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Environmental Network
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Eco Connections Newsletter February 2018

Welcome!

Below you will find **events** (starting on page 2), lots of **jobs postings** (page 5), **opportunities** to have your voice heard (page 9) and **news** (page 16). *Eco Connections* is published on a monthly basis around the middle of each month. To have your submissions included or to receive the *Eco Connections* directly, email: nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com.

Get in touch!

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork

Website: <http://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/events>

Email: nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

Membership: Membership Matters!

We would like to thank all the new members who are helping to revitalize NSEN by connecting to the network recently. Your energy, input and dedication to the environment is why we exist. We would like to acknowledge individuals and academic departments who have joined as Associate Members.

We encourage anyone who has a particular interest in a certain area to join or start a caucus. Presently we have Environmental and Sustainability Education and Water caucuses which do very valuable work in their areas. We would also like to encourage those who prefer managerial and administrative tasks to apply to be considered for the administrative Board. We are looking for specific administrative skills that are not issue or advocacy specific. The later is for caucus consideration. Contact the board c/o jonilight3@yahoo.ca.

A big thanks to our latest renewed or new members:

- Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter
- Ecology Action Centre
- Sustainability Network
- Linda Scherzinger
- David Henry

Looking for board members: We're looking for you! NSEN is looking to expand the board. Having a board is the cornerstone of a strong network and NSEN is obviously a province-wide organization and we would like this province-wide reach of the network to be reflected in the makeup of our board! It's easy to join in via teleconference. We encourage participation from members from all regions of the province. Be in touch with me and I'll send your email to the board: nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com.

NSEN Caucuses:

Water Caucus: The next NSEN Water Caucus meeting is TBA. Be in touch for more info: Amy Buckland-Nicks: amy.buckland-nicks@merseytobeatric.ca.

Environmental and Sustainability Education Caucus: The next meeting is March 23 at Efficiency NS from 10am -12pm. Be in touch with Karen for further details: karenmckendry@eastlink.ca. See info and the members of the ESE Caucus here: <https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/ese>.

NSEN Updates:

- NSEN received Halifax and Truro Health Board Wellness funding to host new Talking Circle Series: EGO TO ECO: LEARNING MI'KMAQ APPROACHES TO CONNECTING ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN HEALTH IN NOVA SCOTIA with the Halifax Central Library and a venue in Truro to be announced. More details to come!

- NSEN representatives are working with our national counterpart, RCEN, to convince the federal government to restore the Environmental Network core funding that the Harper government cancelled. In order to financially support NSEN member groups,
- NSEN has also been in contact with the Provincial Department of Environment to find a way to activate and grow unused Environmental Trust Fund monies being held in the department.
- NSEN met with five new board members in an information gathering and disseminating session on Feb. 3rd. An orientation for board members, followed by a special members meeting will be upcoming. Details to follow. We're still looking for representation from Cape Breton, Southwest Nova, Cumberland/ Colchester/ Antigonish region. Contact Joanne Light if you're interested: jonilight3@yahoo.ca

Upcoming Member Events & Events of Interest

February

#nopipe Protest at the Legislature

When: Tuesday, February 27 at 12 PM

Where: Nova Scotia Legislature, 1726 Hollis Street, Halifax,

Northern Pulp must stop using Boat Harbour for their effluent in 2020. What have they come up with? Putting the effluent directly into the Northumberland Strait. They failed to listen to the fishermen, concerned citizens, business owners and the members of Pictou Landing First Nations. Join Lenore Zann on the steps of the Legislature and let the government know we won't allow a pipe in OUR Strait! Bring your props, accessories and signs! #nopipe

Nova Scotia Outdoor Network Collaboratory Series find all the listings for upcoming events here:

<http://nsoutdoornetwork.ca/WanderstreamUI/pages/events-search-results.xhtml>

Hike NS Guided Snowshoe Hike Series 2018

Hike Nova Scotia and 38 host organizations across the province have partnered up to offer the 2018 Winter Guided Snowshoe Hike Series from January to March. There are over 65 hikes led by local folks and participants qualify to win "trail prizes." Most hikes are free and require pre-registration unless otherwise indicated in the schedule. Hike NS thanks its partners for organizing the hikes on the ground as well as Goose Lane Editions and the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage for their support. Check out details in the schedule found at www.hikenovascotia.ca.

Survival Skills Workshop - Deanery Project

Join Deanery staff member Steve Abbott for an interactive presentation on outdoor preparedness and survival.

Learn the techniques and sciences behind shelter and fire building as you explore the property's Acadian forest.

The afternoon will cover trip planning, rescue signalling, equipment and more.

You'll learn to plan for things to go right and be ready for if they don't.

Date: Sunday, February 25th

Time: 1-4:30

Ages 14+

Price: \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members.

t. [902-845-1888](tel:902-845-1888) e. thedeaneryproject.com

Supercharge Your Purpose

Communications Training Webinars that Drive Organizational Success in Nonprofits

'Effective Events' and 'Email Campaigns'

We are pleased to be working once again with Second Revolution Communications to present two webinar trainings, for those with beginner to intermediate knowledge, that will build your organization's marketing and communication capacity to maximize your public engagement and fundraising activities.

