

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 Biodiversity Day, May 22 – this is the UN Year on Biodiversity! Canadian Environment Week: May 31-June 5. HRM Bike Week: <http://www.halifax.ca/bikeweek/index.html> June 5 is International Trails 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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- I8. GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK - 3RD EDITION just released

A. Actions

A1.

Listen to this excellent short CBC interview: Healing Trees

A walk through the forest can be a soul satisfying experience. And according to Diana Beresford-Kroeger, botanist & biochemist, it's not just your soul that is reaping the benefits. She says trees have particular healing properties that we have lost touch with over thousands of years some of which you gain just from hanging around them. Tuesday on the program, she gave us examples of how trees can heal. After this segment, listeners shared their thoughts. *This is an amazing interview! Listen to the archive: <http://www.cbc.ca/thecurrent/2010/05/may-18-2010.html>

A2.

Read the reports: Phase II Nova Scotia's Natural Resource Strategy Development

Check out the new Phase II reports for the Natural Resource Strategy for biodiversity, parks, forests and minerals- there are many education links:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/strategy2010/phase2report.asp>

A3.

Watch - H2Oil: Canadian documentary on Alberta tar sands

Global TV June 16 at 10pm ET- check local listings. Find out more about the film and showing

<http://h2oildoc.com/home/category/all>

A4.

Read Nova Scotia's Department of Environment's 2010-2011 Statement of Mandate

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/dept/docs/NSE.Statement.of.Mandate.2010-2011.pdf>

A5.

Celebrate International Trails Day on June 5 – Visit a Nova Scotia Provincial Park!

Visit a Nova Scotia Provincial Park – Lots of great events in June and the months to come in 2010

http://www.novascotiaparks.ca/misc/park_events.asp?EventMonth=6

*Parks Day is July 17: <http://www.novascotiaparks.ca/misc/parks-day-2010.asp>

A6.

Read this! CERES RERPORT: Canada's Oil Sands: Shrinking Window of Opportunity

While public attention is focused on widespread environmental and financial damage from the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, a new Ceres report released today shows that the environmental and financial risks of producing oil in Canada's vast oil sands region may be even greater.

<http://www.ceres.org>

B. Environmental Events and Capacity-Building Workshops

B1.

Biomass Or Biomassacre? A Critical Look At Using Our Forests For Energy May 31

With Jamie Simpson, Forestry Program Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre

Monday, May 31

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Loyola 170, Loyola Academic Complex,

Saint Mary's University, 923 Robie St.

Come to this free, public discussion to learn more about forest biomass and how it fits into the Nova Scotia Power Inc.-New Page deal, and the New Renewable Energy Plan for Nova Scotia. Find out about the Natural Resources' Expert Panel reports on Biodiversity and Restoring the Health of Nova Scotia's Forests. Can forest biomass be sustainable? Will it threaten biodiversity in Nova Scotia?

Speaker: Jamie Simpson has a background in forestry, forest ecology and land conservation. He is currently the Forestry Program Coordinator at the Ecology Action Centre and is the author of the new book "Restoring the Acadian Forest." He has an undergrad in Biology from Acadia University and a Master of Science degree in Forestry from UNB. He's also a registered professional forester and the recipient of the 2010 "Langille Honour in the Woods" award for promoting responsible forest management. *There will be draw prizes too!
Event is in recognition of United Nations Year on Biodiversity 2010. Organized by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network, the Ecology Action Centre and Saint Mary's Community-Based Environmental Monitoring Network. See poster attached. For more information, phone 902-454-6846 or visit: www.nsen.ca

B2.

Friends of Redtail Society Coffee House on May 26

All members and supporters of Friends of Redtail Society are invited to join us at a Coffee House which will be held in the Presentation Centre at North Nova Education Centre, Park St., New Glasgow, on Wednesday, May 26. It will start at 6:00 p.m. and last until 9:00 p.m. There will be plenty of musical entertainment, as shown on the attached poster.

This event has been organized by two North Nova students, Julie Meyer and Lane Green, as part of their entrepreneurship project. Half of the proceeds will be donated to Friends of Redtail. We are very excited to have the energetic support of these great people. Come out and make the evening a success!

Geoffrey Moore

Secretary

Friends of Redtail Society

(902) 485-4561

www.friendsofredtail.ca

B3.

Apple Blossom Opening Day at the Kentville Farmers' Market

Join us this Wednesday May 26th as we launch the fourth season of the Kentville Farmers' Market! Just in time for the opening of the Apple Blossom Festival, the Kentville Farmers' Market is featuring a range of apple blossom themed products – apple blossom latkes and pasties, apple blossom jelly, apple blossom jewellery and watercolours. The Town Crier will give a formal opening at 10am, and Kentville Mayor Corkum will welcome us at 12 noon. Featuring live music by Ron Edmunds, over 40 vendors, fair trade coffee, delicious food, customer seating and tables, and Apple Blossom postcards. The Kentville Farmers' Market – thinking fresh, celebrating local, building community. 10am – 2pm, Centre Square, Kentville www.kentvillefarmersmarket.com

B4.

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

"Conserving Biodiversity Pays: The Values of Ecosystem Services"

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

B5.

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

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

B6.

Current Developments in Canadian Maritime Law on June 3, 2010

Time: 0845 – 1700

Location: Westin Nova Scotian Hotel

Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Canadian Maritime Law Association cordially invites its members and others to attend its upcoming seminar to be held on Thursday, June 3, 2010. The seminar will be held at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax. The Association's 2010 Annual General Meeting will be held at the same hotel on Friday, June 4, 2010. Seminar program and registration form appear on the following pages. For attendees who are lawyers, CLE accreditation

will be available in the provinces of British Columbia and Quebec and accreditation is being sought in the province of New Brunswick. Registration Fees CMLA Individual Members - \$175 per person
CMLA Constituent Member Representatives (3 maximum) - \$175 per person
All Others - \$250 per person. Registration includes attendance at all seminar sessions, electronic copy of seminar papers, refreshments, luncheon and the traditional post-seminar reception. A block of guest rooms is being held at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel at a conference rate of \$179 plus taxes, and will remain available until May 3, 2010. Registrants are requested to make bookings directly with the hotel (1-877-993-7846 or 1-902-496-8585) before that date, mentioning the Canadian Maritime Law Association conference to obtain this rate. Inquiries may be directed to Mr. William Moreira, Chair of the organizing committee, at wmoreira@smss.com

B7.

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

B8.

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

B9.

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/>

B10.

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

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

B11.

Lots of great training workshops & retreats at the Tatamagouche Centre

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

B12.

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 nсен@cen-rce.org or visit online at: www.nсен.ca

B13.

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

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

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

B14.

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

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

B15.

Natural Organic Beekeeping Workshop, June 25-27, 2010

Ross Conrad: Author of Natural Beekeeping: Organic Approaches To Modern Apiculture, is a dynamic and knowledgeable speaker with years of public speaking experience. Able to tailor his presentations to the level of the audience's knowledge base, Organic Beekeeping (for beginning, intermediate or advanced beekeepers) - Learn

about the current state of the honeybee and the beekeeping industry and alternatives to the failing status quo. Safe, nontoxic and effective methods for controlling hive pests and diseases such as mites and foulbrood are covered. Whether you are looking to use fewer chemicals and increase your profit margin, or are committed to keeping bees organically, this workshop is for you. To View a short video by Ross go to: http://www.chelseagreen.com/authors/ross_conrad/ Workshop Price, \$235.00 + tax, Includes 2 full days of instruction and hands-on practice with Ross Conrad AND Beautifully and simply Prepared local, organic, seasonal meals: Friday supper Saturday breakfast, lunch and supper Sunday breakfast and lunch Register early as space is limited. If you would like to stay overnight at Windhorse Farm, you can book accommodations with Jim. jim@windhorsefarm.org or 543-6955 visit www.windhorsefarm.org

B16.

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

Tuesday, June 8th, 2010

The Westin Nova Scotian Hotel

1181 Hollis Street, Halifax, NS

Conference: 9:30—4:00 p.m.

Reception: 12:00 p.m.

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

Early Bird Registration until April 30th, 2010!

Members and Guests: \$125.00 (\$25 savings)

Non Members: \$150.00 (\$50 savings)

For more information, please contact Laura Campbell

Phone: 902-425-2445, Email: info@nsnga.ca

B17.

BioBlitz 2010: June 5th at Crystal Crescent Beach

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

B18.

The Tatamagouche Model of Education, Design and Leadership: Level I

This foundational program will enable you to design relevant and effective projects or programs, and enhance your abilities to offer facilitation leadership. It draws from a number of sources including human relations training, popular adult education, participatory development, spiritual growth, and organizational planning. The model combines theory and practice in “action-reflection” cycles through which participants learn from their own experience and efforts. It is this participatory, “hands-on” learning process, combined with inputs from contemporary adult education, human development and social change theory, which constitute the heart of the model. This transformational “Tatamagouche Model” is now foundational for many community education programs throughout the Maritimes. Program Start: August 08, 2010 7:00 P.M. / Program End : August 13, 2010 1:00 P.M. Cost: \$725 (\$345 tuition + \$380 meals/accommodations)

More info: <http://tatacentre.ca/programs/details/1458>

B19.

FILM: The Chances of the World Changing on June 14

Sacred Earth Awake : A Film Series

Presented by the Halifax Shambhala Sustainability Initiative and St.Andrew's United Church

Monday, June 14 . Shambhala Centre, 1084 Tower Road, 7 pm

The Chances of the World Changing Eric Daniel Metzgar 99 min.

Fueled by an abiding passion for saving endangered animals, Richard Ogust abandons his life as a Manhattan writer to build a fragile ark that is constantly on the brink of capsizing. This film is the poetic, lyrical tale of a saintly but all-too-human artist who sacrifices nearly everything in his quest to preserve the world's disappearing turtles and tortoises. For more information contact Julia Creighton at [<mailto:juliamcreighton@eastlink.ca>](mailto:juliamcreighton@eastlink.ca)

B20.

MEC School Bike Day In HRM: June 2

As part of HRM's Bike Week, the MEC School Bike Day happens on Wednesday, June 2. Halifax Regional Schools are encouraged to take part and register using the Registration form. Participating schools could win a bike rack by logging the most participation in this event (based on percent participation). Participating students also get a chance to win one of 20, \$25 gift certificates from Mountain Equipment Co-op! HRM Bike Week:
<http://www.halifax.ca/bikeweek/scheduleofevents.html>

B21.

NS Biking for Breakfast Challenge August 28

The Biking for Breakfast Challenge (BFBC) is a fund-raiser for school breakfast programs. Bike the Cape Breton Highlands in one day (there are solo and team relay options). Learn more and register here:
<http://www.ns.bikingforbreakfast.com/>

B22.

Otesha Fall Tour: Fredericton to Halifax

From September 7 to November 2, the Otesha Project will cycle from New Brunswick to PEI to Nova Scotia while delivering a play on environmental and social justice issues to schools and other community groups. The Otesha team is a motivated and energetic group of young people with a mission to mobilize and equip Canadians to create local and global change through individual and collective choices. Learn more here:
<http://www.otesha.ca/bike+tours/index.en.html>

B23.

Over the Gate Garden Tour on June 13

Join us for the 18th Annual garden tour in support of programs at the YWCA on June 13, 2010 from Noon - 5pm. The Garden Committee of YWCA Halifax is grateful to the gardeners who are opening their gardens on this special occasion for all of us to enjoy local landscape and home and yard masterpieces. The private gardens showcased in this tour have been designed and developed by the owners. A list of ticket sales locations will be available soon. For information call YWCA Halifax 902.423.6162 x269. Tickets are just \$15 each and provide you entrance into five spectacular private homeowners' gardens in Halifax and Hammonds Plains. Tickets are now available at: Farmer Clem's, Springvale Nurseries, Halifax Seed, FRED Salon, or YWCA Halifax. Call: 423.6162 ext. 221 or Email: c.carter@ywcahalifax.com

B24.

Warbler Walk at Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park on May 30

Just a quick reminder that the Warbler Walk will be held next Sunday May 30 at the Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park, Lewis Lake on Highway 3. Please meet inside the Park at the picnic and parking area at 7 a.m. The hike will take place rain or shine. Bring good walking footwear as the hike takes us through the Park and onto the St. Margaret's Rails to Trails. Insect repellent, water and snacks will also be helpful. The Jerry Lawrence Park is home to at least 17 of the 22 species of warblers that nest in Nova Scotia. If you have any questions please contact our Hike Leader, Hans Toom: htoom@eastlink.ca

B25.

Atlantic Eco Expo from Sept. 17-20

<http://www.atlanticecoexpo.com/>

B26.

Achieving Water Quality Standards by Effective Stormwater Management Conference

Halifax, NS (Jun 23 - 24, 2010) EPIC:

http://www.epic-edu.com/courses_details.asp?CourseID=4135

B27.

Contaminated Soil and Groundwater Chemistry, Assessment and Remediation

Halifax, NS (Jun 21 - 23, 2010)

EPIC: http://www.epic-edu.com/courses_details.asp?CourseID=4141

B28.**CME's LEAF Info Session on June 10**

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), Canada's largest trade and industry association, invites representatives from manufacturing and fabrication firms to attend a LEAF Information Session on June 10, 2010 at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre, Membertou. CME would also like to invite consultants, who are experts in productivity, energy management and environmental assessments, to attend to learn how to become a consultant for the LEAF program. The LEAF sessions will feature speakers on LEAN, Energy and Environmental Management and introduce firms and prospective consultants to the CME LEAF and other related programs. LEAF is a productivity, efficiency, and environmental assistance program. More info: <http://www.esans.ca/pdf/InvitationtoLeafSessionSydney.pdf>

B29.**Sustainability & Education - 2010 ACASE Summer Conference - in PEI in July**

2010 ACASE Summer Conference (July 7-9, 2010). The PEI Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is partnering with the Atlantic Canada Association of Science Educators (ACASE) and the PEI Sustainability Network (PEISN) to organize and host the 2010 ACASE Summer Conference. The theme of the 2010 conference will be A Climate of Action - Science, Technology, and Global Sustainability.

