path and want to get off.” After the film, engage in a moderated interactive discussion about women’s role in society and the importance of women in politics and business. If women counted, how would our world be different and better? Light refreshments. Draw Prizes. Organized by Equal Voice Nova Scotia. For more information, please call 902-445-0187 or visit: <http://equalvoicenovascotia.googlepages.com/home> Email equalvoicenovascotia@gmail.com

C3.

"Canada as Leading Middle Power and Child Soldiers" Hon. Romeo A. Dallaire, Lt. General (ret.d) Mar.5
March 5th at 9am in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Dalhousie Arts Centre. The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, in conjunction with the 5th Annual Graduate Symposium on Geopolitics and Global Governance. Tickets can be purchased online at: www.artscentre.dal.ca or by telephone at 1-800-874-1669. Early Bird Price (to Feb 18) \$17.50 Reg, \$13.50 Student From Feb. 19: \$20.00 Reg. \$15.00 Student / Discounts apply to students and early bird tickets purchased before February 19th. Information on the event can be obtained by calling the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie at 494-6846 or e-mail: cfpsddir@dal.ca All proceeds will go to the Child Soldiers Initiative www.childsoldiersinitiative.org , a non-profit organization dedicated to the eradication of child soldiers globally.

C4.

"Obama, Canada and Peace" Dinner and Silent Auction on Tuesday, March 31st, 2008

Time: 6pm - Reception, 7pm – Dinner Location: Saint Mary's University, 923 Robie Street, Halifax. Ticket price: \$100/each. “Obama, Canada and Peace” will examine the recently-inaugurated Obama administration, Canada’s evolving relationship with the United States, and what it all means for peace in our world. Timely, engaging, and thought-provoking, this talk will give us all a fresh perspective on things to come. Pugwash Peace Exchange Phone: (902) 243-2328, Fax: (902) 243-2328, Email: mail@pugwashpeaceexchange.org

C5.

Oxfam Event for International Women’s Day - Mar. 5

Oxfam Halifax would like to invite you to “Get caught up in the action: Women’s Movements and Change”! -- a dynamic panel discussion featuring four prominent activists working for greater gender equality locally and internationally:

- Marianne Welsh, Executive member, Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council
- Jordan Roberts, RebELLEs
- Kim Csihas, Youth Programs Facilitator, YWCA
- Fayoke Fagbile, Nigerian Women’s Issues Activist

This event will include town-hall-style participation with the audience, musical entertainment by singer-songwriter Erika Kulnys, and a chance to access great resources and learn more about how you can get involved in issues that are important to you. Everyone is welcome!

Date and Time: Thursday, March 5, 6:30 PM – Refreshments, displays

7:00 PM – Panel discussion

8:45 PM – Refreshments, displays, networking

Where: Nova Scotia Public Archives, 6016 University Ave., corner of Robie and University

Organizations that focus on women’s rights and gender equality are encouraged to set up table displays at this event. To reserve table space and for more information please contact: Brian O’Neill at briano@oxfam.ca, or 425-7877

C6.

Trust in Education: Success and Failure in the Global campaign for Education for All: What Now? Mar. 11

Speaker: Sir John Daniel, President & CEO Commonwealth of Learning

Wednesday, March 11, 7pm

Scotiabank Theatre, Saint Mary's University

Free Admission. For more information, please contact:

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Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs (CCEPA)

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C7.

Lunch and Learn: The Drivers of the HIV Pandemic: Gender, Inequity, and Ethics in the Third Decade

Mar. 6

Art Gallery of Nova Scotia

Friday, 6 March 2009

12-1pm

In recognition of International Women's Week, you are invited to a 'lunch and learn' on Friday March 6th from 12-1 pm in the Windsor Foundation Lecture Theatre at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia (entrance at corner of Bedford Row and George Street). Please join us for a presentation and discussion on "The Drivers of the HIV Pandemic: Gender, Inequity, and Ethics in the Third Decade." Speakers include Megan Leslie, MP, Michelle Proctor-Simms, Director, Nova Scotia Advisory Commission on AIDS, Dr. Valerie Delpech, Manager of Surveillance, Health Promotion and Protection, and Dr. Jacqueline Gahagan, Associate Professor Health Promotion, School of Health & Human Performance, Dalhousie University. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Ellen Sweeney by Wednesday, March 4th at ellen.sweeney@dal.ca or 494-1153. This lunch and learn is presented in collaboration with Dalhousie University, School of Health and Human Performance, Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection, and the Nova Scotia Advisory Commission on AIDS.