Webinar 1: Engineering Effective Events

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET

In this webinar, you will learn how to turn your event into the must-attend occasion on your community's social calendar

while adding significant value to your brand, operations and bottom line. We'll use case studies to run you through developing the initial concept, thematic devices, venue, MC and speakers, entertainment, food, venue decoration, audio/video, set-up and teardown and attendee (and sponsor) follow-up.

Webinar 2: Engaging Email Campaigns

Thursday, March 1, 2018

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET

In this webinar you will explore a number of email design and messaging case studies, and compare some of the major email service providers and their technical offerings. You'll learn the importance of list segmentation, integrating contact relationship management (CRM) systems, personalization of emails, and automated email series messaging. You'll also learn how to improve your email communications through consistent metrics analysis and A/B testing.

Webinar Leaders:

Brad Pearson is a digital and print design professional of 20 years, equally at home in the technical and creative worlds—the type who gives both colour theory and coding their due.

Keith Treffry is an award-winning communications strategist with more than 20 years of experience in senior communications roles, including 17 years in the non-profit/charitable sector. Second Revolution Communications is their full-service communications agency.

Cost: \$40 for both webinars or \$25 for one

March and onward...

NS Hiking Summit May 11-13, Ingonish

Hike Nova Scotia invites individuals and groups with an interest in hiking, walking and snowshoeing to the seventh annual Nova Scotia Hiking Summit from Friday, May 11 to Sunday, May 13 in Ingonish at the Keltic Lodge. The summit is a celebration of hiking culture and includes best practices, stories, networking opportunities, hikes and a new family / kids' program. It is hosted by Hike NS, Naturally Active Victoria County, Parks Canada and the Keltic Lodge at the Highlands. Presenting sponsor is The Trail Shop, Platinum sponsor is Victoria County, Gold sponsors are Parks Canada and Destination Cape Breton, Silver sponsors are the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage and Big Spruce Brewing and Bronze sponsor is the Ingonish Development Society. The guys from A for Adventure will be our MCs and the keynote speaker is David Miller, author of AWOL on the Appalachian Trail and The A.T. Guide.

There is limited space, so please register early to secure your spot. Registration is \$45 for paid Hike NS members, \$55 for non-members and \$35 for children, youth and students. With the new family / kid's program this year, families are invited to attend (some childcare provided). Registration includes: access to information sessions, hike events and socials along with Saturday and Sunday lunches. There are optional breakfasts and a Saturday supper at additional cost. Registration does not include accommodation or other meals – you must arrange them on your own. The deadline to register is May 6. Learn more and register online at www.hikenovascotia.ca/projects/hiking-summit/.

Expedition for the Earth Information Night!

Looking for more information? Have questions you'd like answered? Or want to learn more about the places you will visit? We'll take you on a visual journey to Ecuador. Hear firsthand stories from Barbara Haley our Philanthropy Facilitator who has lived, worked and travelled in Ecuador. You will also hear from Laura Hussey-Bondt, a Expedition for the Earth Patagonia and Iceland participant, who will share her experiences and how she accomplished her fundraising goal twice. Don't miss this chance to find out more about this once-in a lifetime adventure!

February 21st, 6-7pm

Nature Trust office, [81 Prince Albert Rd., Dartmouth, NS](#)

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to: expedition@nsnt.ca or by calling 902-425-5263 if you plan to attend.

Join us on the adventure of a lifetime!

The Nature Trust is seeking adventurers to join us and for the third Expedition for the Earth to Ecuador from September 22-29, 2018!

This incredible adventure will take you to one of the world's biodiversity hotspots. You will visit the cloud forests, upper Amazon basin, volcanoes and Andean peaks of northern Ecuador on this fully-guided 8 day trek.

The goal of the Expedition for the Earth is to raise critical funds and awareness to support the conservation of special places in Nova Scotia while exploring incredible protected places around the world.

Internationally renowned mountaineer Wally Berg of [Berg Adventures International](#) will expertly guide the trek. Wally has extensive experience guiding international adventures and has led countless expeditions around the world including to the

seven summits. In addition, Berg has partnered with the Nature Trust on the previous two Expedition for the Earth treks to Patagonia in 2013 and Iceland in 2016, which raised over \$100,000 for conservation in Nova Scotia.

The Adventure:

The adventure will begin in Quito. From there you will travel to the Upper Amazon basin and spend the next several days exploring the cloud forests and lush Amazon basin of the Cayambe Coca Ecological Reserve. After that you will travel north to Otavalo where you will hike the spectacular Guinea Pig Lake in the Cotacachi-Cyapas Ecological Reserve, and climb to the summit of Fuya Fuya. For every part of your journey you will be joined by local naturalists who will provide fascinating insights into the local protected areas, and the incredible flora and fauna of the region.

[Read more about the trek.](#)

New! Galapagos Extension

Berg Adventures will be offering an optional add-on trip to the Galapagos that is separate from the Expedition for the Earth and can be booked through Berg directly. For a detailed overview of this incredible trip [view the itinerary here.](#)

Please contact Berg Adventures as soon as possible if you are interested to reserve your spot on the boat.