WHERE: University of Prince Edward Island. COST: \$125 (plus GST), which includes lunches, breaks, sessions, keynotes, and field trips. FOR MORE INFO or TO REGISTER: www.gov.pe.ca/acase

ACCOMMODATIONS: Available on campus at BLANCHARD HALL (\$91.04 Up to a maximum of quad occupancy), BERNARDINE HALL (\$46.74 Single, \$61.34 double) or ANDREW HALL (\$97.76 Single or Double, \$125.21 Triple). TO RESERVE: Email conference@upe.ca, Telephone 902-566-0442 or toll free: 1-877-734-7327, or Online <http://www.gov.pe.ca/acase/index.php?lang=E>

B30.**Sustainability Education (SENSE) Regional Networking Meeting, Lockeport, June 7th**

Regional Networking Meetings: The next SENSE: Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia for Everyone Regional Networking meeting will be held on Monday June 7 in Lockeport. Come to visit and share with sustainability leaders in the Lockeport area. Learn about Lockeport's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. The two schools in Lockeport are the first schools east of Ontario to become a part of the UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet), a global organization that promotes peace, culture and human rights. The event will be hosted at the Beach Centre from 10AM -2:30 PM. This is an exciting opportunity to learn about community sustainability initiatives in a town with Nova Scotia's first designated UNESCO ASPNet Schools. Please let us know you plan on attending, we will be organising transportation for participants from halifax and surrounding area.

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B31.**Solstice Social: Professional Development for Environmental & Sustainability Education on June 25**

Are you interested in learning more about environmental education and networking with environmental educators in Nova Scotia? If so, please join us on June 25th for this year's Solstice Social: A Professional Development and Networking Day on Environmental Education, hosted by the Nova Scotia Environment Network (NSEN), SENSE and the Environmental Education Caucus (EEC).

Friday, June 25th, 9am – 4pm: Universalist Unitarian Church
5500 Inglis St. (near South Bland St.), in Halifax's South end

What: This is a full day event dedicated to environmental education and will include excellent professional development sessions on environmental education topics, and plenty of networking and sharing opportunities.

Potluck: Please note we will be having a potluck lunch and snacks so please remember to bring a potluck item to share! Plates, cups and cutlery will be provided.

Cost: Free! We encourage people to become members or renew their memberships

to NSEN (<http://www.nsen.ca/join.php>). These memberships help NSEN, the EEC and SENSE (Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia for Everyone) promote environmental education in Nova Scotia. Sessions include: Environmental Education in the Classroom, Bringing the Outdoors In: Ideas for using Technology in Enviro Ed, Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Geocaching, School/ Community Garden Projects. If you are interested, please register by June 18th, by emailing Joliene Stockley: stockjl@gv.ns.ca

B32.

ACIC's AGM & Symposium: Zen and the Art of Public Engagement (June 10-12, 2010)

Entitled "Zen and the Art of Public Engagement: An Inquiry into Approach & Effectiveness", there will be a variety of artists, development specialists and public engagement practitioners presenting workshops during the symposium. There will be an opportunity to discuss a range of topics falling under the umbrella of public engagement, including best practices in public engagement, hands-on approaches of using arts to engage and how best to work with artists in planning your campaign. Norman Nawrocki will be presenting a workshop about using Art for social justice. FOR MORE INFO: http://www.acic-caci.org/news/news_2.html

B33.

Halifax Bikefest Sunday, June 6, 2010

Central Commons Get details at mec.ca/bikefest

Bikes are for everyone and you can go anywhere on two wheels. Celebrate the almighty bicycle and connect with your local cycling community. Bikefest is a family-friendly event, geared to riders of all ages – check out gear swaps and bike vendors or take part in a workshop and pick up new skills.

B34.

The Nova Forest Alliance's Annual General Meeting on June 22

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

St. Mary's River Association Interpretive Centre, Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia (Time TBA)

More info: Terry Stanislaw, Administration and Communications Coordinator

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B35.

Master Gardener Summer School NSAC in July

Master Gardener Summer School is a practical session that supports the Master Gardener online program.

It is a unique opportunity to interact with other gardeners who share the same passion. It is said to be so much fun, participants do not even think of it as school! Summer school Level I topics include plant propagation, planting techniques, pruning, garden tool maintenance and pest management. The week includes garden tours, a dinner and a graduation ceremony. Summer School Level II is held annually for students who have completed the Level I Summer School, or for individuals with an interest in horticulture. The Level II Summer School encompasses two days of great learning activities in the classroom and outdoors. This year's topics include grafting, cross-pollinating, creating a monarch habitat and supporting community gardens.

For more information on these workshops or the Master Gardener program, please visit www.nsac.ca/cde.

B36.

Digging Deeper: Conference/Symposium in August

This year, the Canadian Horticultural Therapy Association (CHTA) in partnership with the People Plant Council is presenting the CHTA Annual Conference and 2010 International People Plant Symposium (IPPS) on the NSAC Campus. This joint meeting runs from August 6 to 8, 2010. CDE's Sarah Macdonald and Lana Chisholm are contributing to the conference as members of the organizing committee. The attendance at this conference is

expected to reach 250! Researchers, educators and practitioners will present their work on the beneficial interaction of people and plants and the wide ranging applications that this unique relationship offers. Dissemination of industry information will encourage further use and development of Horticultural Therapy in the healing arts and sciences. This conference is open to everyone with an interest in horticultural therapy. Please visit <http://nsac.ca/diggingdeeper/> for more information.

B37.

Climate Change and the G8/G20: Not Business as Usual on June 15

KAIROS North-South Town Hall Meetings

When: Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Time: 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Where: St. Mary's Basilica, 5221 Spring Garden Road

While Canada welcomes the world's most powerful leaders to the G20 summit in June, KAIROS and Canadians welcome Southern and Indigenous partners to share with us the real impacts of climate change on their daily lives ... and to discuss what a just solution to the climate crisis could look like. Those who are most affected by climate change have no place at the decision-making table. This "Global Town Hall" is a chance for us to come together in a dialogue of real substance to talk about real solutions. Participants will have an opportunity to hear from partners, local experts, and then to engage in dialogue with them and each other as we search for effective solutions to the global injustice of climate change.

Speakers:

Isaiah Kipyegon Toroitich, Kenya Climate and Economic Justice, Norwegian Church Aid;

Naty Atz Sunc, Guatemala - General Coordinator of CEIBA, the Association for Community Development and Promotion

Contact: Bev MacDonald, pharmin@ns.sympatico.ca, 902-228-2603

Addtl info: <http://www.kairoscanada.org/en/ecojustice/climate-change-the-g20/>

B38.

"Negotiating the Climate Change Web: A Community Vision" May 29

Saturday May 29th, 2010

11am - 5pm

Kenneth Rowe Building, Dalhousie University

This innovative gathering is an opportunity to bring together Nova Scotian stakeholders - including government, NGOs and the public - to discuss the interrelationships between trade, environment, society and climate change. It is about engaging the abilities and experience of community members to strive toward true sustainability by conceiving recommendations and goals applicable to issues being addressed in the G8 and G20 meetings.

The meetings held this April in Halifax were the first occasion for G8 countries to discuss plans to provide climate change mitigation funding to developing countries, as agreed upon during the Copenhagen meetings. Canada is the only G8 country that has yet to define its commitment. It is crucial that citizens in every province are aware of the issues involved in climate change and engaged in formulating cross-national strategies to address those issues.

"Negotiating the Climate Change Web: A Community Vision" is a one-day forum for education, discussion and visioning pertaining to the climate crisis. The forum will also discuss the G20 focus on how countries will achieve their 2009 commitment to phase out fossil fuel subsidies. This topic is particularly relevant in Nova Scotia where interest in renewable energy is at an all time high.

While discussions abound on climate change's association with weather pattern shifts and natural disasters, little is communicated about its implications for international trade and political dynamics. This event will establish breakout sessions to focus on three under-represented aspects of the climate change web: trade policy and climate change; climate change's impact on the global south (emphasizing indigenous and feminist perspectives); and climate change and society. A fourth breakout session will bring climate change home, discussing its direct impacts on Nova Scotia and local mitigation efforts.

The format for the event is designed to maximize input from community members. It will begin with an opening gathering and light lunch. From there, attendees will split into the four breakout groups. During these breakout sessions, participants will be tasked to determine, through discussion, their top 5 recommendations for policy

change in their given focus area. These recommendations will be shared during a plenary session where all participants will have the opportunity to provide feedback to local leaders, should they choose. The day will end with a keynote address.

This conference is coordinated by the Nova Scotia Coalition for Climate Action (<http://groups.google.ca/group/ccdayofaction>) and the Dalhousie College of Sustainability (http://sustainability.dal.ca/College_of_Sustainab.php).

B39.

Bike to the Movies May 31

Potter Auditorium, 6100 University Ave. 6:15pm Start Cost \$5.00

Please join the Halifax Cycling Coalition and Dalhousie's College of Sustainability for a night of great movies! This year we will be hosting a double-header: *Bike 2 Oz* is an epic adventure of a young school teacher and a train worker in Oxford. After teaching about global warming, Lawanna decided she couldn't risk damaging the climate by flying home to Australia. With her partner Kevin, the couple travels the 12,000 km trip to Sydney using only sustainable transport: train, bicycle and cargo ship. *Beauty and the Bike* take a hard look at why girls and women in Britain rarely use a bicycle, whilst a bike is a must for teenagers in other European countries. This film documents the individual reasons, cultural backgrounds, and political constraints on a human being's decision about how to get from A to B. Hope to see you there! Snacks provided. Steve Beddard stevebedard14@gmail.com More info: <http://www.halifax.ca/bikeweek/scheduleofevents.html>

B40.

11th Annual Environmental Excellence in Business Breakfast on June 1, 2010

7:30 - 10:00am

Westin Nova Scotian, 1181 Hollis Street, Halifax

More: The Eco-Efficiency Centre is holding its 11th annual Environmental Excellence in Business Breakfast on June 1, 2010 at the Westin Nova Scotian from 7:30am - 10:00am.

The breakfast is to award Nova Scotia businesses for their efforts in combining sustainable environmental methods with a successful business strategy related many areas. The annual breakfast is an event that brings together the very best in sustainable business across the province, from tourism operators to manufacturers to retailers, as well as academics and government agencies that support these endeavours. This year's keynote speaker is Professor Ray Côté, former Director of the Eco-Efficiency Centre and Chair of the Nova Scotia Round Table on Environment and Sustainable Prosperity, speaking on "Eco-Efficiency The Changing Landscape". As with previous years, the breakfast will be an excellent opportunity to network with sustainability-minded individuals and learn from and build upon sustainability initiatives undertaken throughout the province. Previous award winners have reported that the Environmental Excellence in Business Award has opened doors in international markets and helped them engage with their local communities. We hope that you will join us as we celebrate this year's success stories in sustainable business practice! Contact: Penny Slight

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B41.

Council of Community Organizations Meeting on May 27

May COCO Meeting. It will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday May 27, 2010 at the Lakeside Community Centre, 1492 St.Margaret's Bay Road, Lakeside. The host group is Canoe/Kayak NS. This is the last COCO Meeting before we break for the summer. The next meeting will be held in September. Venue and host group for the September meeting to be decided at the May Meeting. For notes on topics discussed at previous COCO Meetings please visit the website of the Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust : www.fivebridgestrust.ca

There are lots of updates and topics for discussion.

Look forward to seeing you on May 27.

Beth McGee
FBWHT: Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust
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B42.

Garden Party & Eco-Auction at noon on Sunday, June 6, 2010 at Saint Mary's Boat Club.

This is the place to get weekend get-a-ways, beautiful art, and plants for your garden. All funds raised support the Ecology Auction Centre. So please come to the "Garden Party & Auction." Enjoy music and refreshments, bid on services and buy local! The Ecology Action Centre (EAC) is Nova Scotia's largest and most active environmental organization. Since 1971, the EAC has been working to build a healthier, more sustainable Nova Scotia. With the help of loyal supporters like you the EAC will continue to be an intelligent independent voice on environmental issues in Nova Scotia for many years to come. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. More info: www.ecologyaction.ca

B43.

International Trails Day - Trail Ride and BBQ on June 5

Trail Parking Lot on Highway #3 across from Peggy's Cove Road

Meet 9:45am for a 10am departure

Join the St. Margaret's Bay Trail Association and the NS Ramblers Bicycle Club for an exciting trail ride and BBQ. We will meet in Tantallon, at the parking lot off Highway #3 across from the intersection with Peggy's Cove Road. We call this a "go 'til you are half tired" ride as we will leave as a group, at our own comfortable speed head towards Hubbards on the beautiful and scenic SMB Trail, suitable for everyone. After one hour (or less if you choose) we will return to the starting point and enjoy refreshments, hamburgers / veggie burgers as well as draw prizes. Bob White bikebob@eastlink.ca More info: <http://www.halifax.ca/bikeweek/scheduleofevents.html>

B44.

Eco-Driving Rally & Green Vehicle Showcase – Halifax, NS – June 5

Do you think you're a more efficient driver than your brother or sister, mother or father or maybe even your best friend? Prove it! Come out and celebrate Canada Environment Week with DriveWiser where we will be hosting an Eco-Driving Rally. This is a chance for you put your fuel efficiency skills to the test and win prizes! Not interested in driving? No problem! Come out to see the latest fuel efficient vehicles up close, participate in a driving simulator and get some great food!