C8.

International Women's Week Celebration! on Saturday, March 7th, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us for a potluck dinner and evening of performances in honour of women. Talented local performers include spoken word poet, El Jones; African dancer, Mufaro; women's choir, The Women Next Door; singer-songwriter, Kim Wempe; mother-daughter Latin dance group, Cumbiamba; and many more. Hosted by Evany Rosen, of local comedy troupe, Picnicface. Donations will be collected for Salutory Angels, a local organization working to improve child and maternal health in Haiti. This is a family friendly, inclusive, wheel-chair accessible event – all are welcome! Where: The Company House (2202 Gottingen St, Halifax) Organized collaboratively by the International Women's Week Committee.

C9.

"From Landmines to Cluster Munitions" Tues. Mar. 3 Weldon Law School, Dalhousie University.

Please join us for an Even Wars Have Limits Working Group presentation of: "From Landmines to Cluster Munitions". Featuring monologues, videos, and a presentation on landmines and cluster munitions.

With an aim to provide a basic understanding and contextualization of the issues surrounding these deadly munitions as well as exhibit the human struggle and tragedy associated with their use.

Main auditorium in Dalhousie's Weldon Law building (6061 University Ave.)

7:30pm - 9:00pm. Admission is free and all are welcome.

C10.

Film Screening "Voices in Wartime" on Mar. 24 at 7pm.

The screening will take place on March 24th, 7p.m., at the Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Drive, Halifax. Information about the Voices in Wartime Education Project is found at

www.voicesinwartime.org Organized by Halifax Friends Meeting (Quakers), more info: rogerdavies@eastlink.ca

C11.

Challenging Corporate Campuses - our minds are not for sale Tues March 3, 7:00pm,

Rm 303, Dalhousie SUB, (6136 University Ave) FREE event (of course)

The goal of this event is to bring affected communities together – students, faculty, staff and other interested communities – to share information and further organizational efforts to challenge corporate control on campuses. Featuring...

- * Alex Khasnabish, prof of sociology & anthropology at MSVU, on the corporatization of the university and the erosion of critical public spaces
- * Jocelyn Burr, Grad student at Dalhousie, on commercialization of research and the current battle to keep funding for non-corporate research
- * Jordan House, from Univ. of NB student social justice group Strax, on Strax's fight against corporate campuses and how they prevented Lockheed Martin from recruiting at UNB
- * Campus Action on Food, NSPIRG working group in hibernation, on challenging corporate monopoly control over food services and on student-run alternatives
- * Discussion over what to do about such problems, plus ample resources about the issues

Event organized by the Nova Scotia Public Interest research Group (NSPIRG). Keep checking our website for updates and further details:
nspirg.org. Contact us at info@nspirg.org.

C12.

Breaking The Silence Meeting on Mar. 27

The BTS Annual Meeting is just a month away, Fri., March 27th, 7pm -Sun., March 29th, 1pm (BTS orientation for newcomers, 6:30pm. We will not forget this year.) It is really helpful to the organizers and to Tatamagouche Centre staff, if you send in your registration NOW! Please send the attached registration to Registrar Yvette Michaud ASAP, but no no later than Fri., March 20th. After March 20th, please register with Tatamagouche Centre, 1-800-218-2220. Do not let this slip, since this is the only opportunity in the entire year for BTS members and friends to gather together for learning, inspiration, decision-making, building our far-flung community and, last but not least, having fun! Special Guatemalan Guest, Maria Dolores Itzep We are privileged to have as our Guatemalan guest this year Maria Dolores Itzep, lawyer with the Rabinal Community Legal Clinic, founded by Jesus Tecu. She will speak to us about genocide-related cases, internationally, nationally and in the Rabinal region.

C13.

THE GREATEST SILENCE (76 min) When: Wednesday, March 4th 2009, 7pm

Where: Weldon Law Building, Dalhousie University, Room 105, 6061 University Ave, Halifax
Winner of the Jury Prize at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival, The Greatest Silence tells the stories of the brave women of the DRC. Since 1998, war has been raging in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Over 4 million people have died, and there are the uncountable casualties. Tens of thousands of women and girls have been systematically kidnapped, raped, mutilated and tortured by soldiers from both foreign militias and the Congolese army. The world knows nothing of these women. Their stories have never been told. They suffer and die in silence. In this film they finally speak. Will you listen? Break the Silence. Denounce Rape. Fight Impunity. INFO: www.thegreatestsilence.org

C14.

