

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

** A reminder to post your local events to our interactive online calendar: www.nsen.ca and click on **Connect!** **World Fisheries Day is November 21.** Support sustainable seafood, go to **SeaChoice:** <http://www.seachoice.org/>*

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A. Actions

A1.

Support CPAWS's Make Forests Count campaign

CPAWS launched its makeforestscount campaign. You can go here to check it out: www.makeforestscount.org
 Check out my forests and climate change blog: <http://climateforests.blogspot.com/>
 Follow me at twitter.com/biocarbonman
 Chris Henschel, 2007 Gordon Global Fellow
 National Manager, Domestic and International Policy
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A2.

Check out all the beautiful, inspiring photos for the International Day of Action on Climate Change!

Web: www.350.org

Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/350org/>

A3.

Watch the KYOTOpus Campaign Video and sign the KYOTOpus petition!

Go to: <http://kyotoplus.ca/en/index.html>

A4.

Watch Avon Peninsula Watershed on TV and give your comments on proposed Gypsum Mine expansion

The clip is now posted on <http://www.apwps.ca/pages/media.php>

Public Comments due Nov. 23: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/ea/millers.creek.gypsum.mine.asp>

A5.

Review Bill 39 related to uranium ban and the hansard debate – attend the law amendments committee

Find out the status here: http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/HOUSE_BUSINESS/status.html#39

Read the bill “Uranium Exploration and Mining Prohibition Act”:

Read the debates on the bill: [http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/han61-1/house_09oct26.htm#H\[Page 1712\]](http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/han61-1/house_09oct26.htm#H[Page 1712])

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/bills/61st_1st/1st_read/b039.htm

* Anyone who wishes to make a presentation should let the Legislative Counsel's office know so that their names can be listed on the agenda. Just call 424-8941 to do this.

A6.

Find out more about Bill No. 49 An Act to Establish the Efficiency Nova Scotia Corp. – Give your input

Read more about the Bill 49 & the debates here: http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/House_Business/status.html#49

The bill is at second reading and will go to law amendments committee soon.

* Anyone who wishes to make a presentation should let the Legislative Counsel's office know so that their names can be listed on the agenda. Just call 424-8941 to do this.

A7.

Read Premier Dexter’s speech to the Power of Green Conference

Premier Dexter's remarks at the Power of Green conference is here:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/premier/speeches/?speech=20091021-power-of-green>

A8.

Check out Ecojustice Canada’s Stop the Soot campaign

Watch first online animated video campaign StopSoot at <http://stopsoot.ca>.

Soot, also known as black carbon, is the second-leading cause of global warming after carbon dioxide, and it's totally preventable. We already have the technology to avoid producing it; it's just a matter of using it.

We need tighter standards on diesel fuel at home, and we need to finance technology transfer abroad. Addressing black carbon is a climate change solution that Canada can and should lead. Please do your part to help and sign the petition: http://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/6179/t/7796/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=2134

A9.

Read the HRM Community Garden Report

Thanks to Councillor Jennifer Watts for sending this:

<http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/documents/091020cai10.pdf>

A10.

Tim Flannery, Author of the Weathermakers, speaks on climate change on the Current

Listen to his interview: Tim Flannery was on The Current Tuesday.

<http://www.cbc.ca/thecurrent/2009/200910/20091013.html>

A11.

Check out the Nova Scotia Business Plan for 2009-2010

Read it here: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/resources/publications.asp>

B. Environmental Events and Capacity-Building Workshops

B1.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CAUCUS MEETING on Oct. 30

Free public meeting to learn more about environmental education initiatives in Nova Scotia.

Friday, October 30 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sackville Rivers Association, 45 Connolly Road, Lower Sackville

Organized by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network www.nsen.ca (902) 454-6846

B2.

Water, Wetlands, And Coasts: Creating The Best Policies For Nova Scotia on Nov. 3

Free public presentation by the Department of Environment and the Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture.

Tuesday, November 3 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Rm. 305, Weldon Law School, Dalhousie University, 6061 University

Ave. Organized by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network www.nsen.ca (902) 454-6846

B3.

CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE MEDIA WITH JOURNALIST BRUCE WARK on Nov. 7

Workshop on effective media techniques and propaganda and the news media. Lunch and handouts \$20.

Saturday, November 7 from 10:00am-3:00pm, Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs, 630 Francklyn St.

Halifax. Organized by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network www.nsen.ca (902) 454-6846

Workshop Description: This one-day, two-part workshop aims to teach participants basic rules for effective writing, interviewing and reporting. By examining the techniques journalists use to engage their readers, participants will learn how to write livelier news reports and features for alternative media outlets. This training will also help participants understand what mainstream journalists are looking for when they write and report their stories. The second part of the workshop will focus on propaganda and the news media. The questions: What is propaganda? and How does it work? will be examined by applying Jacques Ellul's comprehensive definition. Participants will also receive information about other propaganda theories including Noam Chomsky's famous "Propaganda Model." Discuss the importance of critical media skills.

Presenter Bio: Bruce Wark is a retired journalism ethics professor who taught for 15 years at the University of Kings College. Before that, he worked for nearly 20 years for the CBC Radio News Service. Bruce served as the producer in charge of such network news programs as World Report, World at Six and The House. He also worked as legislative reporter at the Ontario Legislature and as National Reporter covering the Maritime provinces. Bruce's last job with CBC was as producer of Media File, a network radio program that critically examined journalism and the news media. Bruce contributes editorials and news features to The Coast and is a member of the Halifax Media Co-op.

Workshop Agenda:

9:30-10:00am Registration and coffee

10:00-12:30pm Effective writing, interviewing and reporting

12:30-1:15pm Lunch catered by SOHO

1:15-3:00pm Propaganda & the Media

3:00-3:15 pm Evaluation, Draw Prizes & Final Announcements

Workshop Registration & Payment:

Cost is \$20 and includes lunch and materials. *Please let us know if cost is a barrier to your participation.

Register now. Space is limited. For more information and to register, please contact:

Nova Scotia Environmental Network Address: 55 Willowbend Court, Halifax, NS, B3M 3L3

B4.

The Edible Schoolyard: Film & Discussion On School And Community Gardens on Nov. 15

Free public talk and film with guest speakers: Kathy Aldous, Dr. Arthur Hines Elementary School Garden, & Garity Chapman, Urban Garden Coordinator of the Ecology Action Centre. A project of SENSE.

Sunday, November 15 from 2:30-4.30 p.m. Thomas Raddall Room, Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood

Organized by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network www.nsen.ca (902) 454-6846

B5.

Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Annual Conference "Water: Our Precious Resource" Nov. 4-7

Programs include water, climate change etc... Westin Nova Scotia, Halifax

For program go to: <http://www.unsm.ca/>

B6.

Atlantic Reclamation Conference November 3-5, 2009 at Pier 21 in Halifax

More details here: <http://www.arc2009.esans.ca/venue.html>

B7.

Mining Matters for Nova Scotia 2009 November 16 and 17, 2009

A mining and minerals conference intended for all audiences.

LOCATION: Westin Hotel, Halifax

DATES: November 16 and 17, 2009

For further information: Diane Webber, Phone (902) 424-3053, webberde@gov.ns.ca

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/NATR/MEB/oh/index.asp>

B8.

STOPPING GLOBAL WARMING AND RELIEVING WORLD HUNGER Nov. 26

Stopping Global Warming And Relieving World Hunger: Must We Choose Between Them?

November 26, 2009

Lecture begins at 7:30 pm, reception to follow Potter Auditorium, Rowe Building, Dalhousie University, University Ave., Halifax Kathy McAfee, Department of International Relations, San Francisco State University

Contact: Claire Campbell, Department of History/College of Sustainability,

494-3668

B9.

Energy Solutions Workshop 2009 "Comparing Alternative Energy Options" Nov. 30

November 30th, 2009

Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, NS

http://www.jamesongroup.ca/events2.php?event_id=9

B10.

MEDIA TRAINING 101 WORKSHOPS across NS from Nov. 23-24

Full day workshops from 9:00 AM-4:30 PM on basic media training for community organizers by Optimum Cossette Communications. Cost: Early Bird until Nov. 16: \$40 members, \$50 non-members includes media binder and meals.

- Monday, Nov. 23, Annapolis Royal Firehall, 5 Saint Anthony Street, Annapolis Royal
- Tuesday, Nov. 24, Continuing Technical Education (Room 121A), 5269 Morris Street, Halifax
- Wed., Nov. 25, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, 40 Horseshoe Cr., Truro, NS (Jenkins Hall: Riverview Room)
- Friday, Nov. 27, Southend Community Centre (Woodill Room), 28 Hillview Ave., Sydney

Organized by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network www.nsen.ca (902) 454-6846

B11.**COMMUNITY & SCHOOL GARDENING CAPACITY BUILDING on Nov. 30**

Free luncheon meeting with the Nova Scotia Agricultural College & municipal leaders. Please register space limited. Monday, November 30 from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Ecology Action Centre, 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax
Organized by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network www.nsen.ca (902) 454-6846

B12.**Age of Stupid Film & Talk on Climate Change Free public screening on Dec. 10**

Age of Stupid Film & Talk on Climate Change Free public screening. Th. Dec. 10 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, 1723 Hollis St., Halifax. Organized by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network www.nsen.ca (902) 454-6846 Co-sponsored by MLA Leonard Preyra.

B13.**Atlantic Eco-Expo on Nov 21 & 22**

Exhibition Park, Halifax. Tickets \$2.50 in advance and \$5/door. Free with used cellphone.
Displays, panels, green products and technologists. More info: <http://www.atlanticecoexpo.com/>

B14.**Living in Place and Relation to the Land: Toward a new Land Use Ethic Nov 7 & 8**

Rural communities are in decline. Most traditional occupations are no longer viable in our modern industrial growth economy. Continued migration to larger urban areas does not bode well for the future of the planet or for the well being of this and future generations. This workshop will explore new and old ways of relating to the land and help create a vision for re-inhabiting rural lands that is sustainable, supports biodiversity, empowers community and bring richness to life on the land. We will examine issues of hunting, the growing and gathering of food, the ethical use of the forest, light technologies and spirituality.