When: June 5th, 2010 between 10-2 pm

Where: 1325 Lower Water Street parking lot, next to NS Power

Why: To learn new efficiency skills and win some great prizes!

Who can participate? Anyone! As long as you have your own insured vehicle** that is 1995 or newer and a valid driver's license. We will be accepting 15 teams, first come first serve!

Saving gas and the environment can build up quite an appetite so there will also be a BBQ put on by Auburn High school for a minimum donation of \$1. All proceeds will go to Auburn High's environment club.

If you are interested in signing up for the Eco-Rally or would like to volunteer for the event, please contact Tanya Canam at 902-420-7924 or tcanam@clean.ns.ca.

B45.

Improving Non-Profit Governance Online Interactive Course – September Dalhousie

Is now the right time for your organization to take a close look at its own governance?

If so, there is an opportunity, starting this fall, for executive directors and volunteer board members who are really committed to helping their boards improve, to do so with the support and expertise of others from across Canada. Improving Non-Profit Governance is an interactive online program offered by the Dalhousie University College of Continuing Education. It joins together our expertise in board development, adult education and online learning in a comprehensive and demanding program facilitated by a great instructional team. The program is divided into four modules designed to engage you and your board in a five-month process of experimenting with and adopting some new practices, some of which we think are pretty cool, and sharing what works with the other organizations involved. This exciting programs starts on September 27, 2010. For more information click on the link below.

B46.

An Update on Canadian Environmental Assessment on June 10, 2010

East Coast Environmental Law (ECELAW) - and - NSEN Law and Policy Caucus

Present a lunchtime discussion:

Thursday June 10, 2010 from 1 to 2:30 pm

Room 429, Goldberg Computer Science Building, 6050 University Avenue, Dalhousie University

Halifax NS. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) establishes the national process that we use to evaluate the impacts a wide variety of projects including mines, pipelines and ocean aquaculture: How is CEAA applied in Atlantic Canada? Deep in the 2010 Federal Budget Bill are changes that significantly weaken one of the country's most important environmental laws: How might these changes affect Nova Scotians?

CEAA is up for a 7 year parliamentary review starting 2010: How might it evolve?

With guest Mike Atkinson, Director, Atlantic Region, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

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B47.

The Sydney Tar Ponds Agency wants to hear from you. Open House on May 27

Work on the Tar Ponds and Coke Ovens sites is well underway. This historic effort will change Sydney's landscape forever. Our next step is to finalize a plan for future use of the reclaimed land. The Agency is hosting three Open Houses to gain a better understanding of what our community feels are priorities for the sites.

join us from 1 pm to 7 pm on: Thursday, May 27th, St. George's Hall, Nepean Street, Sydney More info: www.tarpondscleanup.ca

B48.

Garbage Clean-Up in Lunenburg/Queens County June 6, 2010

Year after year garbage gets washed up onto the shores of Nova Scotia. The Nova Scotia Nature Trust would like to enlist your help to clean it up and keep Nova Scotia's shores pristine. We will be cleaning the shores of our Medway River property from 10am-12pm, then we will have a meet and greet at the Vogler's Cove Community Center from 12pm-1pm. We will be finishing off our day by cleaning up the coastal shores of our Vogler's Cove property from 1pm-3pm. Remember to bring a lunch, appropriate footwear, and gloves if you have them. Please contact Shannon MacDonald (Shannon@nsnt.ca) for directions or any questions you may have. www.nsnt.ca

B49.

Turtle Day and Property Announcement, June 12, 2010

Join us in Pleasant River, at the Pleasant River Community Hall, in the afternoon of June 12th (exact time TBA) for refreshments, a guided walk, a property announcement of a new protected area that is home to important turtle habitat, and a barbeque! In the evening, there is an exciting opportunity for you to join guardians on their search for turtle nests. Contact Karen, 406-3320 or karen@nsnt.ca, for more information. www.nsnt.ca

B50.

Nova Scotia Nature Trust River Days – Friday May 28th-Sunday May 30th

Please join the Nova Scotia Nature Trust, in partnership with the St. Mary's River Association and Nature Nova Scotia for the 4th Annual River Days - A weekend of exploration and learning on the beautiful St. Mary's River. As part of the River Days celebration we invite you to join the Nature Trust on Saturday, May 29th at 1849 Waternish Road, Waternish.

10:00am – Welcome from Nature Nova Scotia and St. Mary's River Association

10:30am – Nova Scotia Nature Trust Showcase & Celebration of the St. Mary's River Conservation Legacy Campaign. Announcement of a new protected area on the river and celebration and recognition of campaign supporters

11:30am – Community barbecue and refreshments

1:00pm – Guided nature walks to explore the unique treasures of the St. Mary's River - including our newest conservation lands! The remainder of the weekend will include more guided walks and nature talks hosted by Nature Nova Scotia, and the St. Mary's River Association AGM. Please watch our website, and click here for more details: www.nsnt.ca

B51.

Mining Society of Nova Scotia AGM from June 9-11

Originally founded in 1887 as the "Gold Miners' Club of Nova Scotia", The Mining Society of Nova Scotia was the first professional mining association in Canada. In 1892, prompted by a threatened royalty on coal, the mining industry of Nova Scotia closed ranks and the Gold Miners' Club became The Mining Society of Nova Scotia.

Active in the province for 123 years, the society has continuously represented and promoted the interests of exploration, mining, metallurgy, petroleum and related industries in Nova Scotia. On June 9, 10 and 11, 2010, the Mining Society will host its 123rd Annual General Meeting at Keltic Lodge Resort and Spa in Ingonish, Cape Breton Island. This year's technical program will focus on "Atlantic Canada Mining – Improving Our Lives". Talks will highlight a wide-range of subjects covering the diverse mining industry in Atlantic Canada.

The Mining Society of Nova Scotia strives to be a leader in networking, knowledge sharing, and professional development in the mineral industries. We invite participants from all aspects of the industry to attend.

To view a complete list of talks, and for registration information, please visit our website www.miningsocietyns.ca.

B52.

Mining Matters 2010 – Growing the Economy on Oct. 25 & 26

Mining Matters 2010 will be held on October 25 and 26 at the Westin Hotel in Halifax. This year's event will showcase opportunities to grow Nova Scotia's economy through development of our mineral resources. There will be geoscience exhibits, technical sessions and special guest speakers, and the conference will address issues including environmental stewardship, reclamation, and sustainable and economic development. In attendance will be government and non-government organizations, prospectors, exploration and mining companies, employees of the industry, consultants, investment and service companies, students and the general public. Additional details will be provided as they become available in the next issue of the Nova Scotia Minerals Update and on the Minerals Resource Branch website (<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/meb/>). For further information please contact the author.

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B53.

We'll Find a Way: Video Premiere from Planet Atlantic on June 15

The video will premiere in Halifax at St. Matthew's church at 7pm on June 15th

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tat2BK_7rY

More about the project go to

<http://www.planetatlantic.com>

B54.

Global Warming, God and Climate Change with Sir John Houghton on May 26

Spend the evening with Sir John Houghton, co-chair of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) scientific assessment working group and author of Global Warming: The Complete Briefing "...the best single-volume guide to the science of climate change." ~ Times Literary Supplement Wednesday, May 26, 2010 7:00 pm West End Baptist Church

1986 Preston Street, Halifax

All are welcome. Free admission.

Questions & Answers session follows lecture.

Speaker: Sir John Houghton, Kt, CBE, MA, D.Phil., FRS Global Warming, God and Climate Change For more information call

902.422.6488 or visit

www.westendbaptist.ca

B55.

Hooked Up: SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD EVENT! On June 16

A very exciting event named "Hooked Up" is in the works for June 16th. The MICm (us!), Slow Food NS and the NS Museum of Natural History are hosting this fabulous event. Hooked Up will definitely include tasty sustainable seafood, a film showing of The End of the Line and networking for chefs, seafood producers, and consumers (aka sustainable seafood lovers). Would you like to be a part of the planning and execution? I sure do! Will you join me?

Stephanie Boudreau

MIC Chair

<http://www.ecologyaction.ca/content/marine>

B56.

Dialogue for Peaceful Change - Facilitation Training

June 6 - 11, Sun 7 pm - Fri 1 pm

Dialogue for Peaceful Change (DPC) is a methodology used in community based conflict mediation, and provides effective and useful tools and strategies for analyzing and addressing conflicts. Based on work in Northern Ireland, DPC is applicable to conflicts and disputes in communities, families and organizations. It has been implemented in global conflicts in Palestine, Uganda and the Philippines and amongst police and community groups in California. In the Maritimes, DPC Facilitators have been using these skills to address disputes between fisherfolk and government officials, sorting through tensions within First Nations communities, and promoting greater cooperation between community and Social Service agencies. DPC moves beyond traditional mediative methods, focusing on conflict content, culture and spirituality. The experiential nature of the program allows you to practice the stages of conflict mediation and apply the tools in a realistic context.

See also www.dialogueforpeacefulchange.net

Cost: \$925 (\$545 tuition + \$380 meals/accommodations)

To Register: www.tatacentre.ca 1.800.218.2220 tatacent@tatacentre.ca

B57.

Cultivating the Art of Eating - a talk by Dr. Jenni Moon on May 31

You are invited to learn about Biological Medicine on Monday May 31, 2010, 7pm

upstairs at the Wooden Monkey restaurant (corner of Gra)on & Prince Streets, Halifax)

The evening will celebrate the launch of Jenni's Moon Clinic, and help raise funds for the Ecology Action Centre's Friends of Food project (www.ecologyaction.ca/content/food). RSVP Jenni (jmoon@ns.sympatico.ca) by May 24. Please indicate if you plan to have supper so we can let the kitchen know. You are encouraged to arrive between 6-6:30 pm if you will be ordering a meal. Special thanks to the Monkey for donating the space.

B58.

Capturing the Idea of Change: Why Stories Matter

WHEN: JUNE 23-24, 2010 from 9:00 – 4:30 (Doors open at 8:30)

LOCATION: Halifax, Downtown Location, TBD

REGISTRATION FEE:

685.00 for two days (plus HST) Materials and Handbook included

Registration will be confirmed via email. Light refreshments will be served. Lunch not provided.

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B59.

Harrison Lewis Centre Events

MAY 29,30: Drawing and painting spring wildflowers with artist and illustrator Twila Robar-DeCoste. Taking students from basic drawing skills through to finished small paintings. In and outdoor instruction includes shoreline beach, meadow, and forest walks where at this time of year wildflowers abound. Small classes (dozen at most) guarantees plenty of one-on-one time with one of Atlantic Canada's outstanding illustrators of the natural world. Early-bird registration by April 30, all inclusive (includes five meals, snacks, shared cabin or tenting for one or two nights). Registration closes May 15. For more information or to register contact the Harrison Lewis Centre, RR 1 Port Joli, NS B0T 1S0. (902) 683-2763.

JUNE 12,13: Portable Band saw Mill workshop. All aspects of mill operation from basic maintenance through profitable lumber manufacture taught by Lew Dingwall, Wood-Mizer representative for Atlantic Canada and former instructor for portable band saw mills at the Ranger School (Maritime College of Forest Technology). Enrollment limited to 10. Fee covers home cooked meals and accommodation one or two nights (shared cabin or tenting). Registration closes May 28. To register or for more information contact the Harrison Lewis Centre, RR 1 Port Joli, NS B0T 1S0. (902) 683-2763.

JUNE 25, 27: Digital nature photography with Len Wagg whose PixelPlus column appears monthly in the Chronicle Herald. Wagg's striking images in "Wild Nova Scotia" (Nimbus, 2007) delight and inform - we live in a beautiful and frequently unspoiled corner of the world!

Friday evening (dinner and introduction) through Sunday morning includes a sunrise walk on Sandy Bay beach, followed by a leisurely hike to the seal rocks at Keji Seaside Park with a picnic lunch along the way. Evening sessions cover filing, storing, editing and printing techniques. Five home-cooked meals, plus overnight accommodations (shared cabins or tenting). Small class assures plenty of one-on-one assistance. Early-bird registration by May 25. Registration closes June 15. More information or to register contact the Harrison Lewis Centre, RR 1 Port Joli, NS B0T 1S0. (902) 683-2763.

B60.

50 Years of Climate Science with Nobel Prize Winning Sir John Houghton on May 27

Sir John Houghton, CBE, FRS will speak on 50 Years of Climate Science in Halifax!

Sir John Houghton is considered one of the most outstanding and effective environmental scientists of his generation. He played a key role in the development of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that was recently awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He has been a professor at Oxford University, the Director General of the British Meteorological Office and Chair of Working Group I of the IPCC. He is the President of the John Ray Initiative connecting environment, science and Christianity.

Thursday, May 27, 2010 3:30pm

Room 117, Department of Physics and Atmospheric Science,
Dunn Building, Studley Campus, Followed by a reception.

B61.

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS FOR COASTAL MANAGEMENT IN NS

Give your input on Coastal Management in Nova Scotia. The complete schedule for the Public Oceans Network (PON)'s public consultations is as follows:

- May 26 - HRM (Dartmouth)

Venues and locations are available at <http://www.gov.ns.ca/coast> in addition to these public consultations the PON plans targeted private meetings with special interests. The public is invited to give input via the Department's website, (<http://www.gov.ns.ca/coast/views.htm>) or via written submission. For more information and directions to the open houses visit: www.gov.ns.ca/coast Telephone: (902) 424-2894

*Read the State of the Coast report: <http://www.govns.ca/coast/state-of-the-coast.htm>

B62.