For more information contact Berg (Phone: [1-403-609-4148](tel:1-403-609-4148) Toll free: [1-866-609-4148](tel:1-866-609-4148))

Sign up Today!

[Registration Deadline: March 1, 2018](#)

Contact:

expedition@nsnt.ca

Phone: 902-425-5263

expeditionfortheearth.ca

Courage to Lead for Young Leaders & Activists 2018

When: May 3 - May 5, 2018 Thu 4:00 PM - Sat 3:00 PM

Where: Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche, NS

Are you actively engaged in creating a more just, peaceful, and ecologically responsible world? Are you passionate about your vocation or cause, but trying to sustain yourself in the midst of heavy demands and the urgency you feel about making a difference? This retreat is a rare opportunity for **renewal, deeper connection** with kindred spirits and committed peers, and the chance to **explore questions** of importance to you.

Courage & Renewal retreats help you **become a more self-aware, wholehearted leader**. You'll experience the time and space to renew, reflect, and to:

Pause, be still, and disconnect from technology and the demanding pace of a leader's life.

Seek clarity in your vocation and sense of purpose.

Honour both successes and struggles in your professional and personal life

Witness and be witnessed, listen and be listened to – without performance evaluation, statusizing, or ego.

Strengthen your capacity to ask open-ended questions, hold tensions, and rejoin soul and role

At the retreat, thirty young leaders and activists (ages 25-40) will journey together by engaging in large- and small-group dialogues focused on evocative texts and questions. Over the course of three days, there will be opportunities to explore the intersection of your inner capacity and authenticity as it relates to life, leadership, and activism. There will be time for stillness, solitude, and journaling for reflection, to help unearth clarity and courage and bring meaning and resiliency to your life and leadership. This retreat is modeled on the **Circle of Trust® approach** developed by Parker J. Palmer and the Center for Courage & Renewal. For the past six years, these Young Leaders and Activists retreats have been offered in the United States drawing international cohorts. Tatamagouche Centre is pleased to partner with the Center for Courage & Renewal to host the retreat for the first time in Canada. You can learn more about "Circles of Trust" at

www.couragerenewal.org/approach or in Parker Palmer's book, *A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life*. Program Cost: \$500 (tuition, meals & lodging). Participation is based on an application. To apply for this program [click here.](#)

Communities, Conservation & Livelihoods Conference

When: May 28-30, 2018

Where: Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The overall theme of the conference is centred on local communities creating change for the better. How can local communities, around the world, take care of their environment and as a result, support their local economies? We expect over 300 international delegates to attend the conference.

The conference will be featuring a wide range of sessions/events, including oral presentations, talking circles, community-focused gatherings, panel discussions, roundtables, and workshops, as well as artistic performances (e.g. dance, drama, music), photography exhibits and film showings.

If participating in this gathering appeals to your group/organization, you are most welcome to propose a contribution. We hope those in your organization will be interested in the conference. Registration will open in February 2018. If you have any questions concerning the CCL conference don't hesitate to call me at [\(902\) 491-6584](tel:9024916584).
Renee Field

Project Coordinator, CCL Conference
[Community Conservation Research Network](http://www.communityconservationresearchnetwork.ca), Saint Mary's University

Starhawk is coming to Tatamagouche Centre!

Program Dates: August 18- September 1, 2018

Where: Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche, NS

Join Starhawk and Charles Williams for their internationally recognized Earth Activist Training (EAT). This two-week intensive is a Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) course, offering the basic, internationally-recognized 72-hour permaculture curriculum with an additional focus on social permaculture, organizing tools, and spirit. **Registration Deadline:** July 18, 2018. **Apply for bursaries by:** June 18, 2018.

Find out more and register here: www.tatacentre.ca/index.php/programs/details/2509

Job Postings

Nature Interpreter <https://GoodWork.ca/916634>

Type: summer job / summer student position

Organization: Ducks Unlimited Canada

Location: Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia (between Halifax and Truro)

If you are qualified and interested in this opportunity, please submit (email preferred) your cover letter, résumé, and the names of three references for confidential consideration by March 12th, 2018 to the attention of:

Rebecca Parker, Education Specialist

Ducks Unlimited Canada

Shubenacadie, NS

r_parker@ducks.ca

Senior Project Manager <https://GoodWork.ca/934734>

Organization: MNP Executive Search & Professional Recruitment

Location: anywhere in Canada

If you are a motivated, detail oriented, self-starter and feel you have the demonstrated background and are interested in learning more about this career opportunity please forward your resume to Kamalita.Ketler@mnp.ca or call [204.336.6107](tel:2043366107).

Small farm stewards <http://FoodWork.ca/972934>

Type: work-stay or self-employment, with modest stipend, accom., more (see below)

Location: near Port Joli, South Shore, Nova Scotia

Seeking help to work with owner bringing a 19th century ocean-side farm on Nova Scotia's South Shore back to life.