Saturday, November 7th at 10:00 AM

to Sunday November, 8th at 4:00 PM

Registration Fee: \$150

Redtail Nature Awareness

400 MacBeth Road, RR#2 Scotsburn, Nova Scotia, Canada, B0K 1R0

(902) 485.4688

email: info@redtailnatureawareness.ca

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

B15.**"HALIWE'EN RIDE" Critical Mass Bike Ride on Friday, October 30 at 6:00pm. Halifax**

Event: HALIWE'EN RIDE

Start Time: Friday, October 30 at 6:00pm End Time: Friday, October 30 at 9:00pm

Where: Victoria Park

B16.**Green Drinks Henry House in Halifax, starting at 7pm on October 28th**

Green Drinks will be taking place at the Henry House in Halifax, starting at 7pm on October 28th. Everyone is welcome as long as you are 19 or older. We are there to introduce you to people so don't be shy about coming alone. If you have an interest in environmental issues or just want to meet some people in the environmental community, come on out and join us! Green Drinks typically takes place on the last Wednesday of every month except for December.

Sincerely,

Derrick, Kari, Charlene and Natalie - the organizers

More info: greendrinks.halifax@gmail.com

B17.**The Acadia Community Farm presents: "The Farm in Education" Acadia Nov. 6 & 7**

How Can Universities Contribute to a New Agriculture? On November 6th and 7th, the Acadia Community Farm will host an open and participatory forum to discuss the role of the university in creating a better food system. Academics, growers, students, concerned citizens, and eaters alike are invited to come together to address this key issue. How do these realms interact, how can we rethink how the Academy and the Farm intersect to promote a more resilient agricultural future? To learn more: <http://acadiafarm.org/newagforum/> We will be posting registration information soon, as well as updated speaker's lists, so check it out. Finally, we are still seeking presenters, so please havRegistration cost: \$20 per day (includes lunch, coffee and snacks), or \$30 for the whole thing. For students: \$10 per day (includes lunch, coffee and snacks), or \$15 for the whole thing! What a deal! Finally, we are tying in our schedule with the Slow Food Film Fest, so you'll have a chance to attend food-related films on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Inquiries, requests for posters, presentation and workshop proposals, and rsvp's should be sent to info@acadiafarm.org, or to Alex at (902)585-1311.

B18.

Windhorse Farm: Moving the Food Movement: Training in Participatory Leadership: Nov. 18th-20th .

There is a food movement alive and growing in Nova Scotia... Can you feel it? Are you in it? Do you desire to cultivate it even further for the benefit of all? Then come join us for 3 days of training and experiences in participatory leadership practices, November 18th-20th at the beautiful

Windhorse Farm (www.windhorsefarm.org <<http://www.windhorsefarm.org/>>)!

This offer is not for spectators! It is for those hungry to move the food movement forward through action, service, and creating the quality of relationship that helps unleash our collective capacity. We only have room for 35. If more indicate an interest, our inviting team will make decisions to support a diverse and powerful learning environment. Please register below by September 30, 2009. This training is being offered at no charge to participants, courtesy of the Nova Scotia Nutrition Council. Meals and accommodations are also included. In the spirit of sharing, we ask that any who can provide travel for others to please let us know. If travel or childcare is a challenge to attending, please contact Michelle Murton at Michelle.Murton@gov.ns.ca or (902) 424-5657 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

B19.

Facilitating Youth Groups, Tatamagouche – Advanced Seminar Nov. 12-15.

In partnership with HeartWood, we offer this advanced level program for people working with youth, whether in schools, community groups, organizations, or religious institutions. Our leadership and facilitation expertise, coupled with HeartWood's 20 years of experience working with over 25,000 youth, make this an essential program for people interested in community youth development. This program is for those who have had previous experience with either Tatamagouche's Education and Design Lab, or HeartWood's Framework for Community Youth Development. You will deepen your understanding of working with diverse young people and their potential for community development and social transformation. We will explore, through a youth engagement lens, innovative tools and processes that are emerging in the field of youth facilitation.

<http://tatacentre.ca/programs/details/125>

B20.

Excellent HRM Volunteer Services – Capacity Building Workshops in Oct. & Nov.

Here are some workshops in Halifax that are being offered free of charge to volunteers. Take a look and see if something catches your eye.

**To register for these free workshops call 490-4309 or email hrmvolunteerservices@halifax.ca Volunteer Trends – Learn about trends in volunteerism and how successful organizations are changing the way they operate to recruit and retain volunteers. 10:00am – 12:00 pm Oct 15 Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

Effective Boards – How to make your board more effective in managing your organization. Learn your role, what to focus on, how to deal with staff and how to know if the board is doing a good job. Learn to keep meetings productive including: agendas, decision making, role of the Chair, etc
6:30pm – 8:30pm Oct 28 Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

The Executive Committee – Who makes up an Executive and what are their individual roles and responsibilities? What should be included in the orientation for new members? What information should every member of the Executive have at their finger tips?

1:00pm – 3:00pm Nov 2 Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

Asset Mapping – Community Asset Mapping is a process that addresses issues and challenges through the exploration, identification, and the connection of assets that are in every community and individual. Learn how to use this tool to mobilize your community.

6:30pm – 8:30pm Nov 9 Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

Effective Meetings – Are you a volunteer and want to increase your skills to better lead or work with your group? Avoid those dreaded meetings that don't seem to go anywhere. Learn some tools and techniques to get organized, get things under control, and get things accomplished.

6:30pm – 8:30pm Nov 12 Musquodoboit Library, Musquodoboit Harbour

Welcoming Newcomers – Many organizations experience difficulty in attracting and retaining volunteers of diverse cultural backgrounds and may feel challenged by different cultural concepts of volunteering. Together, we will look at ways which will assist you in attracting new Canadians to join your programs or organizations.

10:00am – 12:00pm Nov 19 Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

Developing Outdoor Facilities – Does your community want to build a playground, skate park, Basketball court, trail or other outdoor facilities? This workshop will provide you with an understanding of the municipal processes for developing outdoor facilities and examine how to get community support, project planning, asset mapping, and partnerships.

6:30pm – 8:30pm Nov 25 Bloomfield Centre, Halifax

**To register for these free workshops call 490-4309 or email hrmvolunteerservices@halifax.ca or visit online: <http://www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices/index.html>

B21.

Workshop: Foundations of Board Governance on Saturday, November 14th, 2009

9 am – 4 pm

Office of Boyne Clarke Barristers and Solicitors, Dartmouth, NS

Effective board governance rarely happens by accident - it is generally the result of proactive and intentional efforts to build capacity and enhance performance. This workshop provides an overview of the key elements of a strong board, and introduces a framework and tools for participants to assess their own board strengths and areas for improvement. A participatory approach facilitates knowledge-sharing, and a workbook is provided.

The objective of this workshop is to equip participants to be able to help their own boards take an intentional approach to effective governance. The workshop is facilitated by Bruce Smith, an organizational consultant, mediator and facilitator based in Liverpool, NS. Bruce works with not-for-profit boards on all aspects of governance, including board-executive relations, monitoring and evaluating performance, and strategic planning. He works with traditional boards, as well as those that use Policy (Carver) Governance, and has provided support for boards of development NGOs in Ghana and Honduras.

Registration:

Early Bird Rate: \$75.00 (Deadline October 14th, 2009)

Regular: \$100.00 (after October 14th, 2009)

Space will be limited and registration will be conducted on a first come first serve basis. A maximum of 4 participants per organization will be accepted to participate. A savings will be offered to those organizations wishing to register more than one representative. For more information or for registration, please contact Amber Germain at ambergermain@hotmail.com or 902.225.9129. Lunch, morning coffee and comprehensive workshop manual are included in the registration fee. Presented by:

The Nova Scotia-Gambia Association & BLSmith Groupwork Inc.

B22.

Register for a Greenpeace Climate Action Camp Halifax Nov. 20-22

And learn how peaceful civil disobedience can make Canada a climate leader.

WHAT ARE THE CLIMATE ACTION CAMPS?

Organized by Greenpeace, Climate Action Camps are weekend-long, training camps in peaceful civil disobedience for those who are concerned about climate change and have lost confidence in their political leaders. We want to inspire Canadians to take part in activities that will pressure the federal governments to stop global warming.

WHAT IS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE? Civil disobedience can be a sit-in, a protest, a strike, a blockade, a flash mob, a cyberaction or a cyber-petition. People undertake acts of civil disobedience when their governments no longer serve their needs. Our current governments are not serving us by doing nothing to stop climate change. Gandhi and Martin Luther King helped change nations through peaceful civil disobedience. Now, we must take action.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND AN ACTION CAMP? If you are tired of all the hot air and no action from Canadian politicians on climate change, then you should attend to learn how to help make Canada a leader, part of the global solution to climate change. Every day, the impacts of climate change are worsening as the world's temperature continues to rise. We face an unprecedented environmental disaster if Ottawa fails to act. By organizing an act of civil disobedience, you will add your voice to thousands of others who demand that our governments acts to stop man-made climate change.

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM? At the Climate Action Camps, experienced activists will give workshops on climate change and the tar sands, peaceful civil disobedience, environmental justice, art and activism, campaign planning, and getting the message out to the media. There will be something for everyone. An action camp is a great way for both new and experienced activists to learn new skills, hone techniques and join like-minded people for action.

WHAT IS THE DEMAND? We will demand leadership from our governments at the crucial United Nations conference on climate change in Copenhagen in December, when the world will set new targets for greenhouse gas reductions. Up to now, Canada has undermined efforts to reduce global emissions. Now, Canada must be part of the solution.

CALENDAR Greenpeace will run Climate Action Camps in five cities across the country from the end of August to November. Camps will be held:

- * Edmonton, Alberta: August 28-30
- * Toronto, Ontario: October 2-4
- * Montreal, Quebec: October 16-18
- * Vancouver, British Columbia: November 6-8
- * Halifax, Nova Scotia: November 20-22

Suggested donation for the weekend is \$20 - \$50 (including meals) but no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Please note that if you wish to participate in subsequent acts of peaceful civil disobedience, it is very important that you attend the entire weekend of a Climate Action Camp. We encourage participants to carpool to the camps. Act now to stop climate change!

To register online and for more information:

<http://www.greenpeace.ca/en/action-camp>

For more information, contact:

Angela Woodcock

angela.woodcock@greenpeace.org

t: 416-597-8408 X 3048 or 416 824 4183

B23.

Chocolatada - Friday, October 30th @ the North Street Church with the Wilderbeats

Support a struggling community in South Africa by having a blast at...

Chocolatada - Friday, October 30th @ the North Street Church (corner of Fuller Terrace) Dress up and dance to live music! Enjoy raw chocolate goodies & beverages, and superfood snacks.

All-ages celebration from 6 - 9 pm, featuring....The Wilderbeats, a Magic Show, and Jabulani (African dance with live drumming by Mas Cencerro. Bring a drum for the jam circle!)