Friends of McNabs Island Society - McNabs Island Beach Cleanup June 6

Sunday, June 6 from 10 am – 4:30 pm (Rain date: June 13)

Help celebrate our 20th anniversary by joining us for our annual Environment Week cleanup of McNabs and Lawlor Islands Provincial Park. Meet at Murphy's on the Water, Cable Wharf on the Halifax Waterfront before 10 a.m. Space on the boat is limited to 150 people. Bring work gloves, drinking water, a lunch and ENTHUSIASM. We will supply the garbage bags and FREE transportation to the island for volunteers willing to clean up the beaches. Since 1991, volunteers have collected nearly 9,000 bags of garbage and recyclables from the beaches of this provincial park. Groups of more than ten must pre-register with the Friends of McNabs Island by calling Cathy at 434-2254 (evenings) or Carolyn (477-0187) or by e-mailing mcnabs@chebucto.ns.ca. Visit www.mcnabsisland.ca for more details.

B63.

Eco-Sustainability - Does the HRM have what it takes? June 25th

This promises to be one of our most important events of the year! Come & discuss Environmental Sustainability in the HRM with 6 environmental leaders in our community

Friday, June 25

Time: 12-1:30 pm

Cost: \$39.95 plus tax & gratuity

Halifax Club: <http://www.halifaxclub.ns.ca>

B64.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM: COASTAL ZONE CANADA 2010 PEI in July

The "9th Coastal Zone Canada International Conference" is scheduled for 25-29 July 2010 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The Program focuses on the challenges and opportunities of coastal management in Canada; linking land and ocean planning and management; strengthening coastal communities; planning for the impacts of climate change; planning a coastal policy for PEI; and the culinary advantages of managing Canada's coasts. The Conference Program is now online at <http://www.gov.pe.ca/czc2010>.

B65.

The Nova Scotia Community-Based Transportation Association AGM June 4-5

Community Transit-The Nova Scotia Community-Based Transportation Association invites you to our Annual General Meeting and Events on June 4-5, 2010 at NSCC Pictou Campus, Stellarton, NS. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Michael Roschlau, President and CEO of the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA), who will speak on the role of rural and community transit in CUTA's vision for public transportation. Full event details and a registration form are available on our website at www.nscbta.ca

The conference fee includes all meals and events and a one-year membership to NSCBTA.

B66.

Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability's Annual General Meeting June 12

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

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

Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre Benefit - for a night of fun, hosted by Tim Bowers with live music from Jason Grant & John Killawee; Frank Organ & Duncan MacLeoud; Tim Bowers and many others. Mark your calendars: June 21 at Kegger's Alehouse, 72 Inglis Place, TRURO - Tickets \$6.00

http://www.cwrc.net/2010_benefit.shtml

B67.

2010 Avon Peninsula Bio Blitz in the Wisqoq Valley May 29

The Wisqoq Valley is located on the Eastern end of the Avon Peninsula watershed common. We will be meeting on the Ferry Road halfway between Poplar Grove and Belmont at 9:00 am. We will break off into teams and walk into Wisqoq for the day. Please bring your own field supplies, lunch and water, insect repellent and suitable clothing for a day out in the woods. The Avon Peninsula contains some of the richest flora biodiversity in Eastern Canada.

There is good chance that someone may even discover a new community of the endangered ram's – Head Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium arietinum*)! Please be advised that you will be walking in a karst environment with potential

for difficult and dangerous terrain. You are responsible for your own safety. For more information please contact: Matt Smith at mcsmith@hotmail.com or call 902-757-2382. Please respond by May 24th.

B68.

17th Annual McNamara Trout-A-Rama Jun-05-2010

Cunard Pond on Williams Lake Road.

The Halifax Wildlife Association will be hosting a free event aimed at kids up to 16 intended to introduce them to good fishing practices while enjoying a fun day. Treats and prizes will be provided for entrants. More information: <http://www.nsfah.ca/events/view.php?id=12>

B69.

Association of Sustainable Forestry - Growing High-Value Trees Workshop May 29

Growing High-Value Trees

May 29th, 2010

Where

Mooseland area, East Halifax County

Owners of small private woodlots and forestry contractors are invited to learn about uneven-aged management and quality improvement silviculture, which allow woodlot owners to grow high-value trees. The free educational program will include an inside workshop followed by a visit to a nearby woodlot.

Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. Call 902-673-2278 or email outreach@asforestry.com.

Sponsored by the Association for Sustainable Forestry's Uneven-Aged Management Outreach Project, with funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources.

This event is organized by Uneven-Aged Management Outreach Project

B70.

Clean Nova Scotia AGM June 15

More info: Address:

126 Portland Street

Dartmouth NS, B2Y 1H8

Main Phone Number: (902) 420-3474

Fax Number: (902) 424-5334

General e-mail: cns@clean.ns.ca

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

C. Non-Environmental Events

C1.

Business Leadership in a Global Society with Brian Bacon on June 3

Thursday, June 3, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Halifax Club, Morrow Room

1682 Hollis Street, Halifax

The ALIA Institute and the Dalhousie College of Sustainability are pleased to invite you to a lecture by Brian Bacon, strategic advisor to multinational CEOs and heads of state. Mr. Bacon helps executive leaders and teams bring together corporate, social, and sustainability imperatives into a single forward-moving focus. In this lecture, he shares stories of the white knights who are showing the way for the future of business. In the 21st century, corporate leaders who ignore a multiple-faceted agenda do so at their peril, as customers and regulators increasingly demand that business assume the mantle of a leadership role. Mr. Bacon will also outline the steps that his clients take to align personal, corporate, and social values.

There is no fee associated with this event. Please RSVP to info@ALIAinstitute.org if you plan to attend.

C2.

Halifax Media Coop G8/G20 Special Issue Launch on June 3

What: Launch of the Dominion's special issue on the G8/G20

When: Thursday June 3, 7pm

Where: North Branch Public Library, 2285 Gottingen

Why?: Find out more about local impacts and local organizing around the G8/G20

Following the string of demonstrations protesting the G8 development ministers meeting in Halifax in April, tens of thousands are expected on the streets of Toronto at the end of June, protesting the gathering of the G8/G20 heads of state. What's the big deal? Find out on June 3, when the Halifax Media Co-op launches the Dominion's special issue on the G8/G20. The event will include a panel of speakers, snacks, hot-off-the-press copies of the Dominion, and a lively discussion. Come out and learn more about local impacts of G8/G20 policies and how local organizers are working to resist the world view that heads of state will be promoting in Ontario in June. More info:

hillary@mediacoop.ca

C3.

Social Justice Youth Camp 2010, August 25 - 29; Wed 10am to Sun 1pm

Youth Making a Difference! This 8th annual multicultural camp is an opportunity for youth (ages 14-19) to learn how to make a difference. Lots of games, dynamic activities and discussions will be mixed with awareness and action. Join youth from all over Atlantic Canada to practice strategies against racism, use arts against injustice, discuss gender relations and cultural contexts, build alliances, and have a whole lot of fun! The camp will be facilitated by a diverse team of young adults from the region who actively live their lives working for social change. Bursaries available! Register Now! Contact Us 1.800.218.2220 www.tatacentre.ca

tatacent@tatacentre.ca

C4.

Lunch & Learn - NS Poverty Reduction Strategy on May 28

Poverty reduction is a critical issue for all of us in Nova Scotia. Join us for a presentation regarding the Poverty Reduction Strategy in Nova Scotia. We will provide a brief overview of what has happened to date, what is presently underway and what is anticipated. There will be time for questions and discussion following the presentation. DATE: Friday May 28, 2010 at 12:00 noon. Lunch is provided (for a donation to the Women's Community Space). GUEST SPEAKERS: Brenda M. Murray, Director for Policy, Planning and Research, Department of Community Services, and Stephanie Hunter, FemJEPP Coordinator, CCEP-NS Member and Past Community Co-Chair for the Poverty Reduction Working Group.

C5.

The Art of Peace Summer Camps

Who: Children ages 8 - 13

Dates: Week 1, July 26 to 30, Week 2, August 16 to 20

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, with extended care available

Where: Saint Mary's University, Robie Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Cost: \$125 per week

This summer, Peaceful Schools International will again host the Art of Peace Summer Camp for 8 - 13 year-olds. The camp provides children with an opportunity to creatively explore the meaning of peace – within ourselves, in our communities and in the world. Local artists and peace activists visit and make presentations throughout the camp. Children will learn about peace through activities such as drama, puppetry, tie-dye, and writing. Participants also have the opportunity to understand more about global peace by learning what life is like for children their age in Sierra Leone and Pakistan.

For more information, or to register, please visit the website at

<http://peacefulschoolsinternational.org/peacecamp/peacecamp10.htm> or contact us at 1-866-532-0228 or

info@peacefulschoolsinternational.org.

C6.

Being the Change: Building a Culture of Peace . . . in our classrooms, our communities, and our world – July Halifax, NS – July 7-9

Mount Saint Vincent University

This interactive and action-oriented conference will give participants the opportunity to explore together how peace education, the women's movement, and the disarmament movement have contributed and can continue to contribute to building a more peaceful world for all of us. Building on inspiration from local and global leaders in these areas,

the focus of the conference is to encourage dialogue around these themes and to develop some concrete action steps that we can all take to build a culture of peace in our communities. For more information, contact peaceconference@msvu.ca. A website, program information, and registration details coming soon!

C7.

Hunger Awareness Day on June 1 in Halifax 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1 is Hunger Awareness Day; an opportunity for Canadians to collectively acknowledge that hunger exists in communities throughout our country and to learn about the challenges that people face in light of this unfortunate reality. On this day, FEED NOVA SCOTIA—as the provincial member agency of Food Banks Canada—will bring attention to the realities of hunger in our province by forming a Nova Scotia Hunger Lineup in various regions of the province, each holding banners that proclaim “hunger is in our community and we want to help.” Be part of the hunger lineup in Halifax!

Location: Beginning at the entrance to Province House on Hollis Street and continuing along Prince and Barrington Streets.

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

For 15 minutes, we will stand in unison to acknowledge the severity of hunger and poverty and to respectfully show our support for change, while waving to passersby; holding banners; handing out literature; and being photographed as a group by local media. Food banks have become a necessity for far too many Nova Scotians. We hope you will consider participating on June 1—a day when we can all join together and help make a difference! Although it's not necessary to formally register, if you do think you can make it, we'd be happy to have a quick heads up. Email communications@feednovascotia or call 457-1900.

C8.

Modern Business Leaders: Sinners or Saints? June 15

One of North America's leading professors of corporate social responsibility and marketing, Dr. Peggy Cunningham, has been appointed Dean of Dalhousie University's Faculty of Management. Dr. Cunningham's aim in taking the position is to foster a new model of responsible, values-based business education and research. Join Dr. Cunningham as she presents her inaugural speech, Modern Business Leaders: Sinners or Saints?.

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

5:00 – 5:30 PM

Potter Auditorium

Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building

6100 University Avenue

Reception to follow

RSVP by Friday, June 11 to: ermgmt@dal.ca or 902-494-2582

C9.

Making your Work more Effective, Easier and Possibly Even More Fun on June 17

Come join us for a networking lunch and an informative and practical presentation by Robyn Kalda, Information Specialist at Health Nexus (formerly Ontario Prevention Clearinghouse) to be followed by our second AGM. Building on the theme of last year's AGM, Robyn will share and discuss information and ideas about a range of new media tools that can help you work more effectively, reach more broadly and function more easily. Together, we'll explore some possibilities for online meetings, conferencing, webinars, document sharing, meeting scheduling, and beyond. Have you ever wondered about blogs, wikis, Facebook, Twitter, RSS, or Google's wide array of online tools? If so, Robyn is the one to ask. However great or slight your experience with new media, this session is for you.

Date: Thursday June 17, 2010

Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (registration begins at 10:30)

Where: Atlantica Hotel Halifax, 1980 Robie St., Halifax

Cost: Free (including parking)

RSVP to: Lisa Ramsay at (902) 494-7126 or hpc@dal.ca by June 10th. Register now- space is limited. Please indicate if you will be joining us for lunch and if you have any dietary restrictions.

Agenda

10:30 -11:00 Registration

11:00 - 12:15 Opening Remarks & Guest Speaker(s): Keynote Speaker - Robyn Kalda (Innovative Use of Information Technology for Health Promotion)

12:15 - 1:00 Buffet Lunch and Networking

1:00 - 2:00 AGM Business Meeting

If you are interested in attending, but not a member of HPC, please join by clicking here.

www.hpclearinghouse.ca

C10.

Autopoiesis Atelier from June 14th-18th, 2010 at Oceanstone

Explore creativity from within and become the artist of your Autopoetic Life!

Five Day Program in Nova Scotia

June 14th-18th, 2010

9am to 4:30pm

\$499.00 (\$449.00 if registered before May 15th) Oceanstone Inn and Cottages, Indian Harbour, NS

When we quiet the mind, allow for pure consciousness to express through us, and gain clarity about who we are and what we want, we find meaning and joy in all we do. We become the conscious creators and we inspire others to follow their hearts. During this program, you will be introduced to meditation practices and ancient tools and techniques to help settle the mind from the constant chatter, direct attention and energy to the things that really matter to you and expand the boundaries of your habitual patterns. You will have the opportunity to manifest your creative impulses through art, writing and sharing in an environment that supports healing and growth. The length of the 5-day program allows you to step out of your habitual patterns, immerse yourself in an organic routine, and get at those blockages you have not been able to shake. After five days, your body will have learned a new expansive way and it is easier to integrate and incorporate what you have learned when you have shifted kinesthetically. Spend time in divine inspiration and exploration and get a glimpse of your Autopoetic Life!