Film "Finding Dawn" about Indigenous women in Canada on Wednesday, March 11

The Dalhousie Amnesty International Society is holding a film screening of the movie "Finding Dawn" on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30 in room 1020 of the Rowe Building as part of International Women's Day celebrations. The film is about missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada. Admission will be free. All are welcome!

C15.

The 37th Annual Amnesty International (AI) Canada Annual General Meeting (AGM) Halifax June.

Location: Dalhousie University from June 5-7, 2009. This is a great opportunity for members in the Atlantic provinces to meet other human rights activists, attend workshops and play a role in decision-making. If anyone would like a copy of the registration package, please email Louise Mulvihill at lmulvihill@amnesty.ca or call 1-613-744-7667, Ext. 264. This meeting is for AI members only, though others may visit the Emporium, join a public action or attend the banquet. A person who has been a member of the Branch for at least 60 days prior to the AGM, and who is in attendance at the AGM, may vote. Deadline for registration is May 22, 2009. Youth members are encouraged to apply to go to Human Rights College (HRC), held just prior to the AGM, on the Dalhousie University campus from June 2-5. Participants then attend the AGM from June 5-7. The HRC brings youth members together to develop a strong knowledge and understanding of AI's work; build skills as human rights

activists; meet and share experiences with others committed to human rights work; allow for, and encourage the involvement of youth in all areas and levels of AI's work; prepare for an active role at the AGM and Branch decision-making. Contact Shaun MacLean for a copy of the application package at smaclean@amnesty.ca or call 613-744-7667, Ext. 258. The deadline for applications is March 23.

C16.

Bryony House Annual International Women's Day Dinner and Silent Auction on Mar. 14

Saturday, March 14, 2009

The World Trade and Convention Centre, 1800 Argyle Street, Halifax

6 pm Cash Bar and Silent Auction

7 pm Dinner and Entertainment

\$80 per person, \$800 per table (\$750 on or before Feb.27th)

Come join us and our Mistress of Ceremonies, Nikki Balch (Morning Show Co-Host for Z103.5, The Beat of Halifax), for an evening of delicious food from Windows, one of Halifax's finest restaurants. Enjoy live local entertainment by Sheva Solomon; comedienne Evany Rosen and Cheryl

Hann of Picnicface; Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club Halifax's Emma Cooper and Catherine Robertson; and the winner of The Coast's 2008 "Best of Halifax" Reader's Poll for "Best Drag Performer", Rouge Fatale as 'Mrs. Stuart'. Guests will also have the opportunity to bid on a rich selection of silent auction items. All in support of Bryony House.

For tickets call, 429-9001 or purchase online at <http://www.bryonyhouse.ca/events.shtml>

<<http://cahalifax.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8359f85ffb912ec7b0306e205&id=b3a9c2206d&e=90189b2875>>

This is a scent-free event. Mark your calendars and help us spread the word for this fine event.

C17.

Trout NS Annual General Meeting on Friday, March 13

Prospect Room, Exhibition Park, Halifax

6pm-8:30pm (refreshments provided)

TNS members showing their ID Card after 12:00pm on March 13 at the exhibitor entrance get into the Sport and RV Show for free. DFO officials will present on their role in trout management and enforcement in Nova Scotia. Trout Nova Scotia Conservation Awards Reception and Silent Auction Keynote Address: Nova Scotia's Trophy Trout - An audio-visual presentation highlighting images of large Nova Scotia trout with discussion on where to find them and when to fish for them. Price: 30 dollars

Contact: taylorg@halifax.ca

Hors d'oeuvres throughout the event & Cash Bar

Lyle Goldberg

Past President, Trout Nova Scotia

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C18.

Building our Future - The Mayor's Forum on the Greater Halifax Economy on Mar. 30

Global economic chaos. Stock market decline. Dropping commodity prices.

What does this mean for Greater Halifax?

Economists believe we are sheltered from the worst of this economic storm. We are Atlantic Canada's economic hub, the economic engine of Nova Scotia and have one of Canada's most diversified economies. But we can't be complacent. How can we ensure Greater Halifax weathers this global recession, to emerge stronger, more confident and with more opportunities for those who live here and those who would like to?