Then, from 9pm - 12am, performances by.... Kojo (Sudanese thumb piano ensemble)

Zulkamoon & Chak (formerly Robalo Latino) King Seku and Upright crew

\$10 @ Door. \$4 for kids (suggested donation). Proceeds go towards the Themba Development Project Association, a volunteer operated registered charity founded by Halifax's Catherine Robar. Proceeds will be invested into the community of Thembaletu, South Africa to assist with food, education and agriculture resources.

www.thembaproject.org Check out the sale table with jewellery, photography, cd's, and hand crafted Xhosa tribal creations. All proceeds of the sale table are donated to The Themba Development Project. Cash and Checks accepted.

All chocolate is provided by:

Chocosol Traders &
Rawthentic Chocolate

B24.

Species at risk in Atlantic Canada workshop December 3-5, 2009, Wolfville

December 3-5, 2009 - Old Orchard Inn & Spa, Wolfville, Nova Scotia. Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation and partners are organizing a Species at Risk (SAR) Stewardship Workshop that will provide opportunities for learning and information sharing between policy makers, scientists, community groups, environmental managers, academia and other individuals interested in the recovery of SAR in Atlantic Canada. Posters, oral presentations, keynote speakers, networking and discussion groups are vital components of this workshop, with one focus being the improvement of the Habitat Stewardship Program (HSP). Workshop themes include Habitat Stewardship Program, Capacity Building during Stewardship Opportunities, Issues surrounding Critical Habitat, Role of Invasive Species with regards to Species at Risk, Native/Aboriginal Involvement in Species at Risk Stewardship, Roles and Responsibilities of Recovery Teams and Breaking the Barrier: Better Communications between all Stakeholders. The deadline for submitting abstracts is October 30th, 2009.

Please email abstracts to nicolle@coastalaction.org and ensure the phrase "Abstract Submission" is in the subject line of the email. For registration information and other workshop details please visit <http://www.coastalaction.org>.

B25.

Halifax Regional Municipality Wind Energy Public Meetings Notice Nov-Jan.

The Halifax Regional Municipality will be hosting a series of Public Meetings to present proposed changes to the municipality's by-laws for the siting of large and small scale wind turbines in HRM. This meeting is intended to obtain feedback from interested citizens prior to bringing the matter to Regional Council for consideration.

Brookside Junior High, 2239 Prospect Rd, Prospect, NS

Monday Nov 9, 2009 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Lakeview/ West Chezzetcook School 5261 # 7 Highway, Porters Lake

Thursday Nov 12, 2009 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sheet Harbour Consolidated School 479 Church Point Road, Sheet Harbour

Monday Nov 16, 2009 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Bicentennial Theatre, 2nd Floor 2390 Hwy 224, Middle Musquodoboit

Wednesday Nov 18, 2009 from 7p.m. to 9 p.m.

Dartmouth High School 95 Victoria Road, Dartmouth

Monday Nov 23, 2009 from 7p.m. to 9 p.m.

St. Margaret's Centre - Multi-purpose Room

12 Westwood Blvd, Upper Tantallon

Wed Dec 2, 2009 (Dec 9 if cancelled due to weather) 7 to 9 p.m.

Halifax West High School 283 Thomas Raddall Drive, Halifax Thurs Dec 3, 2009 -

(or Dec 10 if cancelled due to weather) 7 to 9 p.m.

Ash Lee Jefferson School, 10 Lochview Road Fall River

Wed January 13, 2010 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Basin View Elementary 273 Basin-view Drive, Bedford Nova Scotia
TBA (January)

Burnside Business Association TBA (December)

Bayers Lake Business Association TBA (December)

B26.

'The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia: Where We've Been and Where We're Going'

Thursday, October 29. Art Gallery of Nova Scotia - Windsor Fountain Lecture Theatre

12 - 1:30 p.m. . Featuring guest speakers Dan Christmas, Senior Advisor, Membertou First Nation and Danny Graham, Chief Negotiator, Made-In-Nova Scotia Negotiations Process, Province of Nova Scotia

Focus: The Mi'kmaq, federal and provincial governments are involved in a process that will fundamentally realign the relationship between these three levels of government. The presentation speaks to why this is happening and where it is going. It examines the potential implications of how this process and its outcomes will affect Nova Scotia businesses and institutions. It also explores the Mi'kmaq's important contribution to the Province's history, culture and economy. More info: Abor_off@gov.ns.ca

B27.

Whale Culture October 29, 7:00 pm, Dalhousie

Lecture by Hal Whitehead, Department of Biology, Dalhousie University
Potter Auditorium of the Rowe Building
6100 University Ave, Dalhousie University

B28.

The Atlantic Canadian Offshore Petroleum Regime: Is It Co-Management? Oct. 30

Dr. Jerome Davis, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Oil and Natural Gas Policy, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University

Dr. Jennifer Smith, Professor and Eric Dennis Memorial Professor of Government and Political Science, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 2009 from 2:30-4 PM

POLITICAL SCIENCE LOUNGE, HENRY HICKS ACADEMIC ADMIN. BLDG.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

More info: Shannon Langton

Centre for Foreign Policy Studies

Room 301, Henry Hicks A & A Building

Dalhousie University

6299 South Street, Halifax, NS B3H 4H6

T: 902.494.3769 F: 902.494.3825

www.cfps.dal.ca

B29.

Film: Sharkwater, November 5, 2009, Dalhousie

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Potter Auditorium, Rowe Building, Dalhousie University, 6100 University Ave

Halifax. More: Award-winning documentary by Rob Stewart exposing the shark-hunting industry. Part of the Environment, Sustainability and Society Thursday Evening Lecture Series.

Free and open to all.

Contact: Ingrid Cottenden, Program Secretary

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sustainability@dal.ca

B30.

Climate Wars Lecture by Gwynne Dyer on November 12, 2009, Dalhousie

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Potter Auditorium, Rowe Building, Dalhousie University, 6100 University Ave
Halifax

Lecture by Gwynne Dyer, International Journalist & Broadcaster, London UK. Part of the Environment, Sustainability and Society Thursday Evening Lecture Series.

Free and open to all.

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B31.

Film: Flow on November 19, 2009, Dalhousie

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Potter Auditorium, Rowe Building, Dalhousie University
6100 University Ave, Halifax

More: Directed by Irena Salina. The privatization of water infrastructure explained by water and community activists Maude Barlow, Peter Gleick, and scientists Ashok Gadgil, Rajendra Singh and Vandana Shiva. Part of the Environment, Sustainability and Society Thursday Evening Lecture Series.

Free and open to all.

Contact: Ingrid Cottenden, Program Secretary
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B32.

ACAP Cape Breton Centre for Sustainable Communities AGM Nov. 16

November 16 - ACAP CB Stakeholder's Meeting,
7 p.m., Centre for Sustainable Communities.

For more information please visit:

ACAP CB Centre for Sustainable Communities
582 George St., Sydney NS

www.acapcb.ns.ca

or call 567-1628.

B33.

Natural Resources Canada Energy Efficiency Financing Workshop, Halifax

Natural Resources Canada will be hosting an Energy Efficiency Financing Workshop in Halifax, Thursday November 5, 2009. This full day workshop geared towards financial operations managers, energy champions/managers, building managers, operating engineers, and maintenance and production supervisors will help participants build skills for obtaining funding for their energy efficiency projects. For more details on the workshop please contact Genevieve Thachik at 613-943-2361 or genethac@nrcan.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Eco-Efficiency Centre Staff

B34.**Biosolids Discussion, Oct. 29 At 3pm, Kentville**

A Biosolids (Treated Sewage Sludge) Discussion Will Take Place In The Kings County Municipal Council Chambers At 3:00pm On October 29th At 87 Cornwallis Street, Kentville. Members Of The Public Are Welcome To Attend! Halifax Regional Municipality's Treated Sewage Sludge Is Currently Being Transported From N-Viro Systems Canada In Halifax To Kings County And Is Being Used As A Fertilizer On Some Farms In Kings County. Mike Langmann, Senior Technical Advisor With The Department Of Environment, Will Be Making A Presentation To County Council That Supports The Use Of Biosolids On Kings County Agricultural Soils. Opponents To Land Application Of Biosolids Recently Met With The Department Of The Environment And Questioned Why This "Transfer Of Pollution" From Urban To Rural Communities Was Occuring Before Adequate Testing And Risk Assessments To Protect Public Health And Food Safety Has Been Completed. No Justification Could Be Provided. Kings County Council, In September 2009, Has Been Asked To Place A Moratorium On The Spreading Of Biosolids On Its Farmland Until The Practice Has Been Proven Safe For Human Health, Livestock Health, And The Environment. No Ban Has Been Put In Place By The County To Date. Opponents Also Asked The Department Of Environment To Hold A Plebiscite To Determine If The Public Is In Favour Of Placing A Potentially-Toxic Fertilizer On Nova Scotia's Food Sources Or Whether It Would Be In Favour Of Seeking Alternative Disposal/Destruction Options For Managing Sewage Waste. A Reply Has Not Yet Been Issued. Please Attend And Ask Questions! Visit The Website: [Www.Nsen.ca](http://www.nsen.ca) For More Information On Biosolids (Click On "Working Groups/Caucuses")

Background:

New Guidelines: [Http://Www.Gov.Ns.Ca/Nse/Water/Docs/Biosolidguidelines.Pdf](http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/water/docs/biosolidguidelines.pdf)

Contact:

For More Information, Contact Marilyn Cameron, Chair Of The Biosolids & Waste Water Caucus At P.M.Cameron@Ns.Sympatico.ca Or Call At (902) 542-5330 Or [Www.Nsen.ca](http://www.nsen.ca) (See Working Groups/Caucuses)

B35.**Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership AGM Nov. 4**

An Invitation to the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership
1:30 - 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Joggins Fossil Centre, 100 Main Street, Joggins, NS.

Please RSVP Prior to October 28th (for ordering appropriate number of meals)

Please include any dietary restrictions.

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Tel (1) 902-585-1113 Fax (1) 902-585-1054

B36.**Building sustainable systems of energy & water provision: reconnecting supply & demand Oct. 29, Dalhousie**

October 29. Seminar will be held from 1:00-2:00p.m.

Heather Chappels, Consultant, Adjunct Professor, SRES

Room 3089, 3rd Floor, 6100 University Avenue

Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building

Everyone Welcome!

More info: http://sres.management.dal.ca/Files/Seminar_Series/Fall2009.pdf

Contact: Phone: (902) 494-3632

Email: sres@dal.ca

B37.**Emerging Issues: Environmental Assessment in Canada on November 5, Dalhousie**

Joanne Weiss-Reid
Environmental Assessment Officer Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Seminar will be held from 1:00-2:00p.m.
Room 3089, 3rd Floor, 6100 University Avenue
Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building
Everyone Welcome!
More info: http://sres.management.dal.ca/Files/Seminar_Series/Fall2009.pdf
Contact: Phone: (902) 494-3632
Email: sres@dal.ca

B38.