The Atelier includes: Small group conversations, Yoga, Mantra meditations, Guided meditations, Vedic sutras

Huna Wisdom, Art workshops, Journal and paint material, Ayurvedic lunches, One 45-minute individual

consultation and Lemurian Huna body work. To register and for a more detailed description of the Atelier, visit

<http://ideasfestival.ca/3/miscellaneous12.htm> or contact Anne Thibeault-Bérubé (902) 449-7856 or

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D. Announcements

D1.

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

D2.

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

D3.

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.

D4.

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

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

D5.

Join the 2010 Canadian Youth Delegation!

Applications are now open for the Canadian Youth Delegation to the United Nations Climate Change Meetings in Cancun, Mexico, taking place at the end of 2010 and for the leaders of the Canadian Youth Delegation Home Team. If you want to make a difference, learn about international climate policy, have a great time, build your capacity, work with a diverse group of youth from every province and territory in Canada, and support the international youth climate movement, then this opportunity is for you. Check out the applications below (available in French or English) for more information. Applications are due on 6:00 pm PDT, Friday June 11th, 2010. <http://www.ourclimate.ca/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/CYD-Cancun-New-Member-Application.pdf>

Amber Church

National Director

Canadian Youth Climate Coalition

www.ourclimate.ca

D6.

Nova Scotia Nature Trust's Kids' Website Launched

We've been really inspired by the enthusiasm that Nova Scotian kids have shown for land conservation! Young nature lovers can make a big difference, and we've decided to launch a website to celebrate the impact that kids can

have in helping us to protect Nova Scotia's special places. On Biodiversity Day, May 22nd, watch our website for the launch of our Kids page! We'll feature inspirational stories about kids who are helping us protect habitat for the critters they love, and ideas for how young people and their families can get involved. On the launch date, see it at www.nsnt.ca/kids.

D7.

Spring 2010 edition Nova Scotia Minerals Update Newsletter online now!

The Spring 2010 edition (Volume 27, Number 2) of the Nova Scotia Minerals Update Newsletter is now available for viewing on the Mineral Resources Branch web site at the following address:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/meb/pdf/mu.asp>

If you have any questions or concerns, or wish to be removed from this mailing list, please contact me.

Tracy Lenfesty, Librarian

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D8.

Waterlution presents: The Canadian Water Innovation Lab 2010. Applications now open!

In October 2010, 250 young Canadians will attend a once-in-a-lifetime learning event that will turn their good intentions into concrete actions to protect our most precious natural resource: water. The Canadian Water Innovation Lab 2010 will bring young leaders from all disciplines together with key water decision-makers – business, Aboriginal, and community leaders; policymakers, scientists, and activists – to explore creative solutions to our complex water resource management problems. Participants will stay on-site and learn via experiential learning activities, field tours, mentoring, and systems theory. The Lab will give tomorrow's leaders the insights, tools, and connections to make a difference in protecting and preserving water resources, right now.

Don't miss this opportunity to shape the future of Canada's water and watersheds! APPLY NOW at www.waterlution.org. ***Waterlution is also seeking experienced facilitators or water experts of any age to attend as Lab facilitators. Successful applicants will undergo world-class facilitation training at the Banff Centre and then get the chance to apply their skills as leaders of the headlining Lab event. Please visit www.waterlution.org for more information.***

For more information, please contact:

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D9.

RCEN Launches Eco Jobs, Events and Volunteering Web Service

The Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) is excited to announce the launch of three new services, in partnership with Planetfriendly and GoodWork Canada:

- Eco Events Calendar <http://calendar.rcen.ca/>
- Eco Jobs Board <http://jobs.rcen.ca/>
- Eco Volunteer Opportunities <http://volunteer.rcen.ca/>

Along with news and information from the environmental NGO sector, the RCEN website now features these dynamic, user-driven resources to help connect Canadians of all backgrounds with rewarding opportunities.

Getting Involved Just Got Easier

- Find the most relevant, up-to-date environmental events and opportunities;
- Post your events and opportunities where they'll be seen by Canada's environmental community, non-profit groups and green businesses of all sizes.

To post an event or opportunity, just use the submission form (e.g. go to <http://jobs.rcen.ca> and click "Add a Job").

RCEN member organisations receive a 10% discount when posting job opportunities.

D10.**NS Consultations on Contaminated Sites: Deadline July 6**

In 2007 the government made a commitment under the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act (EGSPA) that Nova Scotia would have clearer rules concerning cleaning up contaminated sites in our province by the year 2010. These rules will ensure that measures are in place to protect public health, protect the environment and stimulate economic development. This is your chance to tell Nova Scotia Environment how we can make the rules around cleaning up contaminated sites clearer and easier to follow. Nova Scotia Environment is proposing a variety of options to manage contaminated sites in the province. We need to know what you think of each idea. As such we are providing you with a document which presents the options we are proposing.

The discussion paper "Cleaning Up: Help us make contaminated land safe and productive" may be downloaded from the following site:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/contaminatedsites/docs/Consultation_Cleaning.Up.pdf

In this discussion paper you will find:

- ideas tied to particular concerns we have received
- some information about the ideas
- questions for you to answer about the ideas

Comments: Public comments on the discussion document will be accepted until July 6, 2010. We invite you to comment in a variety of ways.

Online: Comments can be submitted via our online consultation form at

<https://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/contaminatedsites/policy.consultation.comments.asp>

In writing: Written comments can be sent to:

Contaminated Sites Management Development Project c/o Policy and Planning Branch P.O. Box 442

Halifax, NS B3J 2P8

E-mail: policy@gov.ns.ca

Fax: (902) 424-0644

D11.**PUBLIC ART FOR CLIMATE CHANGE – DEADLINE JUNE 4**

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking proposals from artists and creative professionals of all disciplines to submit proposals for an education through public art initiative aimed at highlighting the impacts of climate change specific to HRM. The public art component should be specifically tied to the findings of the Sea Level Rise Adaptation study presented to Halifax Regional Council in February 2010:

<http://www.halifax.ca/regionalplanning/documents/SLRCowFeb92010revisedforwebsite.pdf>

The deadline for submission is June 4th, 4pm. A non-mandatory information session will be held on Thursday May 27th at 530pm on the 6th floor of Alderney Landing (40 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth). If you have questions or require clarification on anything related to this call, please contact:

Jamie MacLellan

Public Art Coordinator

Halifax Regional Municipality

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902-490-1039

D12.**CLEAN NOVA SCOTIA'S THE GREAT NOVA SCOTIA PICK ME UP!**

The Great Nova Scotia Pick Me Up is a program developed and delivered by Clean Nova Scotia. Now celebrating its 18th year, the program has evolved into a year round initiative that aims to remove litter from our communities, parks and shorelines. To find out more or to register visit: www.nspickmeup.ca

D13.**Welcome to The Green Interview.com!**

Our relationship with this planet is in crisis -- and before we can change our behaviour, we literally have to change our minds. We need to understand and adopt new ideas about the meaning of growth and progress, about what we measure and why, about biodiversity, food security, carbon trading, wild law, earth politics, ecological footprints

and many other issues. That's what The Green Interview.com is all about -- providing deep access to the bold new ideas and the courageous and imaginative people that are leading the way. The first five interviews are up and available -- with Vandana Shiva, Farley Mowat, James Lovelock, Elizabeth May, and Paul Watson. These are long, lively conversations -- an hour or more in length -- and they're available as streaming video, and also as downloadable MP3 audio files that you can listen to as you walk, drive, bike or paint the house.

You're invited to hear one of these interviews free -- and you can see short excerpts from all of them by going to our home page at www.thegreeninterview.com and clicking on the "sample" button. We're hoping that one of the most important features of the site will be its forums -- a space where members can engage in what we hope will be a crackling debate on the ideas advanced in the interviews.

The Green Interview is a subscription site because we want to be supported by our members, the people we're here to serve. Please join us! And if you do, we'll send you, free, a DVD of my video The Living Beach, which isn't available anywhere else, at any price.

We hope that The Green Interview will make a real contribution to the world-wide effort to re-imagine our lives and our role on this planet. Please come and participate in the conversation!

Very greenest regards,

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D14.

Resources for United Nations Year on Biodiversity and May 22 is World Biodiversity Day

2010 is the United Nations Year on Biodiversity and May 22 is World Biodiversity Day. We all must commit ourselves to achieve significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national level as a contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of all life on earth. Join the Countdown 2010 to help take action on biodiversity. Find out more about the Convention on Biological Diversity. Learn more about Biodiversity in Canada by visiting Environment Canada's special web site. Read the Canadian Environmental Network's background report entitled Biological Diversity and the Convention: From a Canadian environmental perspective. Visit: <http://www.cen-rce.org/IYB2010/events.html>

Also check out: www.nsen.ca

D15.

Clean Nova Scotia's Commuter Challenge

Clean Nova Scotia would like to invite your business/organization to participate in The Commuter Challenge 2010. What is Commuter Challenge? The goal of The Commuter Challenge is to encourage Canadians to leave their car at home and walk, cycle, take transit, carpool (ride share) or tele-work instead of driving to work alone.

This National challenge is a friendly competition between communities and workplaces to see which region or workplace has the highest percent of healthy commuters during the weeklong event. Canadians are encouraged to walk, cycle, ride-share/carpool, tele-work or take transit instead of driving to work alone. Leading up to the event workplaces and individuals pre-register. During the week, employees record their commuting behaviour on-line. Registration and logging can be done until the event is over and the software closes. Results are posted daily to determine which cities and workplaces have the highest percent of healthy commuters. Canadians are able to see how a healthier commute affects greenhouse gas reductions, calories burned, kilometres and dollars saved.

Workplaces can create competitions with other local businesses to see who gets the most participation and reduces their transportation related emissions the most! Challenge yourself and each other and help make a difference this spring! Tanya Canam of Clean Nova Scotia is the local Challenge coordinator for HRM. Her job is to support workplaces as they encourage their employees to leave their cars at home for their personal health, the health of their communities and the health of the environment. If you yourself do not have time to register your workplace but feel someone else in your organization would be interested, please forward this information along.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact her at tcanam@clean.ns.ca or by phone at 902-420-7924. For more information, please visit www.commuterchallenge.ca.

Warm Regards,
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D16.

Efficiency Nova Scotia Council & New Executive

Crandlemire, Willett to lead Efficiency Nova Scotia Efficiency Nova Scotia Corp. has named two interim chief executives to lead the organization until it has people in place to serve permanently in the roles. Allan Crandlemire will be the interim chief executive officer and Susanne Willett the interim chief financial officer. Crandlemire was most recently executive director of Conserve Nova Scotia and has held several senior positions with the Energy Department over the past 25 years. Willett is an independent financial and management services consultant in Halifax. She has over 10 years' experience with the NB Power Group of Companies, most recently as finance director of the NB Power Transmission Corp. Efficiency Nova Scotia was created in October to take over from Conserve Nova Scotia in helping people save electricity. Heather Foley Melvin, former premier Rodney MacDonald's first chief of staff in 2006, was the head of Conserve Nova Scotia.
Members of the council: Efficiency NS <http://www.conservens.ca/about/advisory-council/>

D17.

NS's new Non-essential Pesticides Control Act. Regulations to come!

Protecting Nova Scotia's environment and its people - that's the goal behind a ban on the sale and use of non-essential pesticides. Environment Minister Sterling Belliveau announced plans today (May 4th) to ban the sale and use of lawncare pesticides, except certain lower-risk, organic products. Health Canada and Nova Scotia's Medical Officer of Health recommend reducing exposure to non-essential pesticides. The phased-in ban will begin next spring, giving homeowners and retailers time to adapt to the new law. It will not apply to vegetable gardens, forestry, golf courses or agriculture. Regulations supporting the legislation would be developed over the next several months, with further input with municipalities, industry and non-governmental organizations. For more information, visit www.gov.ns.ca/nse/pests.

An Act to Prohibit the Sale and Use of Non-essential Pesticides - Read the act:
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/PDFs/annual%20statutes/2010/c006.pdf>

E. Jobs & Internships

E1.

NSPIRG Summer Jobs! Study in Action Coordinator

Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group (Dalhousie Campus)

30 hours/week. \$9.20/hr.

(Weekly hours negotiable)

8 week position

NSPIRG is initiating a Study in Action progress to link students fulfilling course requirements to community organizations who have research needs. We are hiring a summer student to initiate the project!

The ideal candidate would have a familiarity with and involvement in local community organizations, as well as university departments and courses (with a focus on Dalhousie). Strong organizational skills, the ability to take initiative and work independently are essential. Candidates should have good verbal and written communication skills, and feel comfortable going out into the community and meeting new people. The candidate should also have a good understanding of anti-oppression and a demonstrated commitment to social and environmental justice.

Familiarity with similar projects at other PIRGs across the country (CURE at QPIRG-Concordia and ARX at SFPIRG) is an asset. Basic web skills would be an asset. The position is ideal for candidates who would like to work with non-profits and/or in community-oriented research projects in the future.

Hours will be filled in the NSPIRG office and in outside meetings.

Responsibilities Include:

- In consultation with Professors, Community Groups and NSPIRG board, prepare to implement the Study in Action project
- Investigate options in various Dalhousie Departments for collaboration
- Investigate potential project models and compare with other PIRG projects (CURE & ARX)
- Liase with professors and community organizations to design a project that meets student and community needs
- Initiate a pilot phase for this project to be implemented in the upcoming school year (involving at least one course/professor and a few community groups, or as appropriate).
- Set up a database (online or otherwise) to which community organizations can post research projects.
- Identify the steps needed to continue and expand the Project after the pilot phase.

Parameters:

Successful candidate needs to be a full-time student, returning to school full-time in the fall, between the ages of 18-30, wanting to develop skills in this line of work. Also, in line with our anti-oppression framework, we are committed to hiring under-represented and marginalized groups.