Join Mayor Peter Kelly, along with keynote speakers and panellists as they discuss the state of our economy: our priorities, challenges, accomplishments and barriers to growth. Bring your ideas for a discussion on what is needed to ensure Greater Halifax's continued economic growth.

Monday, March 30, 2009

Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel

11:30am – 12:00pm

Networking and Registration

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Lunch and Presentation

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Business Leaders Panel Presentation and Discussion

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**Please note: registration for this event is only available online by credit card only at www.greaterhalifax.com.

Speakers:

Glen Hodgson, The Conference Board of Canada

The advantages of our strategic position as an economic hub for our region

Mayor Peter Kelly

HRM's Economic Strategy, HRM's role and priorities

Fred Morley, Greater Halifax Partnership

The state of the Greater Halifax Economy

Dick Miller, Chair of the Economic Strategy Committee

Setting economic priorities and ensuring alignment of activity

...and a panel of business leaders

Sharing their ideas and engaging the audience in an open discussion about ensuring our continued economic growth.

For more information, see the event details or contact the Greater Halifax Partnership at 902.490.6000 or email events@greaterhalifax.com.

The Greater Halifax Partnership leads economic growth in Greater Halifax and is committed to stimulating discussion and debate on leading issues.

D. Announcements

D1.

On-Line Trip Diary Survey launched to help shape future Transit Service – DEADLINE MAR.6

Metro Transit is in the process of developing a new five year strategic operations plan for transit services in the region. As a component of this ongoing process, an on-line trip diary survey and campaign entitled "Which Way HRM ?" has just been launched and will run until Friday, March 6th, 2009. Transit passengers and HRM citizens alike are being asked to provide their feedback on what their daily trip patterns are in and around HRM, to help shape the future of public transit. Everyone who completes Metro Transit's on-line trip diary survey will be automatically entered in a contest to win one of 5 iPod nanos, gift certificates or Metro Transit passes! Contest details are available on -line. To fill out the survey, just go to www.hrmlistens.com and follow the on-screen instructions; or check for the on-line survey banner on the bottom of the Metro Transit Home Page at www.halifax.ca/metrotransit. Look for the "Which Way, HRM ?" advertising bus boards, transit shelter posters and flyers in your household mail over the next few weeks or call the HRM Call Centre at 490-4000 for more details.

D2.

Get creative! Contest from DriveWiser – Deadline Mar. 10

Grand Prize - Your choice of:

* 1-year CarShareHfx <<http://www.carsharehfx.ca/>> membership

(household plus an additional person - \$300 value) OR

* \$300 in car maintenance OR

* Ipod Nano

Second Prize - Your choice of:

* A three month bi-weekly food box delivery from Home Grown

Organic Foods <http://www.hgof.ns.ca/index2.php?menu=main_menu.php> OR

* \$150 towards transit fair OR

* HMV gift certificate (\$75 value)

How do you qualify? Get Creative! We want to see or hear your creative submission all about fuel efficiency.

What does this mean exactly? We want you to tell us. You can choose whatever angle you wish - the ways you save fuel, why it's important or maybe just how freakin' happy it makes you. The medium? The sky is your limit.

Video, voice, poetry, paper, paint, song, dance, photography etc.... It's up to you and we're excited. So follow the name and Get Creative. Winners will be posted on our website. Any questions? Ask Jessica at

jbudgell@clean.ns.ca - she doesn't bite. Email your submission to drivewiser@gmail.com by the deadline March 10th, 2009. Gina Patterson, Program Coordinator for DriveWiseR.

902.420.8802
patterson@clean.ns.ca
Clean Nova Scotia
126 Portland St, Dartmouth, NS

D3.

EcoAction Teams 2009 Storytelling Contest - Deadline Mar. 22

Kick start the year by sharing your eco-friendly actions and win great prizes from Panasonic!

Have you contributed to a healthier environment at home, in the workplace or in the community? Enter the EcoAction Teams 2009 Storytelling Contest and tell us what you did to lessen your impact on the environment. Your story might be inspirational, complex, or humorous but should also describe your efforts to:

- conserve energy
- reduce waste
- shop and garden more sustainably
- save water and
- choose alternative modes of transportation.

Based on your program participation, submit your story in either the "Team" or "Individual Household" category. Panasonic camcorders will be awarded to the regional winners in the team category and digital cameras will be awarded to the first and second place winners in the individual household category.