Ideal applicant would be a couple (possibly early retirees) having some skills and lots of motivation to farm but nowhere to dig. This would be May to October (longer term possible). In return can provide a modest stipend, accommodation (off-grid cabin on shore), plus gardens, pastures, and all outdoors to grow and gather food. The more skills and experience the better.

Potential additional income through leading workshops relating to rural homestead living, small farming, woodlot management, or market gardening. (Located half hour from Liverpool, Lockeport, and Shelburne farmers' markets.)

Blacksmith shop, Wood-Mizer portable mill, and antique shingle mill available for use and/or instruction.

To apply send letter of introduction and résumé no later than Feb. 28, 2018, to Dirk van Loon, care of the Canadian Small Farm Institute, RR 1 Port Joli, NS B0T 1S0. By email: dvledit@eastlink.ca

Travel Guides <https://GoodWork.ca/946934>

Employer: Backroads

Locations: across Canada and beyond

Visit Backroads Hiring for more information about this exciting opportunity and lifestyle, meet a few of our leaders and to APPLY now! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzcYc9iPGzs>

Manager, Social Enterprise <http://FoodWork.ca/991044>

Organization: Partner For Care

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

This is an 18-month full time contract. The position works out of the Partner for Care office in the Victoria General (VG) hospital.

To apply, send a cover letter and resume in one document to: jodi@grassrootshrconsulting.ca by February 20th, 2018.

Please include the position title in the subject. We thank you for your interest, however only candidates considered for an interview will be contacted.

Seafood Sleuth <https://GoodWork.ca/946044>

Organization: Oceana Canada

Location: anywhere in Canada, Ontario

Join Oceana Canada in helping to identify fraud and mislabelling in your city! As a “seafood sleuth,” you receive a free DNA sampling kit, which you can use to test seafood from your favourite restaurant or grocery store to find out its true identity. Sign up to receive more information and help combat seafood fraud in Canada.

Environmental Farm Manager and Educator <http://FoodWork.ca/927044>

Type: full-time, beginning ASAP through Sept. 18, possibility of extension

Organization: CoastArts Association

Location: Canning, Nova Scotia

Deadline: February 20, 2018

Email: chris@artscentre.ca Subject line: Environmental Farm Manager and Educator

Chef and Food Specialist <http://FoodWork.ca/937044>

Type: f/t 40 hrs/week, March to November, potential for extension

Organization: Ross Creek Centre for the Arts (CoastArts Association)

Location: Canning, Nova Scotia

Deadline: February 20, 2018

E-mail: chris@artscentre.ca Subject line: Chef and Baker

Organic inspector <http://FoodWork.ca/968044>

Organization: Ecocert Canada

Location: Maritimes Provinces (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island)

Canvasser, Membership Recruitment Team <https://GoodWork.ca/931144>

Organization: Ecology Action Centre

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, resume and two references to: dana@ecologyaction.ca

Pacific Programs Community Liaison <https://GoodWork.ca/946144>

Organization: Tides Canada Foundation

Location: anywhere in Canada

Three-year fixed-term, 28 hours a week

Work from Home Office

Starting as soon as possible

Please send your resume and the cover letter with your responses to the above questions to careers@tidescanada.org, careers@tidescanada.org by March 2, 2018.

Communications Officer, Atlantic Region Climate Change Adaptation Assessment <https://GoodWork.ca/978144>

Type: 6-month f/t contract / Canada Green Corps Internship

Organization: COINAtlantic - Coastal and Ocean Information Network Atlantic

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

To Apply: Please email coinatlantic@dal.ca with a cover letter indicating your interest and relevant qualifications and resume by 15 March 2018.

Clean Leadership Professional Internships <https://GoodWork.ca/905434>

Type: 6-12 month subsidized internships

Employers: various

Location: Atlantic Canada

These opportunities are offered as part of the Clean Leaders Internship program.

Clean Foundation is proud to partner with Environment and Climate Change Canada's Science Horizons internship program. Our goal is to build the talent pipeline for the clean growth economy in Atlantic Canada. We help place young professionals in 6-12 month subsidized internships that focus on environment in the areas of clean tech, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

The projects that we currently offer through this internship program include environmental restoration, renewable energy, climate change action, technology development, waste reduction, sustainable agriculture and carbon emissions analysis and reduction.

Qualifications:

- Strong passion for the environment
- Excellent organization, communication and presentation skills
- Problem-solving ability, self-confidence, and a strong work ethic
- Sound judgement, creativity, and maturity
- Proficiency in French can be required by some employers and be an added benefit in others
- Self-motivated, curious and adaptable, able to work as an individual and as part of a team
- Recent graduates from a post-secondary program
- No more than 30 years of age at the start of the internship
- Canadian citizens, permanent residents or persons granted refugee status in Canada
- Available to work for at least six months
- Not currently employed as a paid employee at the host organization
- Legally allowed to work according to the relevant provincial and Canadian legislation and regulations
- Not receiving employment insurance during their internship
- Unemployed or underemployed

Application Process

1. Apply to be an intern to confirm your eligibility. https://clean-foundation.hivebrite.com/custom_page/professional-internsh...
2. Create your account on The Hive, and browse the Job Board. Apply for jobs of interest. Approved employers will contact you if you are selected for an interview.
*You can also find your own internship with an employer that meets the eligibility criteria (above). They will need to apply to be a host and submit their internship job on the website for approval before you can start as their intern.
3. Once you are matched with a host, Clean will work with you and the host to get the required documents signed prior to the start of your internship.
4. You can start your internship once all the required documents are finalized. At the halfway mark and the end of the internship, you will need to respond to a survey that will serve as a progress report, along with at minimum two check-ins (via phone or, when possible, in person).