To Apply:

Please submit your resume and cover letter by 5pm Friday, May 28. Interviews will take place the week of May 31st. Applications can be submitted to Room 314 in Dalhousie Student Union Building, or emailed to jane@nspirg.org .

E2.

NSPIRG Summer Jobs! Community Garden Coordinator

Seemore Green Collective Garden (Dalhousie Campus) c/o NSPIRG

30 hours/week. \$9.20/hr.

(Weekly hours negotiable)

8 week position

NSPIRG is seeking a Community Garden Coordinator for our SeeMore Green Community Garden!

The ideal candidates should have demonstrated experience in gardening (or a demonstrable willingness to learn!) and volunteer coordination and the ability to take initiative and work independently. The candidate should also have a good understanding of anti-oppression and a demonstrated commitment to social and environmental justice. Interest and experience with issues of local food, community gardens and ecological resilience is an asset. This position would be best filled by someone competent on a computer, well organized, energetic, inquisitive, with good social skills and a sense of humor. Some evening and weekend work may be required. Hours will be filled in the garden and in the NSPIRG office.

Responsibilities Include:

- Coordinating volunteers to help with the garden over the summer
- Maintaining regular garden work hours
- Ensuring weekly maintenance of garden (watering, weeding, etc.)
- Organizing regular workshops to train volunteers and interested community members in skills related to gardening and local food
- Organizing events to promote the garden and educate about issues of food sovereignty
- Maintaining the weblog
- Doing outreach around the garden on campus and in the community
- Preparing transition reports for future garden coordinators

Parameters:

Successful candidate needs to be a full-time student, returning to school full-time in the fall, between the ages of 18-30, wanting to develop skills in this line of work. Also, in line with our anti-oppression framework, we are committed to hiring under-represented and marginalized groups.

To Apply:

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E3.

Community Youth Action Gathering -- Halifax Coordinator

Organization: Sierra Youth Coalition <http://www.syc-cjs.org/yag>

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

* Job Classification: 10 weeks contract, 35h/week

* Deadline for application: Wednesday, May 26th, 2010

* Starting date: June 7th, 2010

* Wage: \$8.80-\$12.00/hour

* Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

About the Sierra Youth Coalition Sierra Youth Coalition is a Canada-wide, diverse non-profit organization, run by youth for youth, and serves as the youth arm of the Sierra Club of Canada. Through grassroots action, Sierra Youth Coalition aims to address environmental and social sustainability, by focusing on environmental integrity, social equity and economic prosperity. Our organisation reflects the belief that all things are interconnected. Sierra Youth Coalition formed in 1996 with a vision of involving Canadian youth in pressing environmental issues. Since then, it has grown into a national youth environmental coalition with members and volunteers across all regions of Canada, and local groups operating out of schools, universities, and communities across the country.

Project description

The mission of the Community Youth Action Project is to create and support an inclusive and respectful community of empowered youth. CYAP provides youth with the skills, resources, and support they need to develop critical thinking skills and a unique way of applying them to their passions. The project brings together youth from diverse backgrounds to a safe space that promotes and embodies environmental and social consciousness and encourages healthy and sustainable individuals and communities. The project also emphasizes the importance of acknowledging and accepting local circumstances and realities (i.e. gauging the social and environmental). Youth leave the program infused with the ability to develop grassroots actions that affect and include the greater community.

Part of the way we do this is through our Youth Action Gatherings: weeklong skills and leadership building camps which aim to increase understanding of environmental and social justice issues, offer trainings on the skills necessary to take action on these issues, and build a connected network of empowered youth.

This position will largely focus around developing, planning and coordinating the Halifax gathering in 2010 for rural and urban youth. The main roles of the YAG Halifax Coordinator are to:

* Develop, plan, organize and coordinate the Summer Halifax Youth Action Gathering; and

* Work with the SYC staff to ensure the national vision and goals for the project are being met.

Job Requirements

1. Plan and coordinate the Summer Youth Action Gathering.

This includes:

* Gathering outreach and registration;

* Planning gathering content (workshops and schedule);

* Organizing logistics (food, travel, insurance, etc.);

* Fundraising for the event to meet its financial requirements; and

* Coordinating summer volunteers to assist with the gathering (if needed); and

* Regularly checking in with the YAG National coordinator to troubleshoot.

Preferred Qualifications

* Experience with project management

* Fundraising experience

* Experience in event planning and building youth leadership

- * Posses skills and experience working with diverse and marginalized communities
- * Preferred past involvement with the Sierra Youth Coalition
- * Bilingualism an asset
- * Excellent people skills and enthusiasm
- * Strong organizational and writing skills
- * Understanding of the youth environmental and sustainability movement

Please send complete application -- resume, cover letter -- and writing sample answering the following question "What does meaningful youth engagement mean to you?" Please include the name and contacts of three references to jobs@syc-cjs.org, with the email subject "YAG -- Halifax coordinator candidacy".

SYC is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from individuals of marginalized populations and minority groups. If you would like to be considered for employment equity please indicate this in your letter.
<http://www.syc-cjs.org/yag>

E4.

Water Coordinator II with Sierra Club Canada - Atlantic Chapter

Organization: Sierra Club Canada - Atlantic Chapter <http://www.sierraclub.ca>

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Last summer, the Sierra Club Atlantic developed workshop tools such as a presentation on water quality monitoring, outreach materials, and participant's workbook and piloted a highly successful water quality monitoring workshop in Musquidoboit Harbour, NS. This position will entail working with the more junior Water Coordinator (ad listed here: <http://goodworkcanada.ca/greenjobs.php?id=11128>) to build on this project, and encourage participation in Sierra Club's national water conservation campaign, ActionH2O. The student will work with community groups and volunteers through participation in the Nova Scotia Environmental Network's Water Caucus. The student will be asked to coordinate at least one face-to-face meeting of key volunteers and ensure structures are created to sustain the program. Pay Rate and Term: 14 weeks @ \$12.00/hr, full-time.

Qualifications

- * Ability to read and write English fluently.
- * Ability to read and write French an asset.
- * Must be completing post-secondary education in fields of environmental engineering, environmental science, environmental studies or ecology.
- * Previous event organization experience and volunteer coordination required.
- * Must have an understanding of MS Office programs and experience with Microsoft Powerpoint.
- * Familiarity with website maintenance and social marketing (Facebook, Twitter) an asset.

This position is supported by the Nova Scotia Student Career Skills Development Program.

Please ensure you meet their criteria prior to applying by checking here:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/econ/sep/scsdp/jobsindex.asp>

To apply, please send resume and cover letter to Gretchen Fitzgerald, gretchenf@sierraclub.ca . For more details on the position, please call Gretchen at 902-444-3113. Due to time constraints, only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. Application Deadline: May 26th, 2010.

When applying, please indicate that you saw this posting at GoodWorkCanada.ca.

E5.

Green Job Coordinator - Sierra Club Canada, Atlantic Chapter – DEADLINE: May 26

The student will build on existing knowledge and connections to conduct a research study to determine the potential for green jobs in Atlantic Canada. The student will collaborate with organizations and individuals concerned with economic opportunities and social justice issues such as GPI Atlantic, labour unions, Nova Scotia Community College, and Halifax Coalition Against Poverty. The student will also work closely with experts in the School of Resources and Environmental Studies at Dalhousie University and civil servants at the municipal and provincial level.

Working with these groups and under the supervision of the Chapter Director, the student will research the potential for green jobs in Atlantic Canada and develop recommendations for creating green jobs and evaluate obstacles and opportunities in the green job sector. Key tasks will include initiating and coordinating monthly meetings of an

advisory group, meetings with key officials and experts, researching and evaluating economic data, and writing a report on key findings.

Pay Rate and Term: \$9.20 / hour for 35 hours per week for 10 weeks.

Qualifications:

- Ability to read and write English fluently, while French would be considered a strong asset.
- Background in subjects including environmental studies, economics or social science.
- Experience working with volunteers and youth an asset.
- Must have an understanding of MS Office programs and experience with Microsoft Powerpoint is essential.
- Interest in website maintenance an asset.

Application deadline May 26, 2010.

This position is supported by the Canada Summer Jobs Program. Before applying, please ensure you meet their criteria by checking here.

To apply, please send resume and cover letter to GretchenFitzgerald. Due to time constraints, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. For more details on this position, please call Gretchen at 902-444-3113.

E6.

Environmental jobs with the provincial government

<http://www.careerbeacon.com/corpprof/govns/govns.html>

E7.

Administrative & Hosting Coordinator Windhorse Farm

We are seeking an organized, energetic, detail-oriented individual to serve as full-time Administrative & Programs Support Coordinator.

Before applying, please consider the fact that the requirements of this position will necessitate that you are based near Windhorse Farm.

If you are not living on Nova Scotia's South Shore, you should be willing to relocate.

Characteristic Duties & Responsibilities:

This is a 5 days, 40 hours per week position (Wednesday - Sunday). The position will be located at Windhorse Farm's office in New Germany, Nova Scotia. This position reports to the Windhorse Farm Program & Communications Manager and Executive Directors. This staff person will be responsible for a wide range of administrative projects and program support tasks.

Administrative Projects:

- Answer general phone line and general emails.
- Enter and maintain contact information in database.
- Monitor and evaluate reservations and program enrollment, conduct cancellation procedures when necessary.
- Maintain database records of communications and actions.
- Review accommodations and group meeting room assignments and adjust when necessary.
- File documents and maintain filing system (mostly electronically).
- Stock office supplies.
- Assist with website development to reflect the current program offerings.
- Respond to support requests from the Program Manager, staff and Directors.
- Assist Program Manager with the creation of reservation database and program details.
- Assist Program Manager and Directors with meetings as needed.
- Assist with problem-solving on operational issues.
- Direct calls and inquiries related to the Windhorse Farm Businesses (Eco-Woodshop, Tonewood, Sweetwater Plant Nursery)
- Special projects and other tasks as assigned.

Program Support:

- Serve as the primary point-of-contact for program inquiries and communications, including handling of registrations, maintaining updated lists and contact information and responding to and directing requests for information.

- Answer and respond to requests and special needs of guests and groups via phone, email and in-person.
- Create reservations and arrangements for program leaders, their guests, and assistants.
- Inform Program Manager of low enrollment and follow up with cancelation assessment.
- Assist Programs Manager with the development and distribution of program leader recruitment materials and the program leader orientation/welcome/instructional material.

Program Hosting:

- Ongoing correspondence with program leaders to confirm details of reservations, program requirements, and program hours.
- Conduct program leader orientations when assigned.
- Meet and greet program leaders, assist them as necessary.
- Facilitation of communication among participants, cooks, faculty, the hosting team, etcetera.
- Coordination of the environment and hospitality operations before, during and after programs.
- Assisting the cooks/caterers and gardeners in menu planning (e.g. food availability for purchase on farm).
- Hospitality (information, support, care). You may have to get your hands dirty!!
- Opening and closing programs (greeting and saying goodbye to program participants)
- Group/ program participant orientation to WHF grounds and facilities.
- Disseminate feedback forms and evaluations.
- Manage the Farm Store on weekends before and after programs.
- Briefing and debriefing staff before and after programs.

Minimum Requirements:

The ideal candidate is someone excited to deliver the best possible customer service to our faculty, our guests and our staff. A proven history of successful service is required as well as a genuine interest in making people appreciate their experience and the quality of interaction with the staff.

This position provides critical administrative support and coordination. 2-3 years experience in administrative and/or program coordination is preferred, but most important is a genuine willingness, ability and appreciation for this role.

Excellent writing, interpersonal and communication skills are required.

This position can be involved in critical conversations and decision- making that on occasion are met with a lot of energy or even conflict.

The ability to remain calm and bring perspective into a situation is essential. The ability to work with conflict well is helpful.

This position is responsible for accurate recording of information that is communicated and acted upon broadly (i.e. mistakes and miscommunications are felt by many). The ability to be precise, accurate and organized and to multitask with ease is essential.

This position works with Excel spreadsheets, web-based data gathering systems and other tools to organize and keep track of information.

Knowledge of Excel, MacIntosh, and databases as well as skills in web- based applications are necessary.

The level of detail in this position requires a lot of effort to master and retain. A minimum of 3 years intention is requested. To Apply:

You can view a more complete description on our website: <http://www.windhorsefarm.org/pages/jobs.php>

. Please email a resume, including cover letter, detailing your qualifications, experience and interest by email to info@windhorsefarm.org . We thank you in advance for your application, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Application Deadline:

We will accept applications until a suitable candidate is found.

E8.

Intern Opportunity at Horse and Garden Farm 2010

Intern Opportunity at Horse and Garden Farm for individual with farm and mechanical skills: tractor experience, roto tiller and chain saw & basic carpentry.

We currently have 2 female interns with garden experience and are looking for 1 or 2 males who envision a future in Agriculture, and are particularly interested in the ins and outs of start-up of an organic operation.

Horse and Garden Farm is an organic vegetable operation (to certify this year) with a ½ acre Raspberry U-pick and 20 acres of dykeland hay.

A 70 acre riverfront farm located in Sweets Corner West Hants, Horse and Garden is 8 km from Windsor and 45 minutes from Halifax.

This season the Farm will have a 25 member CSA Harvest Share, provide to local restaurant clients and attend both Windsor and Wolfville Farmer's Markets.

All aspects of farm operation will be available to interns... from growing, cultivating, planting, weeding, harvest and marketing to the realities of the business side: organic certification requirements, loan procedures, Farm Investment Fund and other applications, Farm Market contracts and policies, future planning, etc.

Open immediately, the internship is May 1- October 31, room and board provided, some shared meal preparation, housing in travel trailers in an off-grid "Helper's Village." End of season bonus. More details upon enquiry.