Please send us your story by: March 22, 2009

Visit www.ecoactionteams.ca/contest for full contest rules and eligibility.

D4.

CCME Consultation on Sustainable Packaging- Comments Due. May 29

The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) is currently seeking feedback on its development of a framework for a Canada-wide strategy for sustainable packaging. CCME's Extended Producer Responsibility Task Group (EPRTG) recently completed a study on sustainable packaging initiatives, definitions and guidelines. This discussion document, entitled Towards a Proposed Canada-wide Action Strategy for Sustainable Packaging, is being submitted to a 90 day consultation period ending May 29, 2009. CCME encourages all interested organizations and individuals to review the consultation document and provide comments. Visit www.ccme.ca to read the discussion document and to access the electronic comment form.

D5.

NSEN ECO-HERO AWARD WINNERS FOR 2009 – Congratulations to the recipients!

1) Nickerson Lifetime Achievement:

Rudy Haase, long-time Friends of Nature

2) Eco-Heroes Group of the Year:

Lincolntonville "Save Lincolntonville" against the landfill in Guysborough

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

Peggy Cameron, renewable energy expert and passionate environment activist

4) Cole Award in Excellence in Environment and Health:

Ron Zima and the Children's Clean Air Network

5) Marshall Award for Aboriginal Environmental Leadership:

Albert Marshall, Aboriginal elder from Eskasoni, Cape Breton

6) Youth Environmental Leadership Award:

Mindshift, environmental youth project

7) Award for Environmental Political Will:

MLA Keith Colwell, Liberal Environmental Critic for his work with the community on tire burning, biosolids, for being a friendly and accessible politician who is helping the environment

8) *NEW AWARD* Langille Honour in the Woods Award

Inaugural winner award post-humously to Pam Langille. More info: www.nsen.ca

D6.

Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment asking Canadians for input - Deadline Mar. 20

Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment (CCME) is consulting on options to address a range of issues associated with the completion of provincial/territorial and federal environmental assessments in Canada, including a one project-one assessment approach to environmental assessment and the development of regional strategic environmental assessments. CCME invites all interested organizations and individuals to review the draft papers and provide comment. Please refer to the following link for details

http://www.ccme.ca/ourwork/environment.html?category_id=135 .

Comments can be submitted until March 20, 2009 through the electronic comment form or to:

Jane Stewart, Programs Coordinator

Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment,

360 - 123 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 1A3

E-mail: jstewart@ccme.ca

Fax: 204.948.2125

The following summarizes the draft papers under review:

1. One Project-One Assessment Approach to Environmental Assessment: This paper considers models for a one project-one assessment approach which ultimately ensures that each order of government can make timely decisions on the same body of EA work prepared by project proponents. Consideration was given to a one-window approach in order to help to achieve this outcome. The results of this work may form the basis for changes to federal and provincial policies and/or legislation to enable a one-project-one assessment approach.
2. Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment (RSEA): In support of building a common understanding of RSEA, this paper provides a definition, underlying principles and a proposed methodological framework for undertaking this type of approach. This work is intended to provide a foundation for further exploration of the use of RSEA in jurisdictions in Canada to improve assessment and management of cumulative effects, and to improve decision making processes.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your comments.

E. Jobs & Internships

E1.

Vision 20/20 Residential Program Leaders at the Adventure Earth Centre, Halifax Regional Municipality

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

ABOUT THE ADVENTURE EARTH CENTRE

Located in Flemming Park on the picturesque North West Arm in Halifax, the Adventure Earth Centre has been offering outdoor recreation and earth education programs for over twenty years. As part of Halifax Regional Municipality's Community Recreation Services, the AEC has been working towards building a healthy and sustainable future for our children/youth, our communities and the earth. Our belief in education through hands-on learning and providing environmental leadership opportunities for youth is the foundation for the programs and services offered through our Centre.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Exciting job opportunities await you at the Adventure Earth Centre. Each job has a specific list of qualifications, but in general we are looking for:

- * enthusiasm and motivation
- * strong leadership and communication skills
- * positive role model
- * sound judgement
- * commitment to safety and risk management

In our late spring/summer jobs, you will:

- * develop your leadership skills
- * develop your employment skills for the future
- * be challenged
- * meet new people

VISION 2020 CAMP PROGRAM LEADER

Vision 2020 is an Earth Education Program for Grade 8 students, in a residential camp setting. For the job description, wage details and information on how to apply, please download and read our employment booklet thoroughly: <http://www.earthed.ns.ca> .