Excellent Training on Public Participation, Facilitation & Collaboration in November

Public Participation, November 23-24 2009, Halifax, NS
Facilitation for Public Participation, November 25, 2009, Halifax, NS
Stakeholder Collaboration & Consensus, November 26-27, 2009
Halifax, NS
More info: www.cte.dal.ca
Call: (902) 494-6079 or 1-800-565-1179

B39.

Intensive Fundraising with Kim Klein 2010

The Tatamagouche Centre and WinterGreens Consulting want to help move this learning forward by offering this intensive professional development opportunity. During this coming fall and winter, WinterGreens Consulting will be offering introductory workshops to build interest in this topic across the Maritimes. On April 29, 2010, Kim Klein will present a one-day workshop in Halifax, sponsored by United Way of Halifax Region, followed by an in-depth weekend session at the Tatamagouche Centre from April 30 to May 2. We invite you and your organization to become engaged in this process. There are a number of ways you can become involved. For more info, contact: Steve Law
Tatamagouche Centre
steve@sunroot.org
(902) 632-2497

B40

Webinar: Bottled Water Alternatives Oct. 29

Learn about the fast growing trend of colleges and universities expelling bottled water from their campuses by joining the Responsible Purchasing Network for the webinar: Bottled Water Alternatives, University Edition on October 29 from 3- 4:15 pm EST. The webinar will launch a new RPN Purchasing Guide expressly for colleges and universities. Register now. <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/656205635>
Americans buy approximately 9 billion gallons of bottled water per year, which uses the equivalent of more than 17 million barrels of oil and produces over 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide at a roughly 750-2,700 times higher cost than bottled water. Universities, representing about 20 million students across the country, have tremendous purchasing power to impact this expensive and inefficient waste of resources, and many have already started to phase out bottled water. This webinar provides institutions the resources they need to eliminate bottled water and provide clean and accessible tap water. The webinar will cover the social and environmental costs of bottled water production, best practices for universities, a detailed analysis of bottled water alternatives, case studies from two universities with bottled water bans, and sustainability standards for colleges and universities.
The webinar will also feature the following speakers:
* Phillip Kobernick, RPN Fellow, will provide an overview of the social and environmental costs of bottled water, outline alternatives, and address how universities can reduce or eliminate the use of bottled water.
* David Jacks, Canadian Federation of Students, will speak about the University of Winnipeg's experience as the first Canadian school to end the purchase of bottled water.
* Deborah Howard and Liz Kramer, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor of Administration and Fellow (respectively) at Washington University of St. Louis, will speak about the first university in the United States to rid bottled water from its campus.

* John Stewart, National Organizer, Corporate Accountability International, will outline the "Think Outside The Bottle" campaign and resources for student organizers.

* Meghan Fay, STARS Program Manager, Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), will discuss sustainability standards for colleges and the new Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) 1.0.

The event is free to attend, but registration is required.

Register now. <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/656205635>

*Speakers for this webinar represent the views of their respective organizations and do not necessarily endorse or support the Guide.

B41.

Halifax Field Naturalists Walk on Nov. 1 Annual Cranberry Pick, Taylor Head Provincial Park

Sunday, Nov. 1 – Annual Cranberry Pick

Scott Yetman will lead a Cranberry Pick at Taylor Head Provincial Park. This will not be an extensive hike, and participants are free to stay close to the parking lot for picking, or to hike further in. Wear suitable clothing for the weather and rocky terrain, and bring cranberry containers, lunch, and drinks.

- Contact: Scott Yetman, 469-6380
- Time/Place: Meet at the last parking lot at Taylor Head Provincial Park at 10:00 a.m. The park is located on the Eastern Shore, 0.4 km east of Spry Bay, Halifax County, 11 km southwest of Sheet Harbour on Route 7, Marine Drive.
- Duration: 6 hours; until 4:00 p.m.
- Difficulty: Easy to moderate, according to individual choice

More info and more walks:

http://halifaxfieldnaturalists.ca/hfnWP/?page_id=91

B42.

Halifax Field Naturalists Sunday, Nov. 8 – Long Lake Provincial Park

On this trip we will explore a little of Long Lake Provincial Park, the largest provincial park in the Halifax area. This still largely undeveloped park offers a wide range of natural environments and animal habitat – from rocky granite uplands, hardwood and softwood forests, to lakes and marshes. We will explore the park with an eye to the clash between human activities and the natural environment, throughout the area's history to the present, and into the park's future. Bring a lunch, water, and sturdy, waterproof footwear.

- Contact: Peter Webster, 453-9244; pwebster@eastlink.ca
- Time/Place: 10:00 a.m. at the Halifax Exhibition Park parking lot (east end, near the entrance) on Highway 333, 500 metres from the intersection with the Saint Margaret's Bay Road.
- Duration: 3 to 4 hours
- Difficulty: Mostly level trails, with some rough, rocky, and/or wet areas

More info and more walks:

http://halifaxfieldnaturalists.ca/hfnWP/?page_id=91

B43.

HRM 9th Annual Volunteer Conference

HRM is hosting its 9th Annual Volunteer Conference. This conference provides information and interactive sessions on topics relevant to volunteers giving their time in community on boards, at events, and to formal and informal groups. Date: November 20 & 21, 2009

Location: Harbourview Holiday Inn, 101 Wyse Rd., Dartmouth, NS

To register or find more information, please visit www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices or call 490-4309

B44.

"Life At the Poles" with Sarah Chisholm Thursday, Nov. 5

Now a Parks Canada employee at Kejimikujik, Sarah Chisholm shares photos and stories from her experiences at both the top and bottom of the globe with her presentation, "Life at the Ends of the Earth". Sarah was privileged to

spend two austral summers studying and living amongst penguins and seals on the Antarctic Peninsula. This experience, and her work as a seabird biologist and Park Warden in the Canadian Arctic, have given her a strong appreciation for the beauty and challenges of life in polar regions. 7:30 p.m. at the NSMNH. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month except July and August at 7:30 PM in the auditorium of the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax. Use the entrance next to the parking lot. Meetings are open to the public. (The Museum proper is closed this fall for renovations, however the auditorium will remain open.). More info: http://halifaxfieldnaturalists.ca/hfnWP/?page_id=87

B45.

Young Naturalists Club Children's Book Reading on 14 November 2009

Book reading by Jamie Bastedo

Time: 10:00 am

Celebrate Canadian Children's Book week with ecologist, bear biologist and award-winning author Jamie Bastedo. Jamie's knowledge of bears, respect for the Inuit and concern about arctic climate change inspire his writing and presentations. Jamie will do a reading from his new book, describe some of his adventures, and take questions. This event, made possible by the Canada Council for the Arts, is co-hosted by the Young Naturalists Club, Canadian Children's Book Centre and the Museum of Natural History. Will take place in Project Room of the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax. YNC members may stay unaccompanied by an adult, or parents and guardians may stay and observe the meeting. See <http://www.onthinice.ca/about.htm> to learn more about the book, and Jamie. More info at Young Naturalists Club Coordinator (Karen McKendry) at yncns@yahoo.ca and visit: <http://nature1st.net/ync/>

B46.

Young Naturalists Club Field Trip on Nov. 22

YNC provides an opportunity for children 8 years old and up to connect with nature in a fun and informative way. Club members learn about the natural world from hands-on experiences and interactions with mentors and experts in natural history. Field trips will usually run from 1pm to 4pm. Car pooling will be arranged from the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History parking lot (1747 Summer Street, Halifax). Parents/guardians are always welcome, and may help with car pooling. Contact the YNC coordinator at to let her know you will be attending (and to get directions to the field trip location). YNC members and parent/guardians should come prepared for the trip – consideration must be given to the length of the trip, and the weather conditions. For more information, feel free to contact the Young Naturalists Club Coordinator (Karen McKendry) at More info at Young Naturalists Club Coordinator (Karen McKendry) at yncns@yahoo.ca and visit: <http://nature1st.net/ync/>

B47.

Horticulture as Therapy with Mitchell Hewson in Nov. & Jan.

With Mitchell Hewson, HTM LT RAHP

Registration deadline: October 6, 2009

Certified Weekend Workshop

at Windhorse Farm, Nova Scotia

Workshop teacher HT Master Mitchell Hewson

Canada's 1st practicing Registered Horticultural Therapist

Level 1 & 2: November 7 & 8, 2009 - 9am - 4pm

Level 3 & 4: January 30 & 31, 2010 - 9am - 4pm

Organized by Helping Nature Heal: <http://www.helpingnatureheal.com>

Click for Workshop Details!

http://www.helpingnatureheal.com/include/docs/ht_workshop_details_fees_B.pdf

B48.

"Dangerous Abundance: Navigating the twin Challenges of Oil Scarcity and Climate Change" Nov. 12

Thu. 12-Nov-2009 8:00 PM Gupta Lecture

Where: McCain Arts & Social Science Building, Ondaatje Hall

6135 University Ave

Seapker: David Keith, Director, ISEEE Energy and Environmental Systems Group, Canada Research Chair in Energy and the Environment, Professor, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering and Department of Economics, University of Calgary, Adjunct Professor, Department of Engineering and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon

We are threatened by both the scarcity and the abundance of fossil fuels. The scarcity of conventional oil poses a serious threat to economic and geopolitical stability. The abundance of fossil fuel resources poses a threat that is at least equally serious, climate change, the greatest global environmental threat of our age, which is rooted in the extraordinary abundance of fossil resources and the growing ease with which our technology can exploit them. I will explore the tension between oil scarcity and climate change using two extreme scenarios: first, a world where carbon-climate risk is the driving energy challenge and second, one in which peak oil dominates. The two scenarios bound the likely path to the future enabling us to see the sum of the more onerous constraints, and through them, to imagine future opportunities.

See: http://physics.dal.ca/Seminars/Abstract_-_Beyond_Ab.php

Contact: Physics & Atmospheric Department

902-494-2337

B49.

Critical Infrastructure Protection Workshop on Oct. 30

Exploring Risk Governance: Assessing and Managing Complexity, Uncertainty and Interdependence in Critical Infrastructure

Friday, October 30th, 2009 • 9 AM – 6 PM

Location: Atlantica Hotel, 1980 Robie Street at Quinpool, Halifax, Nova Scotia (www.atlantichotelhalifax.com)

The workshop will explore risk governance in four stages:

- Pre-assessment Phase
- Risk Appraisal
- Tolerability & Acceptability Judgment
- Risk Management

Format: Keynote speakers, panels and breakout sessions

Who should attend? Those in the public sector and private sector who have responsibility for managing operational risks and mission critical assets.