Future possibilities also exist for longer term involvement at the Farm.

2011, Horse and Garden will be in a profit-making position at the operational level and ready for expansion-building the CSA program, expanding cultivated areas and ideally, adding a small herd of sheep, goats or other livestock. Profit share arrangement to be equitably determined with potential for part ownership considered.

Accommodation available on farm in a 2nd residence.

Come as an Intern in 2010 ...and stay for the long term!

Contact: Charlotte Harper, 1563 Wentworth Rd RR1, Windsor, Nova Scotia, B0N2T0, Phone: (902) 472-2498

Email: charper@eastlink.ca

E9.

Tatamagouche Centre's Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Program Internships!

Tatamagouche Centre's Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Program is pleased to announce its 2010-11 CIDA-funded Youth Internship Program in Guatemala. For more information and requirements for Internship applicants, please go to the CIDA International Youth Internships Website. (Glenn, for some strange reason, I could not seem to get to the 2010 Internship page.

Please give me the Website address.)

The following Internships have been approved by the Canadian International Internship Agency:

1. Human Rights Education Advisor, with Fundacion Nueva Esperanza, Rabinal
2. Food Security Advisor with Instituto Meso-Americano de Permacultura (IMAP), San Lucas Toliman
3. Health Education Promoter with Presbiterio Kaqchikel, Chimaltenango
4. Land Use and Land Management Facilitator with CEIBA, Huehuetenango
5. Human Rights Adviser with Asociación Bufete Jurídica Popular, Rabinal
6. Family Violence Support Worker with Asociación Bufete Jurídica Popular
7. Gender and Environmental Education Officer, Comité Campesino del Altiplano, San Lucas Toliman
8. Youth and Environment Trainer, Comité Campesino del Altiplano, San Lucas Toliman

The information/application package will be posted on the Tatamagouche Centre Website, www.tatacentre.ca, within the next few days. Applications must be received by midnight, Sunday, May 30th. You will receive an Email indicating that your application has been received. Only those shortlisted will be contacted for an interview. Those shortlisted must be available for an interview the week of June 6th.

Jackie McVicar Guatemala

Coordinator

KathrynAnderson,

MaritimesCoordinator

Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Program Tatamagouche Centre

E10.

Summer Student Position – Events Coordinator

The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC) is a coalition of individuals, organizations, and institutions working in the Atlantic region, which are committed to achieving global sustainability in a peaceful and healthy environment, with social justice, human dignity, and participation for all. ACIC supports its members in international cooperation and education through collective leadership, networking, information, training and coordination, and represents their interests when dealing with government and others. ACIC also takes a leadership role in engaging Atlantic Canadians around issues relating to international development, global sustainability, and

social justice. Through our public engagement work, ACIC strives to give Atlantic Canadians the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to become active global citizens.

Responsibilities:

- * Assist with the coordination of events related to a youth project that connects indigenous people from Atlantic Canada and around the world through the Arts
- * Work with a staff team to plan and implement workshops, events and training sessions
- * Liaise with relevant organizations and individuals to encourage Youth participation in upcoming projects
- * Other activities as necessary

Desired Experience, Skills and Qualifications:

- * Student with a background in International Development, Multi-media, Fine or Performing Arts, Public Relations, Education or equivalent
- * Knowledge of NGO international development and community groups in the Atlantic
- * Experience in event planning
- * Previous experience working with youth
- * Experience working with First Nations and Diaspora Communities an asset
- * Experience creating promotional materials
- * Excellent communications skills – oral & written
- * Ability to work independently
- * Experience working with a team
- * Excellent organizational and time management skills
- * Excellent computer skills (MS Word, Excel, Word Press an asset)

Eligibility:

To be eligible to participate in Canada Summer Jobs, individuals must:

- * be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
- * have been registered as full-time students in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year;
- * be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or persons to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act; and,
- * be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations.

Location: The position will be based at ACIC's office as well as the Nova Scotia Gambia Association in Halifax.

Salary: \$12.00/hour for a 10-week contract (June 16th – August 24th), 35 hours per week

Application deadline: May 28th, 2010.

Start date: June 16th , 2010

Please submit your resume, cover letter and the names and contact information of three references, by e-mail at <mailto: hiring@acic-caci.org> hiring@acic-caci.org by May 28th at 5:00 pm. Please include 'Events Coordinator' in the subject line. Thank you for applying. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted to arrange for an interview.

ACIC is an equal opportunity employer. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal ancestry and members of a visible minority.

F. Volunteer Opportunities / HelpWanted

F1.

NSEN is looking for help on our moving day June 3 from 12pm-4pm

The Nova Scotia Environmental Network needs a couple more people and a van would be great too to help us move our office from Clayton Park to downtown at the Roy Building on June 3 between 12pm-4pm. We would be grateful for your assistance. For more information, please contact Sam Juru at caucus_nsen@cen-rce.org or call 454-6846 for more details on the ways you can help.

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.

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/>.

G5.

AVIVA Community Fund & Competition

Find out more: <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/>

Check out also: <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/pages/aboutthecompetition>

H. News

H1.

Two Forestry Studies Released: Alternatives to Clearcutting, and Questioning Herbicides

May 20th, 2010

The Ecology Action Centre released two studies today on critical forestry issues: one on clearcutting, and one on herbicide use. Results from the studies call into question the assumption that clearcutting and herbicides are an inevitable component of forestry in Nova Scotia.

“If we want to try a different approach, the science shows that we can reduce clearcutting and herbicide use without sacrificing jobs or the economy,” says Jamie Simpson, co-author of the reports, and forester with the Ecology Action Centre. “In fact, the research shows that Nova Scotia stands to gain in terms of jobs and timber yield by encouraging more non-clearcut harvest methods.”

The forest harvesting study examines all of the research carried out in eastern Canada and the US that compares clearcutting and non-clearcutting methods. Forest growth and yield, employment, forest regeneration and profitability were all examined.

“While it’s obvious we’d be better off ecologically, it’s encouraging that transitioning away from clearcutting on certain sites can actually generate higher timber yields, and better quality timber, from the same amount of land.” The report cautions that the results of the study do not apply to every forested area in the province, but are applicable to those sites that are suitable for uneven-aged management, and those suitable for restoration to such conditions. Currently, clearcutting accounts for 85-95% of all land cut in Nova Scotia, amounting to roughly 500 square kilometers of clearcutting per year.

“It’s not an easy transition for everyone to make,” recognizes Simpson. “It requires a commitment to learning new practices and investing in more sophisticated management planning. Sometimes it requires different machinery as well. But our research shows there are definite benefits.”

The second study addresses herbicide use in Nova Scotia. “We wanted to know whether it is possible to stop using herbicides, and still get good growth of commercial tree seedlings,” explains Simpson. The answer, according to the study, is yes.

“There’s a perception among some that if you don’t spray herbicides, you can’t grow trees. Our study shows that herbicides are useful if you want to grow softwood plantations,” says Simpson, “but if you want to grow a mix of commercial tree species, both softwood and hardwood, there’s no need to use herbicides. You can easily get excellent regeneration of trees without spending money on herbicides.”

The study recommends the government stop paying for herbicide spraying. “We see no good reason to spend public money for this,” says Simpson. Some 10,000 hectares of forest land were sprayed with herbicide in 2008, costing government over \$2 million.

“Both these studies are especially useful given the recently released natural resources strategy recommendations,” says Simpson. “The report gives clear direction to move away from clearcutting, and from forest herbicide use. Our studies should be helpful in making an informed and intelligent shift in forest management, as per the recommendations of the Natural Resources Strategy Report.”

The studies can be found on the Ecology Action Centre website: www.ecologyaction.ca, and at www.novascotiaforests.ca.

For more information, please contact

Jamie Simpson, forestry program coordinator, 429 1335, eacforestry@gmail.com

H2.

Valuing biodiversity in our own backyard

The Nova Scotia Environmental Network believes that the more we know about the biological diversity in our unique province, the more we will value and ...
thechronicleherald.ca/Letters/1183645.html

H3.

Minimum Standards with Maximum Loopholes: Feds on Sewage

New federal regulations for sewage would allow decades of continued pollution

TORONTO – New wastewater regulations proposed by the federal government would allow the continued dumping of raw and undertreated sewage by Canadian municipalities for nearly 30 years, environmental groups report.

“Instead of being required to upgrade their wastewater treatment, many cities will be handed up to a 30-year free pass to continue dumping sewage into our water,” said Elaine MacDonald, senior scientist at Ecojustice.

“Canadians have been expecting genuine leadership on sewage from the feds but this is not it.”

A coalition of environmental groups are submitting formal comments on the federal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations that were made public on March 20th. Despite mandating a minimum of secondary level sewage treatment for all Canadian municipalities, the regulations contain significant loopholes that would see sewage dumping continue at current levels for many cities until as late as 2039 and authorize the dumping of sewage lethal to fish, potentially forever.

“These regulations will weaken well-established pollution standards in this country, and allow the Canadian government to sanction the discharge of sewage effluent that is acutely lethal to fish,” stated Kaitlyn Mitchell, staff

lawyer at Ecojustice. "This contradicts the goals of fish habitat protection and pollution prevention set out under the Fisheries Act, the law under which the new regulations fall."

"We prosecuted Metro Vancouver over the alleged discharge of sewage lethal to fish," continued David Lane of T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation. "Now the federal government is threatening to make that practice legal." The regulations also fail to address overflows of sewage from combined sewer systems (CSOs), a major source of raw sewage discharges in many Canadian municipalities. A loophole in the proposed regulations allows a facility to get an extra 10 to 20 years before it must comply with the regulatory standards just by filing a plan for a CSO. "CSOs need to be eliminated not used as an excuse to delay much needed upgrades to sewage treatment plants," said Rick Lindgren, a lawyer with the Canadian Environmental Law Association. "Any new wastewater regulations need to address sewage overflows in order to be effective and credible."

Derek Stack, of Great Lakes United added, "The move is completely contrary to the spirit of renegotiating the Canada-United States Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement."

This regulation will allow cities – including major centres like Vancouver – to continue dumping under-treated sewage into our oceans for decades," said Georgia Strait Alliance's Christianne Wilhelmson. "This is shameful given that the US mandated advanced treatment over 30 years ago."

"There is no rhyme or reason to this 10-30 year time frame for compliance. It's been two decades since Environment Canada set out to modernize effluent treatment in Canada," added Beatrice Olivastri of Friends of the Earth. "Back in 1992, they gave pulp and paper mills thirteen months to comply and, only for "exceptional circumstances", another two years. In 2002, they gave metal mining up to five years to comply."

Municipal wastewater treatment plants make up all of the top 14 water polluters in Canada, and in 2008 over 85% of all reported water pollution discharges were from these facilities. The formal comments being submitted by environmental groups recommend that timelines for upgrading facilities be shortened to 5 years (or 2015) for high risk facilities, 10 years (or 2020) for medium risk facilities, and 15 to 20 years (or 2030) for low risk facilities, and that major loopholes for key pollutants and CSOs be closed.

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H4.

Canada's climate change negotiating seat goes unfilled for months

Environmental groups say they have had limited contact with the government since Michael Martin left.

By Carl Meyer

<http://www.embassymag.ca/page/view/climate-05-19-2010>

While the Harper government continues to be hit with criticism over its environmental policies, Canada has been left without a permanent climate change negotiator at high-level talks for months.

Though environmental experts say former chief negotiator Michael Martin's absence won't make much difference, since he had to toe the government line, they say not having a full-time negotiator has eliminated the little amount of contact they had with the government.

Mr. Martin, who had been Canada's climate change point man for years, was promoted to deputy secretary to the Cabinet at the end of March. The government hasn't replaced him. Environment Canada's assistant deputy minister of international affairs, David McGovern, has taken over the job in the interim.

An Environment Canada spokesperson said that the government will be appointing another permanent negotiator "in the near future," but that this will not occur until after the upcoming UN climate change negotiations in Germany are over.

The government insists Mr. McGovern is highly capable and can fill in during the interim until a new negotiator is found.

"Mr. McGovern is experienced in international negotiations and has acted as head of delegation at previous UN climate change intersessional meetings on behalf of Canada," the spokesperson wrote in an emailed response. The Prime Minister's Office referred questions to the department. Neither Mr. McGovern nor Environment Minister Jim Prentice were available for comment.

Environmental NGO leaders who have met with Mr. Martin personally said they have mixed feelings about his departure. On the one hand, they say, Mr. Martin was very professional in his job, and actually opened up the government to engage in much more dialogue with them than they had been given in the past.

On the other hand, they argue that Canada's policies and positions on climate change are determined directly by the PMO. As negotiator for a highly politically charged issue, many suspect he was held on a tight leash and ordered to play various different obstructionist roles at negotiations.

"I will give him credit for opening up the dialogue, but he championed a consistently damaging position, and if I were him I'd be embarrassed for having done so," said Climate Action Network Canada executive director Graham Saul, who met with Mr. Martin on several occasions.

"I think the vast majority of countries would be happy to see less of Canada during these negotiations," he added. "That's a real shame, because Canada was once a constructive player within these negotiations, and now it's a consistent obstacle."

"Canada, on numerous occasions, blocked progress in negotiations. So having Canada as either not present, or sitting silently in a chair, would have been better than our interventions," said Dale Marshall, a climate change policy analyst for the David Suzuki Foundation, who also met with Mr. Martin.

"If you asked Conservative officials, they would probably say he did the job well, which is why he was rewarded a senior position in PCO. Obviously they're very pleased with the way he handled the mandate that he had," said Steven Guilbeault, a founding member of Équiterre, who met with Mr. Martin as well.