OTHER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We are also hiring for a variety of other outdoor recreation and earth education programs. Positions include: AEC Summer Manager, AEC Youth Leadership Coordinator and AEC Summer Camp Leaders. Application deadlines and start dates vary. For job descriptions, wage details and information on how to apply, please download and read our employment booklet thoroughly: <http://www.earthed.ns.ca>

E2.

Communications Coordinator Position Ottawa - Climate Action Network Canada-Deadline Mar. 4

<http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/job-posting-02-2009-a.html>

F. Volunteer Opportunities / HelpWanted

F1.

Call for Hike Nova Scotia Board Members

Hike Nova Scotia, formed in 2007, is looking for board members who love hiking and want to help create a culture of hiking in our beautiful province. Hike Nova Scotia encourages and promotes hiking, walking and snowshoeing throughout Nova Scotia. Learn more about our projects at www.hikenovascotia.ca. Hike NS wants active board members who have the time and energy to devote to running this volunteer-driven organization and help it achieve its mandate. Contact Hike NS at info@hikenovascotia.ca to express your interest in becoming a board member.

F2.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Position: Copenhagen Climate Caravan Atlantic Coordinator

Organization: Sierra Club Canada - Atlantic Canada Chapter

<http://www.sierraclub.ca/atlantic>

Location: anywhere in Atlantic Canada

Hours: Part-time (~5 hours per week) until end of September

Pay: Potential for an honorarium of ~\$500 pending approval of grant proposals.

Sierra Club Canada is seeking a committed individual to lead a provincial committee of 3 which will organize the Atlantic Leg of a national Copenhagen Climate Caravan: a bike trip aimed at raising awareness about the need for strong action on climate change at the 2009 UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen this December. 2009 UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen is the 15th Conference of the Parties under the United Nations' Climate Change Convention. The conference will take place from December 7th-18th, 2009. At this meeting they will be discussing Post-Kyoto Targets. The bike ride will have people cycling relay-style from each coast and rendezvousing in Ottawa. Participants may cycle the entire distance or just do provincial stretches. The Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter is looking for someone to coordinate a small committee made up of members from all 4 Atlantic Provinces who will plan the trip from Atlantic Canada (from St. John's, through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick). Preferred Qualifications:

- Knowledge of cycling and environmental groups in your province
- Experience with event planning and promotions
- Experience liaising with media
- Past fundraising experience
- Past experience with organizing cycling trips considered an asset
- Interest in climate change issues
- Love riding bikes! (the coordinator is not obligated to participate in the ride)

Job Duties:

- Planning the route (Atlantic Provinces to Quebec border)
- Establishing contacts along the route (food and lodging)
- Arranging for documentation of the trip (collecting stories of participants and people met along the way)
- Fundraising (in-kind and cash)
- Manage regional biking team

- Liaise with national organizing committee
- Website and blog (to communicate the findings and experiences of the trip)
Please send an email outlining your interest and qualifications to emilyr@sierraclub.ca by March 12, 2009.
When applying, please indicate that you saw this posting at
GoodWorkCanada.ca.

G. Funding & Awards

G1.

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

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

1. Watershed protection. Programs and projects that focus on:
 - Watershed awareness
 - Community-based watershed stewardship
 - Protection and restoration of sensitive natural areas, or
 - Sustainable water use and conservation
2. Access to clean drinking water. Programs and projects that focus on making sure communities have access to clean, safe drinking water, when and where it is needed.

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

G2.

Trail Maintenance Grants Information

Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection

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

G3.

Earth Day Canada (EDC) - 2009 Hometown Heroes Awards

Earth Day Canada (EDC), in partnership with Cascades Inc., is searching for Canada's 2009 Hometown Heroes Award winner. The Hometown Heroes Award program recognizes and encourages environmental leadership and achievement in local communities. Canada's 2009 environmental hero will receive a cash-prize of \$10 000 (\$5 000 to keep and \$5 000 to donate to the environmental cause of their choice). The recipient of the 2009 Hometown Heroes Award will be recognized as part of the 6th Annual Earth Day Canada Gala in Toronto, on June 10th 2009. For more information, or to nominate yourself, an individual or group from your community, please visit www.earthday.ca/hometown. The deadline for applications is April 22, 2009.

G4.