We are committed to Employment Equity and our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative at all job levels. We welcome applicants from Indigenous People, Visible Minority Groups, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations of positions where they are under-represented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on either your cover letter or resume.

Work Perks

Be part of The Hive, the clean growth network for Atlantic Canada.

Demonstrate your talent to a new company in a safe and supportive setting.

Get a job that matches your values!

- Apply: https://clean-foundation.hivebrite.com/custom_page/professional-internsh...
- Email: lmurphy@clean.ns.ca
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CleanFoundation>

Position: Housekeepers <https://GoodWork.ca/984534>

Type of position: paid (some staff housing available - inquire)

Employer: Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort & Retreat Centre

Location: Cabot Shores, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort and Retreat Centre on Cape Breton Island is looking for a housekeeper.

Located on the Atlantic side of the Cabot Trail, Cabot Shores is a second home to guests from all over the world. We offer a range of traditional and unique accommodations, outdoor adventures, Wellness, cultural activities and serve nutritious meals in our bistro. We are an eco-friendly resort and use non-toxic cleaning products and detergents. Join our team of hardworking, fun-loving staff and spend the summer in a beautiful setting, enjoying outdoor activities onsite such as meditation, Qi Gong, kayaking, hiking, swimming, music jams, and more. Visit our website at: <http://www.cabotshores.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/cabotshores> to learn more about us.

Duties include:

- Cleaning and maintaining to standard common spaces such as the main lodge, dining area and great room, common room, washrooms, etc
- Cleaning to standard a variety of lodge rooms, chalets, yurts, treetop geodesic domes, event space etc.
- Cleaning outdoor bathroom/shower houses, outhouses, composting toilets
- Assisting the Lead Housekeeper in daily duties

Job dates/pay etc: Mid-June through August 31 - may extend to October 20, 2018, position is part time in June, full time in July & August, and part time in September & October. Pay: Hourly wage (depends on experience) plus shared tips.

If interested, please send resume to Barbara Weinberg, Co-owner via email: barbara@cabotshores.com

Organic Farming Internship More info here: <http://FoodWork.ca/966134>

Type: paid full-time internships; housing optional, more (see below)

Organization: Four Seasons Farm

Location: Maitland, near Truro, Nova Scotia

Four Seasons Farm is a place where many opportunities await both the aspiring farmer and the curious person looking to understand food. While the farm is a commercial business, the resources to learn about farming are many; there is a library of periodicals and books, a small plot of land to play with, experienced farmers to answer questions, and a successful, well established farm to experience. Owners Sina and Owen strive to accommodate and challenge interns so that when they finish the season feel fulfilled and ready to continue their journeys. Those who bring questions, motivation and a sense of humor find the best fit here. Also, previous experience is valued but passion and hard work trump all else. A commitment to a whole season is expected, benefiting the farm and the intern most. Interns who have these qualities enable the farm to move forward in producing healthy organic food, sharing ideas of permaculture and sustainable agriculture, and enriching the farm and the community that surrounds it (Maitland!).

Communications Coordinator More info here: <http://FoodWork.ca/959134>

Organization: Found Forgotten Food

Location: Halifax, or anywhere in Nova Scotia

FOUND strives to reduce food waste by gathering and sharing forgotten fruits and vegetables in Halifax and Wolfville, NS. We source our food from local producers, gardeners, and even the trees around us that otherwise wouldn't end up on our plates.

WRITERS NEEDED <https://GoodWork.ca/931693>

Sharing Success Stories about the Environment to Inspire Action

Position: Guest Writers

Type: volunteer

Publication: Positive Planet

Location: virtual / anywhere

Guest write for Positive Planet!

We are looking for guest writers to contribute a monthly post. We want contributors from all over, so we get a diverse range of positive stories.

Contact me with a short explanation of why you want to write about positive environmental stories.

Positive Planet: <http://positiveplanet.ca>

Contact: <http://positiveplanet.ca/contact>

Seeking: Entrepreneurs/participants for rural rent-free work-trade incubator <https://GoodWork.ca/936824>

Organization: Virtuous Cycle Investing

Location: Rural Nova Scotia

We are in a time of transition. Our working hypothesis is that a major component of this transition will be a change from growth-dependent economics to zero-growth or cyclical economics. The goal of Virtuous Cycle Investment is to identify and invest in tools and strategies that will remain valuable after this transition runs its course.