More Information: www.cip.management.dal.ca, 902-494-3742, or email us at cip@dal.ca.

B50.

Globe 2010: Business & Environment Conference in Vancouver

Largest conference of its kind in Canada. March 24-26, 2010

Vancouver, Canada

www.globe2010.com

B51.

"Is the forest moving north? Consequences for northern communities" on 7 December 2009

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History

Speaker: Karen Harper

School of Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University

Organized by the Nova Scotian Institute of Science

More info: <http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Science/NSIS/meetings.html>

B52.

"The Right Whale " Dr. Timothy Frasier on Nov. 12

Thursday, November 12th, 1:00 - 2:15 PM

Science Building, S310, Saint Mary's University
Department of Biology & Forensic Sciences Program
More info: <http://www.smu.ca/academic/science/envstud/events.html>

C. Non-Environmental Events

C1.

Thursday October 29 - Important child care event in Halifax

Thursday, October 29th (7:00 pm start) St. Mary's University - Room SB 260 (Sobey Building) has been chosen for a public meeting to discuss and strategize on how we can continue our fight for quality, affordable, universal and developmental early childhood education in Nova Scotia. What we're currently calling the 'Not Another Town Hall Meeting' will feature keynote speakers Martha Friendly, who has just co-written a book called "About Canada: Child Care" and Jody Dallaire from the Canadian Child Care Advocacy Association (CCCAA), two people who should be very familiar to you as child care advocates. Here's a link to find about more about the book. <http://www.fernwoodpublishing.ca/book/360>. We are be inviting frontline ECE's as well as parents, politicians and anyone else who is interested in working toward dramatic improvements to our current 'patchwork' of services here in Nova Scotia. Child Care will be provided upon request (please notify Karen by email prior to Oct 22nd karenwright0304@hotmail.com)

C2.

ALIA's Deep Democracy Nov 12 & 13

Deep Democracy training will be offered in Halifax November 12-13, led by Sera Thompson and Georgina Veldhorst. Deep Democracy illuminates the invisible forces that can sabotage decision-making and hold groups back. Anyone can learn the simple skills that free up these blockages, allowing groups and teams to rise to their creative, productive potential. For more information and to register, follow this link:

<http://www.aliainstitute.org/institute/home.html>

C3.

Maclean's In Conversation: Afghanistan Noble Fight or Lost Cause? Nov. 10 Halifax

Halifax: November 10, 2009

Neptune Theatre

8:00-10:00pm

For inquiries, contact us at 416-764-1500 or events@macleans.rogers.com

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Online, [click here](#)

By phone: 902-429-7070

In person: 1593 Argyle Street, at the corner of Argyle and Sackville Street, Halifax

Go to: <http://www2.macleans.ca/in-conversation-with-macleans/>

C4.

Pakistan's Role in Combating Maritime Terrorism and Piracy Wed. Nov. 4

Marine Affairs Program Centre for Foreign Policy Studies Marine & Environmental Law Institute

Present a Joint Seminar

Pakistan's Role in Combating Maritime Terrorism and Piracy

Vice Admiral (R) Mohammad Haroon

Rector of Bahria University, Pakistan

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

1:00-2:30 PM

Room 3089

Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building

6100 University Avenue

Dalhousie University Campus

All are welcome

Light Refreshments to be served

C5.

Repression & Resistance in Honduras and Guatemala – 2 events on Oct. 29

A Presentation by Francois Guindon, A Rights Action Accompaniment Worker

2 events:

Thursday, October 29, at 2pm in Room 307 of the Dalhousie Student union Building AND Thursday, October 29, at 7pm in Theatre A of the Burke Building at Saint Mary's University. Since the military coup on June 28, 2009, Honduras became an outcast state; repression and Human Rights violations are daily reality. The oligarchy, the Supreme Court, the Congress, powerful TNCs and the Honduran military continue to ignore popular resistance and unanimous international diplomatic condemnation of the coup. Frangois Guindon has worked with Rights Action since 2008 accompanying communities and community organizations that, despite persecution and the criminalization of their struggle, resist the devastating human and environmental effects of gold mining by Goldcorp Inc. in Guatemala and Honduras. Frangois has lived in Guatemala since 2007.

C6.

Economics for Everyone with Michael Bradfield Oct. 28

Th. Oct. 29 at Alderney Landing Library in Dartmouth at 12:00-1:00; here are the details:

Has the great Financial Crisis of 2008/2009 got you asking - How did this happen?? How did a purely financial crisis impact the 'real' economy? What does the Bank of Canada do anyway? What causes inflation - and is it so terrible? What is going to happen to my pension (or my Mom's pension?) Come this Thursday to find out from Prof. Michael Bradfield. Absolutely worth your time. Baby friendly. More info:

http://www.policyalternatives.ca/ccpans_events1/

C7.

CCPA-NS Dinner and Dance featuring Rita Deverell. Fri. Nov. 20th, starting at 6pm

Where: Saint Mary's University.

We are fortunate to have broadcast journalist, scholar, theatre artist and the current Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies at MSVU, Rita Deverell, as our guest speaker. The title of her talk is: "Who will Inherit the Resource of the Airwaves?" Click here for more information on the speaker. We also have a wonderful musician who will play after the sumptuous buffet dinner for a dance - John DeWolfe. It will be a sensational evening. Tickets are \$60 per person (\$30 tax receipt); \$100 for two tickets (\$40 tax receipt) or \$750 for a table of 10 including special mention in the program (\$350 tax receipt). Tickets can be purchased by calling (902)477-1252 or toll free 1877-920-7770 or by sending a cheque to CCPA-NS PO Box 8355, Halifax, NS B3K 5M1. Tickets are limited and this was a sold out event last year, so please get your tickets early. No tickets will be sold at the door.

http://www.policyalternatives.ca/ccpans_events1/

C8.

Quaker peaceworker from Burundi speaks on Nov. 5, Halifax

Florence Ntakarutimana, a Quaker peaceworker from Burundi will be speaking about community and inter-personal healing work carried out by the Friends African Great Lakes Initiative. These workshops help overcome the trauma of inter-tribal violence that devastated the region in the 1990's. Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, 7 p.m., Thursday, November 5th. Sponsored by The Womens Missionary Society Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, Canadian Friends Service Committee, The Black Social Workers Association of NS, and Halifax Friends Meeting

C9.

Amnesty International (AI) Maritimes Regional Meeting Nov. 7 & 8

Amnesty International (AI) Maritimes Regional Meeting at the University of King's College in the New Academic Building in Halifax on Saturday and Sunday, November 7-8.

To register, please email peter.wallace@dal.ca with "AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL MEETING REGISTRATION" in the subject line. Registration for the meeting is a flat fee of \$10 inclusive for the weekend to be paid at the door (cash only please) and includes lunch on site on Saturday and Sunday if needed.

C10.

Workshop: Spiral Dynamics & Integral Living November 8, 2009

Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: T.B.A.

More: Integral Theory and Spiral Dynamics are effective social change tools that are being used around the world to understand the complexity of human behavior and to develop integrated solutions to social change and conflict.

We will be exploring how it can be used practically in our everyday lives and fields of engagement (work, relationships, etc.). Cost: Sliding scale of \$40-\$60 (scholarships available)

For more information and to register, contact us: info@newearthinstitute.ca; 902-529-1202

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C11.

Parker Street Food Bank Dinner & Auction Oct. 30

On October 30th together with the Halifax Club and its members, we will be hosting an evening gala, that will include wine, scotch and ale tasting, hors d'ouvres, entertainment and a dance featuring the fabulous Mellotones.

I'm now asking for your support to buy tickets and/or sponsor this event. Tickets are \$100 each so please consider a pair for you and your favourite dance partner, or add your own personal touch to the evening and bring along lots of friends as blocks of 10 are also available. We will also be raising money through a silent auction and sponsorship.

For \$2000 dollars you will receive 10 tickets, your name/company name featured on our marketing promos, our evening banners and handouts, as well as special mention during our speech that evening. Each of the seven beautiful rooms of the Halifax Club are available for sponsorship so you can feature your business or get behind a tasting event. A sponsorship package will be available shortly. Most of all, this evening is going to be lots of fun.

Our goal is to have 300 plus persons, all enjoying themselves in a great atmosphere. For more information on sponsorship opportunities please call myself at 488-1267 or Kirby Putnam of JW Lindsay Construction Ltd at 499-1937. Please call the Halifax Club at 423-8460 ext 3 to reserve your tickets now.

Thanks....I look forward to seeing you all there!

Thomas Gouthro

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www.parkerstreet.org

www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=d48456

C12.

TONIGHT! Nova Scotia Guide to Frugal Living with Carol McDougall

Nova Scotia Guide to Frugal Living

Nicknamed Frugal McDougall by her friends, Carol will offer a wealth of advice for living thriftily. From economical food purchases to travel on the cheap, Carol will share tips from her new book to get you saving money. Keshen Goodman Public Library

Wednesday, October 28/7:00 pm

More info: http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/programs.html?pro_id=2191

C13.

Atlantic Regional Solidarity Network Gathering "Back to Our Roots", December, Tatamagouche

Fri., December 4th, 7pm - December 6th, 1pm 2009

Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia

Information about the event and the registration form will soon be posted at www.arsncanada.ca. For more info, please call Blake at 902-830-9412 or Sarah at 902-476-1669 or by email at enviro_blake@hotmail.com.

D. Announcements

D1.

NSEN is looking for a new office! Can you help?

The Nova Scotia Environmental Network (NSEN) is looking for an office in Halifax – the North End, Quinpool or downtown areas would be ideal. We hope to secure a new office this September 2009. We would welcome the opportunity to share office space. Our budget is very limited. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Tamara: nsen@cen-rce.org and (902) 454-6846.

D2.

NSEN launches Biosolids Working Group

The Nova Scotia Environmental Network is forming a Biosolids Caucus & Working Group to stop the land application of HRM biosolids on rural and agricultural land in the province. Concerned citizens are welcome to join. To get involved, please contact Marilyn Cameron at: p.m.cameron@ns.sympatico.ca

D3.

The Department of Environment's draft wetlands policy is now open for comment until Nov. 6.

For more information, please go to: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/wetland/conservation.policy.asp>

D4.