Deadline for Environmental Damages Fund (EDF) is March 31, 2009

The next deadline for applications to the Environmental Damages Fund (EDF) is March 31, 2009. For more information on EDF, the funds available in your province, and application requirements, please consult the EDF website at: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/edf-fde/>. In addition, you can also call our office directly at 1-800-663-5755 or (902) 426-2266 and discuss project ideas in advance of the deadline. If you wish to submit project proposal drafts for feedback, they will be accepted for a preliminary review up until March 11, 2009.

G5.

Evergreen Common Grounds Grants – Deadline Mar. 27

Evergreen Common Grounds is now accepting applications for The Wal-Mart – Evergreen Green Grants Program supporting community environmental restoration projects. The 2009 deadline to apply is: March 27, 2009. For full information on eligibility and how to apply, go to the Common Grounds Funding page at

<http://www.evergreen.ca/en/cg/cg-funding.html>

Green Grants, a Canadian community greening program sponsored by Wal-Mart Canada and led by Evergreen will provide funds of up to \$10,000 to local community groups working on urban naturalization projects focused on the

restoration and stewardship of urban habitats such as woodlands, meadows, wetlands and ravines through the use of native plants. This grant also supports community gardening projects that involve native plants and food gardening.

G6.

Order of Nova Scotia - Deadline March 20

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>

G7.

Power of Positive Change Award in NS – Deadline Mar. 31

Article describing it: <http://thechronicleherald.ca/NovaScotia/1105197.html>

The program's website:

<http://www.powerofpositivechange.ca/nomination-process.shtml>

H. News

H1.

Canadians won't quit on the environment

Joe Friesen

From Saturday's Globe and Mail

February 27, 2009 at 10:49 PM EST

Even in the worst of economic times, as job losses mount and gloomy headlines dominate, Canadians have not abandoned their concern for the environment, which was their top policy priority before the financial crisis took hold last autumn.

A new poll conducted for the Dominion Institute by Ipsos Reid shows Canadians are split on whether the need to stimulate the economy trumps environmental concerns.

Just under half of Canadians say serious action on climate change must wait until after the recession, while 57 per cent say Canada should take action on climate change right now, even if it means higher deficits.

“With the economic recession, it's expected that concern for the environment versus the economy would drop off. Canadians are saying, ‘No, it's still important, the government should still be focusing on the environment even though it has to stabilize the economy,’” said Sean Simpson, research manager at Ipsos Reid.

The poll is the basis for the third policy discussion at globeandmail.com's public policy wiki, where readers can propose solutions, comment on other suggestions and vote on their preferred course of action. It is available at <http://policywiki.theglobeandmail.com>.

Across the country, support for environmental policies tends to increase the further one gets from Alberta. The oil-rich province, which has been hurt by the recent fall in commodity prices, is about 10 per cent out of step with the rest of the country on every environmental question, Mr. Simpson said.

Overall, 64 per cent of Canadians say development of Alberta's oil sands should be halted until a clean method can be found, as do 47 per cent of Albertans.

Three-quarters of Canadians say we should only adopt stimulus measures that are environmentally sustainable, while 71 per cent say it's more important for the government to focus on jobs than climate change.

“They're saying maybe we can have the best of both worlds,” Mr. Simpson said. “Maybe instead of creating jobs in the tar sands we can create them in the environmental sector.”

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20090227.wclimate28/BNStory/National/home>

H2.

Coast Coverage: Nova Scotia Sustainable Fisheries

<http://www.thecoast.ca/halifax/the-catch/Content?oid=1081089>

H3.

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IN WASHINGTON over Climate Change on Mar. 2

Jeff Biggers is blogging live from the Capitol Power Plant in Washington, D.C. where the largest act of peaceful civil disobedience on global warming in the US's history is happening today. Find out more here:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeff-biggers/dirty-coal-has-left-the-b_b_171060.html Check this out with pictures and video: <http://www.capitolclimateaction.org/>

H4.

Lawsuit forces Canada to protect endangered killer whales

Stunning policy reversal could mark turning point for 85 remaining whales

VANCOUVER, BC - After British Columbians celebrated the unexpected arrival of two newborn killer whales last week, there is another new cause for hope for BC's imperilled killer whale populations. This week, the federal government issued an Order that will provide legal protection for the endangered species' habitat - a stunning policy reversal after a lawsuit was launched by environmentalists last year.