By creating alternatives for smart capital and talent, we hope to provide a low-friction vehicle for preserving the gains made in the industrial age as the chaotic transition to the next one takes place. Our current approach is to provide mentorship, workspace, a legal framework and co-investment opportunities to partners who believe they have a project that would align with these goals. Our current areas of research are in land transformation, self-organization and machine learning, but we are interested in all proposals.

Our innovation is a 'rural incubator' model. By pairing entrepreneurial people with rural landowners who need help with upkeep and transformation, several synergies can be accomplished. The entrepreneurial partner gets a large, rent-free space to work, free of many of the distractions common in a more cramped urban environment. By doing a few hours of manual labour each day in exchange, regular light exercise is assured and the partner is able to 'reset' between long periods of deep work. This keeps up health and prevents the 'burnout' common among trailblazers.

Please contact us at: virtuouscycleinvestment@gmail.com if you're interested.

Environmental Opportunities

Volunteer Graphic Designer <https://GoodWork.ca/902044>

Organization: The Natural Step Canada

Location: anywhere in Canada

Send your resume to: communications@naturalstep.ca. Please include a link to your portfolio or include a PDF of recent examples.

Volunteer Social Media Coordinator <https://GoodWork.ca/910044>

Organization: Bee City Canada

Location: from home, anywhere in Canada

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to Nick Savva at: nick@beecitycanada.org

Free online course put on by the Education faculty at UBC. **Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education**. Advancing reconciliation in classrooms, organizations, and communities through the teaching and learning of Indigenous ways of knowing. <https://www.edx.org/course/reconciliation-through-indigenous-education>

Skyrocket your green idea! Commission for Environmental Cooperation Launches Second Youth Innovation Challenge

Enter our challenge to compete for \$5,000 in seed funding and present your green growth idea to North American environmental leaders in Oklahoma City

Montreal, 15 January 2018—Show us what you've got! [North American environmental ministers](#) are calling on youth to champion bold ideas for green growth to address the complex sustainability challenges we currently face. Visit cec.ideascale.com to submit your science, technology and business innovations and get the chance to [present your idea to North America's top environmental officials](#), receive C\$5,000 in project seed funding, and meet with experts at the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC).

"Innovation is the key to North American sustainable growth, enabling us to use our natural resources to grow our economies and quality of life while preserving the environment, ecosystems and human health. North American youth are creative and innovative and we are looking forward to their ideas on green growth," said Scott Pruitt, Administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency and CEC Council Chair.

The CEC Youth Innovation Challenge is open to residents of Canada, Mexico and the United States (and its territories) aged 18-30. Participants are encouraged to look beyond incremental solutions and propose bold ideas to leapfrog to solutions that address the complex sustainability challenges facing North America. Ideas will be evaluated based on four criteria: innovation, impact, feasibility/replicability and profitability. Students and young entrepreneurs are invited to propose ideas on a broad range of green growth topics.

The challenge opens 15 January 2018 and idea submissions are due by 3 April 2018.

This is your chance to make a difference! Start posting your ideas, or commenting and voting on those of others today! Ideas can be submitted in English, French or Spanish. For more information and guidelines, visit cec.ideascale.com. Make sure to tell us about your green idea on [Facebook](#) or Twitter using the #Youth4Innovation hashtag. Follow the CEC on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ceconnect or our Twitter [@CECweb](#).

I am pleased to inform you that the [2018-2019 Call for proposals for the Habitat Stewardship Program](#) (HSP) is now open. In its 19th year, the HSP provides funding to help Canadians protect species at risk and their habitats. The program fosters land, water and resource use practices that maintain the habitat necessary for the survival and recovery of species at risk, enhancing existing conservation activities and encouraging new ones.

For more information about the program and to obtain the 2018-2019 application guidelines, please visit the Government of Canada's [Environmental funding programs website](#).

Expressions of Interest are strongly encouraged, especially for terrestrial projects given the new tiered priorities. The online tracking system is currently being updated with the new application form and is anticipated to be ready by mid-February.

Please note: the HSP has limited funding available for the 2018-2019 fiscal year for new, terrestrial projects in Atlantic Region. As a result, proposals submitted for funding consideration for 2018-2019 may only be assessed if they clearly meet the stated regional and national priorities.

Please Note

Nationally, there will not be a call for proposals for the Prevention Stream of the Habitat Stewardship Program in 2018-2019.

There have been significant changes in the approach to terrestrial priorities for 2018-2019.

There is very limited funding available for the 2018-2019 fiscal year for new HSP-SAR terrestrial projects due to new priorities and commitments for existing multi-year projects. Additional feedback will be provided, as applicable, on Expressions of Interest.

Regional Priorities

Please see attached for a copy of the Habitat Stewardship Program Priorities in Atlantic Region for 2018-2019.

As indicated in the national call for proposals and program application guidelines, there have been significant changes in the approach to terrestrial priorities. Please ensure you review the revised terrestrial priorities and guidance on the tier system carefully, and adjust your application accordingly.

The approach for aquatic priorities has not changed; however, there have been updates to the aquatic priorities for 2018-2019.