Stakeholder Feedback for Marine Protected Areas - Deadline Dec. 11

The first step in this process is to select an Area of Interest (AOI). DFO is seeking public and stakeholder feedback on the following candidate AOIs: Middle Bank, Misaine Bank & Eastern Shoal, and St Anns Bank. An overview of the individual candidates and how they were selected is provided in the consultation booklet developed for this process. The AOI that is selected will undergo additional evaluation and public consultation before formal designation as an MPA. Your Feedback: The 60-day public review period scheduled for October 13th to December 11th, 2009 provides you with an opportunity to give feedback by mail or online. Based on your feedback and further analysis, a recommendation will be made to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans for the selection and announcement of the next AOI for the Eastern Scotian Shelf. Contact us directly at the address below if you have any questions or concerns.

Oceans and Coastal Management Division

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Bedford Institute of Oceanography

PO Box 1006

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

B2Y 4A2

Phone: 902-426-4215

Fax: 902-426- 3855

MaritimesMPAs@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

For more information: <http://www.mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/e/ocmd/mpa/aoi-e.html>

D5.

New provincial rules announced for biosolids

October, 2009

The Nova Scotia government has introduced stricter guidelines for the land application and storage of municipal biosolids. Municipal treatment facilities that make biosolids must follow the guidelines and have approval from the Environment Department to produce biosolids. The new guidelines only allow for the highest quality of biosolids to be used on agricultural lands. The biosolids recycling process is an environmentally acceptable way to manage sewage sludge that is generated by municipal treatment facilities. Halifax Regional Municipality sends its waste to the enviro-depot in the Aerotech Park and will not be affected by the revisions, said HRM's compliance officer. "The main change is that the province used to have three categories of biosolids . . . they now only have two categories," Tony Blouin, of Halifax Water, said Friday. The revisions will also require treatment plants to do more

intensive analysis and testing for contaminants such as dioxins, furans and fire retardants. The extra requirements are in response to requests from concerned Nova Scotians, the government said in a news release. Biosolids come from a treatment process that transforms sewage sludge into low-pathogen, organic material for plants and trees. The use of biosolids on land is common throughout Canada and the United States.

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/NovaScotia/1146963.html>

Read the guidelines here: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/water/docs/BiosolidGuidelines.pdf>

D6.

East Coast Environmental Law Association hires Deborah Carver as Executive Director

www.ecelaw.ca

(Halifax, N.S.): The Board of Directors of East Coast Environmental Law (ECELAW) is pleased to announce the hiring of Deborah Carver as Executive Director. With her background in communications, management, fund development and law, ECELAW is poised to play a key role in Atlantic Canada's sustainable future.

"We welcome Deborah to East Coast Environmental Law," says Meinhard Doelle, Chair of ECELAW's Board.

"Her strong executive experience combined with the environmental law expertise of our Board of Directors positions ECELAW to proceed with a number of exciting projects in support of our objective to encourage the development and fair application of innovative environmental laws."

"Although my professional life has lately focused on the cultural sector, my academic background and personal interests are grounded in a passion for the environment," says Deborah Carver. "ECELAW is the perfect landing place for me."

Arriving from a consulting practice, Deborah was until recently Executive Director, Special Projects and Interim Vice-President, University Relations, at NSCAD University. Until 2002, Deborah was employed at Salter Street Films as VP Communications and then as General Manager of the Independent Film Channel Canada. Her first career was as a lawyer with a large Halifax firm where she spent six years in a litigation practice.

Deborah's academic background includes an undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Waterloo. She has an LL.B. from Dalhousie University and an LL.M. from University of London (England), where her studies included international and environmental law. Deborah has led and served on the Boards of a variety of not-for-profit organizations, including a long association with the Port Joli Basin Conservation Society on the south shore of Nova Scotia.

ECELAW's ongoing activities include responding to inquiries from individuals and community groups in Atlantic Canada about environmental law, free of charge; holding workshops on environmental laws and publishing materials to increase understanding of these laws; advancing the education of future environmental law professionals through practical student placement programs; and, collaborating with the public, community groups and government to strengthen environmental laws in Atlantic Canada.

ECELAW envisions a future where innovative and effective environmental laws and the just application of those laws provide Atlantic Canadians with a clean, healthy environment, which will make a positive contribution to the quality of life of its present and future inhabitants and visitors.

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D7.

Call for Submissions to EECOM annual conference & EECOM latest bulletin available

Call for Submissions is now open for the Environmental Educators & Communicators (EECOM) 2010 Annual National Conference, Diversity, sustainability and environment: Exploring cultural and practical diversity for environmental learning, May 19-22, Simon Fraser University Download the full Issue -

http://www.eecom.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=129&Itemid=38&lang=en

D8.**E-Thumb a Ride: New ride share program in NS**

An exciting new ride-sharing program has been launched in Nova Scotia, and we're sending out a call to all drivers and riders in Canada and the U.S. to join this new social network. It's safe, it's economical, it's green — and it knows no boundaries. This innovative network was recently in the news; for the full article, please see <http://www.southshorenova.ca/archives/2009/102009/news/index008.html>

The program is e-thumb a ride, and you can join for free today by going to ethumbaride.com. Updates and improvements to the web site and the ride-sharing system are pending, but the basic network is up and running, and drivers and riders from the Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, area are already linking up and saving fuel. It's great for students, for seniors, for anyone concerned about global climate change. So register today, build up a network of e-thumb friends, and start enjoying carpooling the e-thumb way!

For more information, go to ethumbaride.com or contact us at:

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D9.**Join the discussion on the CEC's priorities for 2010 and beyond – Dec. 1 Webcast consultation**

Montreal, 23 October 2009—The Commission for Environmental Cooperation's 15 public advisory committee members will host a discussion with the public and invited experts on environmental priorities that the CEC should consider during the next five years.

The roundtable discussion, to be held on 1 December, will be webcast live and include a virtual forum to allow online participants to ask questions and make suggestions electronically prior to and during the event.

The Joint Public Advisory Committee will soon publish discussion papers on the general priorities outlined by the CEC's Council of Ministers last June. Those priorities are:

- Healthy Communities and Ecosystems
- Climate Change – Low-Carbon Economy
- Greening the Economy in North America

Find out more here: <http://www.cec.org/home/index.cfm?varlan=english>

D10.**Efficiency Nova Scotia Corporation – Give your input at law amendments to this draft Bill**

Earlier today, our government introduced legislation to create an independent administrator of electricity efficiency programs called the Efficiency Nova Scotia Corporation.

The creation of the Corporation follows the recommendations of the Dr. David Wheeler, Dean of Dalhousie University's Faculty of Management, report which recommends an independent electricity-efficiency entity, reporting to a board of directors, and overseen by the Utility and Review Board.

The legislation also allows the new Corporation to manage programs other than electricity. To simplify access to energy efficiency and conservation programs and avoid duplication of services, government would like to have a single access point for these programs.

It will be business as usual until the end of the fiscal year (March 31, 2010). During the Spring and Summer of 2010, we expect that the management of some provincial efficiency and conservation programs will transition to the new corporation. As more details are available, we will continue to work with our partners to ensure a smooth transition. As you may know, the province has some very ambitious environmental goals, and energy efficiency and conservation are a key part of meeting these goals. As a result, the policy function for energy efficiency and conservation will remain within government and programs will be reviewed on an annual basis. Energy efficiency

and conservation remain a priority for government. I would like to thank you for your commitment and the time you have given to advancing energy efficiency and energy conservation in Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,
Bill Estabrooks, M.B.
Minister

Read more about the Bill 49 & the debates here: http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/House_Business/status.html#49

* Anyone who wishes to make a presentation should let the Legislative Counsel's office know so that their names can be listed on the agenda. Just call 424-8941 to do this.

D11.

Comments due on Focus Report for the Miller's Creek Gypsum Mine Extension – Nov. 23

This is to advise that on October 16, 2009, the Minister of Environment received the Focus Report for the Miller's Creek Mine Extension proposed by CGC Inc. Windsor (formerly Fundy Gypsum). The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to mine gypsum from a surface mine in Miller's Creek, Hants County. The mine life, including construction, operation and reclamation is anticipated to be in the order of 50 years.

Copies of the Focus Report may be examined at the following locations:

CGC Inc. Windsor Plant, 669 Wentworth Road, Hants County Municipality of the District of West Hants Building, 76 Morison Drive, Windsor, Hants County Hantsport Town Hall, 20 Main Street, Hantsport, Hants County Windsor Regional Library, 195 Albert Street, Windsor, Hants County Brooklyn Fire Hall, 995 Highway 215, Brooklyn, Hants County Clean Nova Scotia, 126 Portland Street, Dartmouth, NS Ecology Action Centre, 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax, NS Nova Scotia Environment, Central Regional Office, 1595 Bedford Highway, Suite 224, Bedford, NS Nova Scotia Environment, 5th Floor Library, 5151 Terminal Road, Halifax, NS EA website (when available) at www.gov.ns.ca/nse/ea

The public is invited to submit written comments to:

Environmental Assessment Branch

Nova Scotia Environment

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

on or before November 23, 2009, or contact the department at (902) 424-3230, (902) 424-0503 (Fax), or e-mail at EA@gov.ns.ca.

All comments received, including any personal information, will be placed in the public file located in the library on the 5th floor of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment, Halifax Office, 5151 Terminal Road

D12.

NS Agencies, Boards & Commissions Applications Open

Nova Scotians from all walks of life are invited to apply for positions on the province's non-adjudicative agencies, boards and commissions. Non-adjudicative agencies, boards and commissions make financial, regulatory, business or policy decisions or recommendations to government, which can have significant implications for Nova Scotians. There are a range of opportunities available, from health authorities and licensing boards, housing authorities and library and loan boards to heritage advisory councils, law reform and human rights commissions. "The involvement of men and women as members of non-adjudicative agencies, boards and commissions is critical to the success of democratic government," said Frank Corbett, deputy president of the Executive Council. "By sharing their time and expertise to serve the public in these roles, all Nova Scotians benefit." For a complete list of opportunities, or to learn more about the appointment process, visit the Executive Council Office website at www.gov.ns.ca/exec_council/abc/ or call 902-424-4877 or toll free 1-866-206-6844. The government of Nova Scotia has an Employment Equity Policy and welcomes applications from Aboriginal people, African Nova Scotians and other racially visible people, people with disabilities and women. Members of the equity groups are encouraged to self-identify on applications, covering letters or resumes.

D13.

Biodiversity Best Practices and Case Studies: A Snapshot of ENGO Biodiversity Activities in Canada

In advance of the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010, the Canadian Environmental Network launched a Best Practices/Case Studies Contest to gather innovative and effective examples of environmental non-governmental organizations' (ENGOs) work related to the conservation, sustainable use, and awareness of biodiversity. The winning case studies and best practices will be featured in a 20-page handbook (coming soon!) that will be posted

on the RCEN website and distributed to Environment Canada and the Secretariat of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity. <http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/index.html>

D14.