The lawsuit was filed by Ecojustice, formerly Sierra Legal Defence Fund, on behalf of nine of Canada and BC's leading environmental organizations. It alleged that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans had failed to require much-needed legal protection for the killer whales' critical habitat. DFO had claimed instead that existing laws and unenforceable guidelines were sufficient to protect the orcas' habitat from serious threats like toxic contamination, acoustic degradation and declining salmon stocks.

“To recover, killer whales need more than the status quo from the federal government and so we're thrilled our lawsuit forced it to issue this habitat protection Order,” said Ecojustice lawyer Lara Tessaro. “Now we'll be pushing to ensure this Order leads to action.”

The federal government's complete turnaround marks a victory for BC's most iconic species and for the environmental groups behind the lawsuit: Dogwood Initiative, Environmental Defence, David Suzuki Foundation, Raincoast Conservation Society, Sierra Club of BC, International Fund for Animal Welfare, Greenpeace, Georgia Strait Alliance and Wilderness Committee. It also marks the first time that Canada has ever issued an Order under its Species at Risk Act to protect critical habitat.

However, the Order does not reference threats to critical habitat documented by scientists in the government's Resident Killer Whale Recovery Strategy.

“We know we need to change the way we care for our marine environment to protect killer whales and their habitat,” said Kathy Heise, Marine Scientist with Raincoast Conservation. “We hope to work with DFO to incorporate the needs of killer whales' into the management of our salmon fisheries.”

“To give this Order teeth, DFO must keep killer whales' critical habitat free of tanker traffic and the risk of catastrophic oil spills,” said Will Horter of Dogwood Initiative.

Killer whales face many serious threats throughout their habitat on the west coast such as declining salmon stocks, increased boat traffic, toxic contamination, and acoustic impacts from dredging, seismic testing and military sonar.

DFO is scheduled to release an action plan within the next four years, but still has not created an action planning team with independent killer whale scientists.

“Each time we think the government has finally given these ailing populations greater legal protection, they find a way to avoid meaningful change. Is this another hollow promise or will the federal government do the right thing and prohibit harmful activities in the orcas’ critical habitat?” asked Sarah King of Greenpeace.

Kim Elmslie of the International Fund for Animal Welfare stated, “We will continue to monitor DFO to ensure that every effort is made to protect this critically endangered species for future generations.”

“This is one landmark victory on the long road to killer whale recovery. We’re relieved to see the government using the Species At Risk Act and we look forward to seeing similar habitat protection Orders for other endangered species,” said Aaron Freeman of Environmental Defence.

For more information, please visit www.ecojustice.ca

H5.

Scraping Bottom – National Geographic article on the Alberta Tar Sands

Once considered too expensive, as well as too damaging to the land, exploitation of Alberta's oil sands is now a gamble worth billions.

By Robert Kunzig

National Geographic, March 2009

<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2009/03/canadian-oil-sands/kunzig-text/1>

I. Resources

I1.

MeetGreen Calculator to track meeting emissions

Use the MeetGreen® Calculator to track your conferences' environmental practices, benchmark the progress and discover areas for improvement. This innovative tool will give you valuable information about where your meeting practices are currently and how to make your meetings even greener in the future. Check it out:

https://www.meetgreen.com/calculator_info.php

I2.

Green Meeting Guide: <http://www.greenmeetingguide.com/resources.asp>

I3.

Certification for Green Child Care from the US – Model for Canada/NS?

A program in Oregon that endorses child care providers who strive to reduce a wide range of environmental toxins - including pesticides and lead -- is the first of its kind in the U.S., according to the Statesman Journal. The program, initiated in Salem by The Oregon Environmental Council in 2005, is now expanding to seven additional states and is slated to become the model for national environmentally sound child care. "Parents want to know about things like pesticide and household chemical use now," day care operator Cindy Anderson said. In order to be a qualified "green" child care service provider, centers must complete a checklist of 25 steps to reduce childhood exposure to chemicals. For example, they are required to affirm that "We use non-toxic techniques both inside and outside the facility to prevent and control pests (both insects and weeds). If a serious threat remains and pesticide application is the only viable option, parents are notified in advance and a licensed professional applies the least toxic, effective product at a time when children will not be exposed to the application area for at least 12 hours." The steps also aim at reducing VOCs and toxic art supplies, to protect children from exposure to toxins which have been associated with developmental delays, sexual reproduction problems, cancer and asthma.

<http://www.oeconline.org/our-work/kidshealth/ehcc/EHCCCchecklist>

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