Application Process

Expressions of Interest are strongly encouraged and should be submitted to Julie.Mallette@canada.ca. The deadline for Expressions of Interest is **Friday, February 23rd, 2018**, however early submissions are strongly encouraged. Please use the attached template:

If you are not submitting an Expression of Interest please email Julie.Mallette@canada.ca to initialize your accounts with the online application system

Please refer to the HSP Application Guidelines for information on how to complete an Expression of Interest, how to submit a proposal, and other details on project eligibility: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/programs/habitat-stewardship-species-at-risk/stream-guideline.html>.

As indicated in the national call for proposals, **HSP funding will not be available for project activities prior to September 1st, 2018**. Please ensure your proposal reflects this.

There will be a short delay in the launch of the national online application system for 2018-2019.

The submission deadline for HSP proposals through the online application system is Monday March 19, 2018.

For additional information, please contact:

Program Stream	Contact
	Sheri Faulkner Jackson
HSP – Terrestrial	Email: Sheri.Faulkner@canada.ca Telephone: 506-364-5198
HSP – Aquatic	Sydney Worthman Email: Sydney.Worthman@canada.ca Telephone: 709-772-4221

For more details and application information, please visit: <http://ec.gc.ca/hsp-pih/default.asp?lang=En&n=59BF488F-1>. Thank you for your interest in the Habitat Stewardship Program.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Secretariat for Canada is **seeking nominations for individuals to participate in the Expert Meeting on Short-lived Climate Forcers (SLCF)** being held on May 28 to 31, 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland. The outcomes of the meeting will inform the development of Chapter 6 on SLCF in the Working Group I (WGI) report as part of the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Cycle.

The Expert Meeting on SLCF will discuss issues on estimation of emissions and estimation of climate effects, with a focus on aerosols and precursors (as per Option 2 described [here](#)). Further information including the objectives of the meeting and the types of participants being sought, can be found [here](#).

Nominations must include a completed nomination form (attached) and the nominee's curriculum vitae. Nominations are to be submitted to the IPCC Secretariat for Canada (ec.giec-ipcc.ec@canada.ca) by no later than **February 21, 2018**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the IPCC Secretariat if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Jaclyn Paterson

IPCC Secretariat for Canada

Science & Technology Branch

Environment and Climate Change Canada

Government of Canada

ec.giec-ipcc.ec@canada.ca

This is to advise on February 15, 2018, Dexter Construction Company Limited registered the **Money Point Quarry Expansion Project for environmental assessment**, in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to expand the existing quarry located at [342 6014 Road, Bay Road Valley, Victoria County, Nova Scotia](#). The existing quarry has been in operation for approximately 20 years. The land associated with the expanded quarry will occupy a maximum of 13 hectares, which includes the existing quarry footprint. The project life of up to 40 years is expected. The expanded quarry will support continued extraction and production of aggregate of approximately 50,000 tonnes/year for use primarily in the road construction industry in Victoria County. It is intended that the ongoing use of the quarry will be identical, or very similar, to what has taken place at the site since its inception. Subject to market demand, the anticipated expansion start date is during the 2018 construction season.

All project information will be available on our website at: <https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/>

For the first time, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has **posted preliminary greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory** data for public comment. Through this comment period ECCC is seeking your feedback to improve the accuracy and transparency of the National GHG Inventory. The comment period will end March 2nd.

The following documents are now available on the [ECCC Science Access website](#):

- Preliminary GHG emission data tables covering 1990-2016 at the National, Provincial and Territorial levels by both Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Canadian Economic Sectors
- Draft chapters of the 2018 National GHG Inventory Report (2018 NIR), including the Executive Summary, Chapter 2 (GHG Emission Trends), and Chapter 8 (Recalculations and Improvements)
- Instructions on how to provide feedback are found in each file

In addition, final facility-reported GHG data covering 2004 to 2016 and the related Overview Report from the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program is now available on [Canada.ca](#).

Similar to previous years, the final 2018 NIR and associated emissions data will be published by mid-April, 2018.

Thank you in advance for your contribution to the quality of the national GHG inventory.

Kind Regards,

Sara Ryan

Pollutant Inventories and Reporting Division

Science & Technology Branch

Environment and Climate Change Canada

Government of Canada

Environment and Climate Change Canada is inviting you to comment on the proposed amendment to Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA): the List of Wildlife Species at Risk.

Of the 21 terrestrial species that are eligible to be added to Schedule 1 or to have their current status on Schedule 1 changed, seven are known to occur in Atlantic Canada:

Taxon	COSEWIC status	Species	Range	Consultation path
Mammals	Endangered	Caribou (Eastern Migratory population)	MB ON QC NL	Extended
Mammals	Endangered	Caribou (Torngat Mountains population)	NU QC NL	Extended
Arthropods	Special Concern	Transverse Lady Beetle	YT NT NU BC AB SK MB ON QC NB PE NS NL	Normal
Birds	Special Concern	Evening Grosbeak	YT NT BC AB SK MB ON QC NB PE NS NL	Normal

Taxon	COSEWIC status	Species	Range	Consultation path
Vascular Plants	Special Concern	Long's Bulrush	NS	Normal

Taxon	Proposed change to Schedule 1 Status	Species	Range	Consultation Path
Arthropods	From Special Concern to Endangered	Monarch	NT BC AB SK MB ON QC NB PE NS NL	Extended
Vascular Plants	From Threatened to Special Concern	Anticosti Aster	QC NB	Normal

For further details about this consultation opportunity, please see the document "Consultation on Amending the List of Species under the *Species at Risk Act* - Terrestrial Species: January 2018" which is posted on the SARA Public Registry at: http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=3200.