Call for Delegates: Bisphenol A (CAS 80-05-7) Proposed Regulations Consultation

Environment Canada has asked the RCEN to select five (5) Environmental NGO delegates to take part in a one-day consultation to discuss the proposed regulatory provisions to limit the concentration of BPA released from industrial final effluent. The consultation will take place in Toronto on November 27th. Delegates will participate in an open-forum discussion with industry and government representatives related to BPA use and regulation in Canada. Information from this discussion will be considered in drafting regulations. Travel and accommodation for RCEN delegates to and from this event will be reimbursed as per Treasury Board Guidelines. Additionally, per diem rates and compensation for a report will be covered. The deadline to apply is November 3, 2009. <http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/index.html>

D15.

Coming soon to Halifax in January 2010: The Natural Step (TNS) Training

The Natural Step (TNS) is launching a series of courses this fall and winter to promote sustainability leadership across Canada. Sustainability for Leaders: A Transformative Approach to Sustainability Thinking, Strategy and Results – is a 2-day intensive course that draws upon 20 years of practical experience and results in coaching sustainability champions who are leading their organizations towards sustainability. It will provide participants with a solid grounding in a proven framework that has been used to guide sustainability change efforts around the world. This course is aimed at sustainability practitioners who want to gain the knowledge, skills and tools to take a strategic, systems approach to communicating, planning and taking action on sustainability within their organizations and communities. Courses will be offered in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, and Halifax. As the world anxiously awaits the outcomes of Copenhagen in December, we can all take action ourselves to accelerate change toward a more sustainable world. Please help us get the word out by promoting this workshop to your networks and colleagues interested in strategic sustainability. More information about the course content, locations, price, and dates can be found in this brochure:

http://www.thenaturalstep.org/sites/all/files/Sustainability_for_leaders_07_08_09.pdf

Or visit the TNS Canada website to register:

<http://www.thenaturalstep.org/en/canada/learning-programs/level-one-course>

D16.

Nova Scotia's Solid Waste Resource Management Strategy Consultation Summary Report 2009 Available

I am pleased to inform you that Nova Scotia Environment has completed the Consultation Summary Report 2009 on the renewal of Nova Scotia's Solid Waste Resource Management Strategy. The report is now available on our website at www.gov.ns.ca/nse/waste I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation process. You have provided valuable input which will help update Nova Scotia's solid waste strategy. Please feel free to share this news with your colleagues. If you have any further questions about the strategy please contact Virginia Olsen at 424-1763 or by e-mail at olsenvl@gov.ns.ca.

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D17.

Free forest management planning for woodlot owners with the EAC's Jamie Simpson

Do you own a woodlot, or have a friend or family member with a woodlot?

If so, you may be interested in a project offering free forest management planning and "green" FSC certification to members and others associated with the Ecology Action Centre. Sound too good to be true? Well, it may very well be. But our forestry program, in conjunction with the NS Woodlot Owners and Operators Association, is applying for a grant to get woodlot owners certified to the FSC standard for good forest management. We'd like to get a sense of how many folks might like to participate in this project. Interested, or have questions? If so, get in touch with our Forestry Program coordinator, Jamie Simpson, at 902 429 1335, or eacforestry@gmail.com. Let him know (1) where you live, (2) where the woodlot is located, and (3) how large it is. Please pass this along to any friends or family members who might be interested.

Jamie Simpson, M.Sc.F., RPF
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D18.

Government of Nova Scotia first with a Sustainable Procurement Policy

The government of Nova Scotia has become the first province in Canada to approve a Sustainable Procurement Policy. The Province of Nova Scotia Sustainable Procurement Policy replaces the previous Government of Nova Scotia Procurement Policy dated 2005 and is applicable to all government employees. What government employees need to know today, is that the changes to procurement will be gradual. Over the coming year, Procurement Services, in consultation with departmental staff and other stakeholders, will be developing sustainable purchasing specifications and criteria for the various categories of goods, services and construction that are purchased by government. These new specifications and criteria will then be added to our tender documents and will also be posted on the Procurement Services website as they become available. Please visit https://www.gov.ns.ca/tenders/policy/pdf_files/sp_faq.pdf for a list of frequently asked questions. Over the coming weeks, you will be receiving additional e-mail outlining the tools and resources that have been developed to support implementation of this new policy. In the meantime, for additional information please visit the "Internal Resources" section of the Procurement Services website at www.gov.ns.ca/tenders and click on "Sustainable Procurement". Find out more here: <https://www.gov.ns.ca/tenders/sustproc/>
Thank you in advance for your support of this innovative new policy.

Sincerely,
The Sustainable Procurement Integration Team

E. Jobs & Internships

E1.

Jobs with the Federal Government

<http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca/index-eng.htm>

E2.

Project Manager for research project on alternative energies, St. FX - Oct. 30

Project Manager for research project on alternative energies, environmental technologies & climate change in Atlantic Canada

The Environmental Sciences Research Centre [ESRC] at St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada seeks a Project Manager. Reporting to and collaborating with the projects' Principal Investigators [PI], the Project Manager will carry out contractual monitoring, track project progress, perform project's financial operations and reporting, and be responsible for the daily operations of the ESRC. The Project Manager will work closely with the project PI, funding agencies, staff, national and international collaborators and graduate students, industry partners, and University officers.

We are seeking an individual with:

- Excellent project management skills
- Excellent communication skills both written & oral
- Comfortable with financial statements and contract language

- At ease with word processing
- Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Excel is essential
- Excellent organizational skills
- Can work independently

Applicants for this position should

- hold, at a minimum, Bachelor's degree in Sciences or University degree on an Environmental subject or area with a minimum of 2 years experience in Project Management.
- submit a curriculum vitae, a statement of interests, and the names and contact information of three referees, to: Dr. Hugo Beltrami, Environmental Sciences Research Centre, St. Francis Xavier University, 1 West Street, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada, B2G 2W5. (hugo@stfx.ca). Additional information can be found in the Environmental Sciences Research Centre web page. Consideration of applications will begin on October 30th, 2009 and will continue until the position is filled. We offer an initial 2-year contract, renewable yearly to the end of the contract based on performances, at \$42,000 annually, plus university benefits.

F. Volunteer Opportunities / HelpWanted

F1.

RECRUITING! NSEN BOARD MEMBERS – Help advance the environmental movement in NS

NSEN needs new board members. To join our board, you must represent a member organization. We strive to have a board that represents the different regions of the province, the variety of environmental issues, and represents racial diversity and gender parity. This is a great way to get involved with the NSEN and to help support the environmental community in Nova Scotia. Our board meets 10 times per year the first Monday of every month from 6:30-8:30 pm. For more information, please contact Tamara: nsen@cen-rce.org and (902) 454-6846. NSEN Annual Gathering will be on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Windhorse Farm – new board members will be encouraged to attend.

F2.

INTERNSHIP/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Volunteer in Bolivia with Expenses Paid*

Position: 7 Positions Available

Organization: Canadian Crossroads International <http://cciorg.ca>

Location: Bolivia, South America

Are you looking for ways to contribute to global social justice? Are you ready to learn from and share with colleagues in another country? Do you have the ability to cope creatively with change?

Canadian Crossroads International's West Office has volunteer positions working with Bolivian partners in community economic development from January 2010 to July 2010!

All positions require a minimum of high intermediate Spanish and specific job skills and requirements as posted on our website. These are volunteer positions that receive a modest stipend and have all related travel and living expenses covered*.

CIDA positions (for any age of applicant):

* Credit Risk Analyst: Bolivia

* Social Performance Specialist

* Risk Analyst: Bolivia

* IYIP positions (for those 30 and under):

* Human Resources Analyst: Bolivia

* Systems Manager: Bolivia

* Fair Trade Marketing Specialist: Bolivia

* Database Designer: Bolivia

Ongoing Review of Applications Until Position is Filled. All applicants must complete the application form from our website: CCI Application Form. To find out more about the volunteer positions offered by CCI's other regional offices, please visit our website: <http://www.cciorg.ca> All position-related travel and living expenses which are within pre-defined parameters. Canadian Crossroads International is a non-profit international volunteer cooperation agency that brings citizens and organizations in Canada and developing

countries together to reduce poverty, combat HIV and AIDS and promote human rights. More info: <http://bbnc.cciorg.ca/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=455&srcid=454>

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.

Environment Canada Eco-Action

Nov. 1 deadline for Environment Canada's Eco-Action Grant: http://www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/index_E.htm

G4.

Patagonia Grants Program

http://www.patagonia.com/web/us/patagonia.go?slc=en_US&sct=US&assetid=2927

G5.

IWK Community Grants

Thanks to donor support the IWK Foundation has been able to help improve the lives of hundreds of Maritime families through the IWK Community Grants Program, under the Primary Health portfolio at the IWK. The program contributes \$300K annually to community projects across Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick that promote wellness and healthy living and that support the IWK Health Centre priorities (listed below).

Applications for community grants are now being accepted for 2010/2011.

Deadline for application is November 30, 2009.

For more information, please contact Julie Harrington, IWK Community Grants Coordinator at (902) 443-2563.

IWK Community Grants are awarded to projects which support the following priorities for the IWK:

- 1.Supporting the healthy growth and development of children 0-6 years, including the prenatal period
- 2.Preventing child/youth obesity
- 3.Supporting parents of children 0-16 in their parenting role
- 4.Addressing the needs of "at risk" youth
- 5.Improving women's wellness across the adult and senior years
- 6.Reducing the incidence/severity of child and youth injuries

Click here to print an application form: <http://www.iwkfoundation.org/index.cfm?objectid=71AD1157-914C-D7E3-453BB7BDB031B4EA>

G6.

Aviva Community Fund Contest - Deadline Nov. 29

We want to support what's important to you by helping you make a positive change in your community. If you're interested in changing Canada for the better, you're in the right place. The Aviva Community Fund competition is giving you the chance to voice an idea that will create a lasting change in your community. The most popular ideas, as chosen by Canadians, will have a chance at sharing in the \$500,000 Aviva Community Fund.

We're holding a competition with 3 opening rounds, where you can enter your idea or support your favourites. At the end of each round, 20 ideas go through to the Semi-Finals, and those that don't make it through are still in the

running. They will have their vote count reset to 0 and are automatically entered into the next qualifying round. That means everyone has up to 3 chances to compete to be one of the 62 semi-finalists. The competition closes to new entries on November 29th, 2009, so enter your idea now or start supporting ideas in your community.

http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/nfp?utm_source=The+Aviva+Community+Fund+-+NFP&utm_campaign=08acb41763-NFP_O_E_EN&utm_medium=email

G7.