Little contact

Since the Copenhagen summit, and especially since Mr. Martin's departure, environment groups say the government has had little to no contact with them. This, they argue, is alarming given not only that the next major climate change talks, to be held in Mexico in December, are just over six months away. It's also quite shocking, they say, given that Canada is hosting next month's G8 and G20 summits.

"After a monumental, international meeting, before Canada hosts another important summit, you would think there would be interaction," said Clare Demerse, associate director of climate change at the Pembina Institute.

Still, meetings aside, many in the climate change community are skeptical that a new permanent negotiator, having to report to the same political masters, will be capable of bringing anything new to the table.

"We're not going to see a lot of progress in international negotiations. Potentially, someone like Michael Martin can deflect criticism away from Canada and its role. So they'll probably try to find someone similar who can deflect criticism," said Mr. Marshall.

"No matter how skilled your negotiators are, if they are working under instructions that are not ambitious, that are seen by other countries as being blocking or problematic, they are going to come under criticism," said Ms. Demerse.

Mr. Guilbeault said that as a civil servant, the climate change negotiator should be more reflective of all Canadian views, not just the government's policies.

"If you look at a number of policies that have been adopted by Parliament, these go against the positions of the Conservative government," he said. "Which begs the question, is civil service there for Canadians as a whole, or for only a subsection of the Canadian electorate?"

But John Drexhage, the director of climate change and energy for the Canadian-based International Institute for Sustainable Development, disagreed that it was Mr. Martin himself who deserved criticism.

"It's not a reflection of Martin himself, it's more a reflection of anyone who would take on that position, that brings a lot of sensitivities to Canada," he said.

Mr. Drexhage said Mr. Martin was "under a tremendous amount of challenges, and sometimes pretty vitriolic accusations on some sides, particularly from some of the environmental constituencies and youth groups."

Canada's reputation was attacked at the end of Copenhagen, when many accused the country of walking away with even lower commitments than it had going in.

Now, as the country courts the international spotlight again, environmental groups are desperate for someone who can begin to change Canada's notoriety on the world stage.

They say that more dialogue is constructive, but that negotiators have to be willing to do more.

"Fundamentally, we need someone who's ambitious about Canada's performance, and who makes sure that Canada is not seen as a laggard, at the back of the pack," said Ms. Demerse.

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H5.

Liberals promise national food policy

Plan would boost farmers markets, improve food labels

Read more: <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/story/2010/04/26/liberal-national-food-policy.html#ixzz0p0a4T7oT>

H6.

Info highway one-way street for government - Environment Canada Fails!

Annual survey finds that access to official documents takes longer and is more expensive than in past

By ROBERT CRIBB The Toronto Star

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<http://thechronicleherald.ca/TheNovaScotian/1183772.html>

GETTING the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's list of publicly funded goods and services contracts will cost you \$20,825. The B.C. Ministry of Transportation would like \$98,603 to provide you with the number of cellphones used by its civil servants and how much they cost.

And if you want the details of secret deals universities have struck with their food and beverage suppliers, you're largely out of luck. These are among the findings of an annual audit of Canadians' access to government-held information conducted by the Canadian Newspaper Association (CNA).

"All democracies are built on the basis of openness and transparency," said John Hinds, president and CEO of the CNA. "This year's audit shows us that the system in Canada continues to be under strain, especially at the federal level. The concept of freedom of information has been eroded."

Nearly half of the 314 formal requests to municipal, provincial and federal governments seeking records such as pandemic flu plans, trip expenses for senior officials and public land transactions were met with denials, fees and time delays reaching as long as half a year.

The feds were at the top of the secrecy scale, often failing to respond to requests within the legislated 30-day deadline and, in some cases, demanding dramatic fees to release records.

"At the federal, what we're seeing is (government) performances declining year over year, not getting better," said Suzanne Legault, interim federal information commissioner, whose recent report to Parliament warned that Canadians' right of access is "at risk of being totally obliterated because delays threaten to render the entire access regime irrelevant."

"We need leadership at the political and the institutional level, adequate resources and . . . legislative reform."

Journalists, citizens and academic researchers have long expressed frustration over access to information of vital public interest from spending of taxpayer dollars to public policy decisions to health threats and public safety issues getting buried in bureaucratic intransigence.

"It's a joke," says Jeff Green, a Torontonion who fought a three-year battle under provincial freedom of information laws to obtain records he says never materialized. After filing a misconduct complaint against a Toronto police officer, Green made a request in 2006 for records detailing what he believed to be improper use of police computers to search his personal information. Green says his conflict with the officer began while they were living in the same condo building. The matter is now the subject of a police disciplinary hearing.

After a series of lengthy negotiations and a formal appeal, the provincial information commissioner ordered police to release the records to Green last year. But the documents, featuring long lists of computer printout data, amount to "a pile of gibberish," says Green. "Whatever information they provided would be the same as providing nothing. It's an illusion of access to calm the masses."

Bob Spence, a spokesperson for the Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner, said the average time for handling appeals is seven months. "Obviously, we would like to see all appeals wrapped up as soon as possible, but sometimes it's beyond our control."

The CNA's audit researchers had their own encounters with plodding and protective bureaucracies. Universities, included in the audit for the first time, threw up perhaps the highest walls to public access.

Nine of 10 universities surveyed across Canada refused to release their full food and beverage contracts generally exclusive deals with large food-service firms and soft drink companies. (Only the University of Toronto agreed to release its full contract for a fee of \$22.20, the audit found.). Confidentiality was the reason generally cited for denial of the records.

"We could not provide the actual contracts themselves (because) they were set up as confidential legal documents and contain competitive information," said University of New Brunswick spokesperson Cynthia Goodwin.

Last year, the Ontario Information Commissioner rejected a similar argument by Hamilton's McMaster University and ordered the university to release contract records to the Toronto Star, stating McMaster "has not provided detailed and convincing evidence of harm."

The typical government rationale for high fee assessments reaching into tens of thousands of dollars was the work required to compile the records.

"The nature of the request was very broad given the fact that CBC/Radio-Canada has an annual budget of \$1.7 billion with operations across the country and abroad," said CBC spokesperson Marco Dubé in response to the Crown Corporation's \$20,825 fee for a listing of contracts under \$10,000. An identical request to Canada Post produced a fee estimate of \$20, the audit reported.

"Somehow there has to be a shift in the minds of citizens and their representatives that the civil servants work for us, not the other way around," says Sharon Polsky, national chair of the Canadian Association of Professional Access and Privacy Administrators.

"If there's no awareness among the public to generate even a grassroots objection to how our governments are becoming increasingly secretive, it's deemed as acceptance. That is dangerous."

Federal ministries logged the lowest overall performance grades assigned in the audit. The 11 federal departments ranged from a B+ (Public Works) down to a D- for the Department of National Defence. DND spokesperson Elana Aptowitz says the department has been working to improve its compliance with the federal information law by increasing staff, providing training and expediting requests. Twelve of the 18 extensions beyond the one-month time frame were claimed by federal institutions, the audit found.

One of those extensions rang in at six months. "You can hardly call it an access (to information) regime when it takes six months or a year to obtain what you need," said the report's author, Halifax-based journalism professor Fred Vallance-Jones. "There's still a feeling that for many bureaucrats it's more about processing paperwork than being there to encourage and promote access."

Saskatchewan scored best among the provinces with a B+ grade. Ontario and B.C. shared the basement with D+ rankings.

Robert Cribb is a reporter with the Toronto Star

MAKING THE GRADE

Selected grades from a recent report to Parliament by Interim Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault, based on overall compliance with Access to Information legislation:

A (Outstanding): Department of Justice, Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

B (Above average): Public Works, Canada Border Services, Industry Canada.

C (Average): RCMP, Fisheries and Oceans, Indian and Northern Affairs.

D (Below average): Transport Canada, National Defence, Canada Revenue Agency

F (Unsatisfactory): Natural Resources Canada, **Environment Canada**, Correctional Service Canada.

Off the chart (Red alert): Foreign Affairs.

H7.

Mark Parent appointed to National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy

Appointments to the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy

OTTAWA, ONTARIO--(Marketwire - May 19, 2010) - Today, the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of the Environment, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Parent and the reappointment of Richard Prokopanko to the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy (NRTEE). The appointment of Mr. Parent is effective immediately and the re-appointment of Mr. Prokopanko is effective June 4, 2010.

"The Government of Canada values the independent advice and leadership that the NRTEE provides on the relationship between economic stability and long-term environmental health," said Minister Prentice. "The experience and expertise of both Mr. Parent and Mr. Prokopanko in environmental and economic issues will greatly benefit the Round Table as it continues its important work."

The NRTEE draws on the wealth of insight and experience represented by its diverse membership that includes distinguished leaders in business and labour, universities, environmental organizations, Aboriginal communities and municipalities. Appointments are for up to three years.

The Round Table's mission is to generate and promote innovative ways to advance Canada's environmental and economic issues concurrently. To achieve this, it undertakes research based on sound knowledge, advises governments and stakeholders on key issues and promotes practices on sustainable development. Results of their research and discussions are disseminated both nationally and internationally.

For more information and to view a backgrounder on this announcement, please visit:
<http://www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&xml=3B9B0DDC-4EC0-405E-9107-66C37C2C57DB>

More information about the NRTEE: <http://www.nrtee-trnee.com/>

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HRM Community Gardens Web page – Check it out here:

<http://www.halifax.ca/crca/CommunityEngagement/CommunityGardens.html>

I2.

New Report: No Direct Causal Link Between Wind Turbines And Adverse Health Effects

New Report From Ontario's Chief Medical Officer Of Health Says There Is No Direct Causal Link Between Wind Turbines And Adverse Health Effects

May 20, 2010

The scientific evidence does not demonstrate any direct causal link between wind turbine noise and adverse health effects according to a new report from Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

The report was prepared by the Chief Medical Officer of Health and in consultation with the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health. The report summarizes the scientific evidence on the potential health impacts of wind turbines. The report concludes that:

- While some people living nearby wind turbines report symptoms such as dizziness, headaches and sleep disturbance, available scientific evidence to date does not demonstrate a direct causal link between wind turbine noise and adverse health effects.
- The sound level from wind turbines at common residential setbacks is not sufficient to cause hearing impairment or other direct adverse health effects, but it may annoy some people.

QUICK FACTS

- The Ministry of the Environment regulates wind turbines in Ontario.
- The minimum setback distance for wind projects is 550 meters; this intends to ensure noise levels do not exceed 40 decibels at the nearest residence.
- Forty decibels is approximately the noise level experienced in a quiet office or library.
- Ontario has over 690 wind turbines.

LEARN MORE

- Read the report: <http://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2010/05/new-report-from-ontarios-chief-medical-officer-of-health-says-there-is-no-direct-causal-link-between.html>

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I3.

New Web Resource: Living Water Policy

Welcome to the Living Water Policy Project.

The Project is an evolving non-partisan library of Canadian water policy information.

Here's what you can do on this site:

- search and compare water law & policy
- review summaries of the up to date water policy documents for each province
- compare the situation in each province with handy multi-province charts
- subscribe to receive updates on water policy changes in canada
- get involved

Check it out: <http://www.waterpolicy.ca/>

I4.

The Green Economy Network has gone live!

Check it out the new website at <http://www.greeneconomy.net.ca/> for the English version and for the French version at <http://www.reseaeconomieverte.ca/>.

I5.

STUDY LINKS CHEMICAL EXPOSURE TO BREAST CANCER

Exposure to certain chemicals and pollutants before a woman reaches her mid-30s could increase her risk of developing breast cancer after menopause, according to a study published in "Occupational and Environmental Medicine", a British Medical Journal title. Researchers from the Occupational Health Research Institute in Montreal based their findings on more than 1,100 women, 556 of whom were diagnosed with breast cancer in 1996 and 1997 when they were aged between 50 and 75 and had gone through menopause. Women exposed to synthetic fibers and petrol products during the course of their work appeared to be most at risk. The scientists conceded their findings could be due to chance, but also said they were consistent with the theory that breast tissue is more sensitive to harmful chemicals if the exposure occurs when breast cells are still active - in other words, before a woman reaches her 40s. To read the full article visit:

<http://muhc.ca/newsroom/news/occupational-exposure-another-cause-leading-breast-cancer-0>
or <http://oem.bmj.com/content/67/4/263.abstract>

Source: McGill University Health Care, May 2010.

I6.

NEW REPORT FROM CASLE: Guidelines for Students and Staff with Environmental Sensitivities

Guidelines to Accommodate Students and Staff with Environmental Sensitivities: A Guide for Schools.

April 26, 2010

by Nancy Bradshaw of Women's College Hospital Environmental Health Clinic and Karen Robinson of Canadians for A Safe Learning Environment (CASLE)

If you would like a pdf version, please email Karen Robinson at karen.robinson@ns.sympatico.ca

I7.

Pembina's new G8/G20 backgrounder

Pembina's new G8/G20 backgrounder is attached, or available from <http://climate.pembina.org/pub/2010>.

It covers why climate needs to be on the agenda, financing, mitigation, and Canada's track record.

I'm presenting on climate at the G8 at Foreign Affairs committee, and I'll be basing my comments on this backgrounder.

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I8.

GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK - 3RD EDITION just released

The 3rd edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook, produced by the Convention on Biological Diversity, concludes that massive further loss of biodiversity is becoming increasingly likely and, with it, a severe reduction of many essential services to human societies as several "tipping points" are approached. The report also outlines a possible new strategy for reducing biodiversity loss, including addressing the underlying causes or indirect drivers of biodiversity loss, such as patterns of consumption, the impacts of increased trade and demographic change - <http://www.unep.org/Documents.Multilingual/Default.asp?DocumentID=624&ArticleID=6558&l=en>.

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