Do Something Grant: Sustainable Community Projects

Did you create a sustainable community action project, program or organization that you want to grow? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? We give out a \$500 Do Something Grant every week to help young people just like YOU! Deadline: None! Apply now! You will be notified 2-3 months after submission. Find out more: <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/green-grant-winners>

G8.

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>

H. News

H1.

Joint Atlantic pesticide law would be mistake

By HELEN JONES

Chronicle Herald

THE ATLANTIC provinces' environment ministers have been looking at regulating cosmetic landscape pesticides with common legislation. Locking Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador into the same legislation would be a major mistake for Nova Scotians. Nova Scotia needs to be free to copy the best features of Ontario's and Quebec's legislation, not be saddled with weak New Brunswick legislation (that P.E.I. may be about to copy), which may have the largest lawn-care companies shaking with gleeful laughter. Nova Scotia also needs to have the freedom to create some of its own improved law....

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/Columnists/1147386.html>

H2.

Biosolids concern council

Kings County wants report on use of sludge as fertilizer

By GORDON DELANEY Valley Bureau

Chronicle Herald

KENTVILLE — The possible spreading of biosolids as fertilizer on farmland has raised concerns among Kings County councillors and environmentalists.

Council has asked staff to prepare a report on the issue following a request from the Nova Scotia Environmental Network to ban the practice.

"We all have a certain concern," Warden Fred Whalen said in a recent interview. "One councillor has asked for an immediate moratorium on it."...

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/NovaScotia/1146137.html>

H3.

Acadia bans vehicle idling on campus

Chronicle Herald

By GLEN PARKER

Mon. Oct 26 - 4:46 AM

WOLFVILLE — Acadia University has adopted a policy banning vehicle idling on campus except in extraordinary circumstances.

"We're going to put up signs on campus where people are typically picked up and dropped off," said Scott Roberts, the university's communications and public affairs director.

"There will be no fines. But this empowers our folks on campus to remind people to turn off the engines in their cars if they are parked."

Acadia's Share the Air policy is an initiative of the university's joint occupational health and safety committee. The university also bans tobacco sales, smoking on campus and the use of scented products.

The idling policy, which also applies to the university's campus vehicles, went into effect Wednesday....
<http://thechronicleherald.ca/NovaScotia/1149562.html>

H4.

Australian Government report shocks country where 80% of population lives on coast

Coastal homes in Australia at risk from rising sea levels

By Kathy Marks in Sydney

Wednesday, 28 October 2009

The House of Representatives Climate Change, Water, Environment and the Arts Committee has released its inquiry report, *Managing our Coastal Zone in a Changing Climate: the Time to Act is Now*. The report calls for new governance arrangements for Australia's coastal zone and makes recommendations to improve management of climate change and environmental impacts on the coast. "The key message that emerged from the inquiry is the need for national leadership in managing Australia's coastal zone in the context of climate change. The Committee's recommendations focus on how national leadership can be provided in a collaborative framework with state and local government and how we can better engage the community in this initiative", Committee Chair Ms Jennie George said.

http://www.aph.gov.au/house/house_news/news_stories/news_ccwea_oct09.htm

H5.

Nova Scotia: A new protected area and commitment to land conservation

Land protection and conservation in Nova Scotia is making great gains this fall. Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area, near the Eastern Shore of Halifax Regional Municipality in Nova Scotia, has finally received official government protection. The area spans 14,700 hectares (36,000 acres) and includes stands of old forest, large wetland complexes, raised bogs, and numerous wilderness lakes and waterways. This accomplishment is due to the hard work and persistence of local residents and environmental groups in Nova Scotia over the last decade. The Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area is home to rare and globally endangered species. This designation will help sustain a tradition of wilderness recreation and will bring a variety of economic opportunities to the surrounding communities.

For more information, visit <http://www.ecologyaction.ca/content/ship-harbour-long-lake-wilderness-area-declared-protected-last> and the Eastern Shore Forest Watch <http://www.forestwatch.ca/>.

In late September, Nova Scotia's newly elected provincial government pledged in its budget throne speech to spend \$81 million this fiscal year to protect more of the province's wilderness and coastline from development. The focus is on privately owned land purchases. This is a strategic choice since close to 70 per cent of the province and approximately 95 per cent of the coastline is privately owned. According to local press reports, this represents a \$66 million increase from the previous government's spending. The previous government created and passed the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act which sets a conservation target to protect 12 per cent of the province's land from development by 2015. This new commitment from the current government could help meet that goal by bringing the total of protected land to 9.4 per cent from its current 8.7 per cent while at the same time protecting more of the coast from increasing development. Coastline conservation is critical to assuring public access and responding to impacts from infrastructure development, fragmentation and climate change.

For more information, visit Nova Scotia Nature Trust <http://www.nmnt.ca/>, and The Canadian Land Trust Alliances <http://www.clta.ca/>.

H6.

Protesters disrupt question period

Last Updated: Monday, October 26, 2009 | 3:37 PM ET CBC News

A loud protest in the visitors gallery of the House of Commons led to several arrests and the brief shutdown of question period on Monday. About 200 protesters chanted slogans to support Bill C-311, an NDP private member's bill on climate change. The protesters yelled, "I say 311, you say 'sign it.'" Parliamentary security guards eventually cleared the public gallery in Ottawa by removing the demonstrators in small groups. Last week, the House voted to extend the deadline for the environment committee's review of the bill. The NDP had wanted the bill to move to the next stage, in the hopes that it might become law, and compel the government to action, before the Copenhagen Summit on Climate Change in December. The Bloc Québécois agreed with the NDP, but the Conservatives did not. The Liberal caucus was split, with 42 voting for the extension, and 14 Liberals supporting the NDP and BQ. <http://www.cbc.ca/politics/story/2009/10/26/house-commons-protest-environment.html#socialcomments>

H7.

Five Bridge Lakes Candidate Wilderness Area Announced

Hikers, hunters, anglers, artists, paddlers, birdwatchers and other nature lovers will have an opportunity to enjoy even more protected wilderness just a stone's throw from Nova Scotia's largest urban population.

More than 8,000 hectares (about 20,000 acres) of land and watercourses on the Chebucto Peninsula, in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), is being considered as Nova Scotia's newest protected area.

The announcement of the candidate wilderness area, to be called Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area, was made today, Oct. 19, at an event marking the designation last month of Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness area, about 15,000 hectares near the eastern shore of HRM.

"We are protecting wilderness near the city so today's families, and future generations in HRM, can experience and benefit from the wonders of nature close to home," said Mr. Belliveau, Minister of Environment. "It also moves us closer to our goal of protecting at least 12 per cent of Nova Scotia's land base by 2015."

Before it can become legally protected under the Wilderness Areas Protection Act, there will be public consultation and discussion with interested parties to finalize the area's boundaries. A public consultation process will be announced in the near future.

"Natural Resources is pleased to work closely with the Department of Environment, on the designation of new protected areas for the benefit of all Nova Scotians," said John MacDonell, Minister of Natural Resources.

Once designated, the wilderness area will protect important natural features of the Chebucto Peninsula. This will include portions of three watersheds and many lakes, wetlands and stretches of small rivers. The peninsula is also home to a small population of the endangered mainland moose and a rare plant, the Mountain Sandwort, found in rock barrens.

At the event, the minister also announced the formation of a working committee between the departments of Environment and Natural Resources to ensure the planning of protected areas proceeds efficiently.

The committee's work will be informed by a report expected soon from the Colin Stewart Forest Forum, a joint scientific working group of provincial non-government organizations and major forest companies. It will identify the province's most important ecological sites and ways to minimize the impact of land protection on the forestry industry.

The province also intends to consult widely to evaluate options to establish a large, wilderness area within Crown lands in and near Chignecto Game Sanctuary in Cumberland County.

The evaluation will be conducted by the Department of Environment, in co-operation with the Department of Natural Resources.

Initial consultation will take place with interested parties, including community, business and environment stakeholders and organizations. Fully understanding all concerns and views will help government make informed decisions before developing proposed boundaries for the wilderness area.

The area represents a unique opportunity for wilderness protection. It is also an area of significance for recreation, mineral and petroleum exploration, forestry and other uses.

Details about the evaluation process and opportunities for participation will be released in the weeks to come.

More information on Nova Scotia's wilderness areas and the wilderness designation process is at www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protectedareas

I. Resources

II.

Nova Scotia Office of the Ombudsman

If you feel you have been treated unfairly by a provincial or municipal government body, or you have a complaint about a Nova Scotia government service ... The Nova Scotia Office of the Ombudsman may be able to help you. <http://www.gov.ns.ca/ombu/>

I2.

Air Quality Index

Air Quality Health Index

The Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) is a new public information tool that helps Canadians protect their health on a daily basis from the negative effects of air pollution. This tool has been developed by Health Canada and Environment Canada, in collaboration with the provinces and key health and environment stakeholders. More info: www.airhealth.ca

I3.

Prescriptions for a Healthy Canada Report by D. Boyd and D. Suzuki

Many Canadians will find it disturbing to learn that their country has fallen behind in protecting its citizens from environmental threats to their health. While most developed countries have adopted national health and environment strategies, Canada has not. Each year, millions of Canadians become ill or disabled after being exposed to environmental contaminants linked to asthma, gastrointestinal illness, poisonings, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, developmental disorders, birth defects, and reproductive problems. No one can put a price on the pain, the suffering, the diminished quality of life, and the loss of life caused by illnesses and death. However, we do know that environmental contamination costs Canada billions of dollars each year due to health care expenses, school absenteeism, decreased intelligence, and lost productivity. The good news is that we can prevent the majority of the adverse environmental effects on our health. Canada could join other world leaders in protecting public health by embracing the recommendations in Prescription for a Healthy Canada for reducing air pollution, protecting water quality, improving food safety, addressing threats posed by consumer products, and banning the most hazardous substances currently being used.

Read the report here: http://www.davidsuzuki.org/health/National_strategy.asp

I4.

Blue Avocado: Fun, Provocative and Practical Food for Thought for Non-Profits

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

I5.

National Roundtable on the Environment & Economy – Report & Work on Water

Excellent reports and work done by the NRTEE

Find out more here: <http://www.nrtee-trnee.com/eng/issues/water.php>

I6.

Humane Education Programs in Maine

<http://humaneeducation.org/sections/view/programs>

I7.

Canadian Index of Well-Being

A bold step has been taken to recognize and keep track of issues that concern Canadians. A Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW) is launched. <http://www.ciw.ca/en/Home.aspx>

I8.

America’s Clean Energy Economy Report

http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/uploadedFiles/Clean_Economy_Report_Web.pdf

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