Please submit your comments by May 22, 2018, for terrestrial species undergoing normal consultations and by October 22, 2018, for terrestrial species undergoing extended consultations.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! PROTECT WEST MABOU BEACH PROVINCIAL PARK

January 2018

You may or may not be aware that the beautiful West Mabou Beach Provincial Park is under threat, once again. Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources has been in discussions with Cabot Links/Cabot Cliffs owner to development 18-hole golf course at West Mabou Beach Provincial Park.

We feel that any attempt to compromise any part of this park with any type of development is unacceptable. We ask for your support in getting the word out on how important this park is to all of us and why it must remain, in its entirety, a provincial park.

When this area was protected in 2000, and subsequently declared a fully designated natural environment park in 2001, the Minister of Natural Resources, Ernie Fage, released this statement: "the Nova Scotia government has decided to protect the uniqueness and ecological values of the 215 hectare property. West Mabou beach has a significant beach and dune system, rare plants and outstanding scenic views. Fage says it is also the only piece of crown land that provides access along the western coast of Cape Breton Island."

The following is a description of the park from the province's own website on protected areas.

Overview: Large coastal property on Northumberland Strait with beautiful sand beach and important conservation values.

Protection Values: Contributes to Province's goal of protecting 12% of its land base by 2015; unique dune field; one species of bird found at the park is listed as critically imperilled and another two species vulnerable to expiration or extinction. In addition, two species of vascular plants were listed as imperilled and one species as vulnerable to expiration or extinction.

Education Values: Range of local and regional themes including landforms, dune ecology, coastal processes, wildlife.

Tourism Values: Important in regional tourism infrastructure; just off Ceilidh Trail; one of the region's nicest beaches, significant tourist attraction; one of few high quality public beaches on west coast of Cape Breton.

We have seen a tremendous increase in the use of this park in the past number of years. People come not just on warm summer days but in all seasons, all for their own reasons.

The trails within the park are family friendly, easy and leisurely paced, suitable for all ages. The trails bring hiking groups from outside the area as well as nearby school groups on outings and field trips. The trail network has been used on numerous occasions by local athletes competing in cross country running events.

Healthy oyster beds are found within the estuary side of the park.

Nova Scotia is working towards preserving 12-13% of our land mass; this park is included in that percentage. Why would anyone want to take this jewel away from us?

There are so many positives to be said about this park. It is a very special natural space and we value above all the fact that it is a free, open public environment that we can all call our own.

Inverness County can be open for business but NOT at the expense of precious assets like the West Mabou Beach Provincial Park. Once special places like this are lost, they are lost forever.

No part of any provincial natural environment park has ever being given over for development. Such an action would set an alarming and far reaching precedent.

We ask you to please support the full protection of West Mabou Beach Provincial Park; it cannot speak, so we must speak for it.

We are asking you to send off an email to the Premier and the Minister of Natural Resources, and copying it to Allan MacMaster, Betty Ann MacQuarrie and the Minister of the Environment. Please don't put this off, it is too important. Please pass this along to anyone you know who wants to maintain the integrity of this park and our free access to it. If you want any more information on this don't hesitate to email Nadine Hunt at nhunt861@gmail.com

Here is a list of emails:

Premier Stephen MacNeil

premier@novascotia.ca

Minister of Natural Resources-Margaret Miller

mindnr@novascotia.ca

Minister of Environment-Iain Rankin

minister.environment@novascotia.ca

Allan MacMaster

mlamacmaster@bellaliant.com

Betty Ann MacQuarrie – warden of county

betty@mabou.net

Keith Bain – opposition critic for Natural Resources

keithbainmla@bellaliant.com

Dear Trail Users,

We are seeking volunteers to help with trails in your neighbourhood.

In case you didn't know, many of your neighbours volunteer with the Halifax North West Trails Association. We look after over 20 trails in our area (bordered by Hammonds Plains road in the North, Highway #102 in the West and South, and the Bedford Basin in the East).

We work with HRM to maintain and upgrade these trails, and to plan new trails. We also organize guided hikes and other activities and encourage people to use these wonderful resources. We have big things planned for the next few years and we need your help.

We especially need people who like to do these activities:

- Membership and outreach
- Maintenance and work party organization
- Mapping
- Special events
- Grant writing
- Communications
- Trail monitors
- New trail suggestions

Our board meets about 10 times each year, and you are welcome to join the board. But you can still volunteer without coming to any meetings at all!

Come enjoy your trails and meet your neighbours.

Please contact: HNWTA President Jessica Boyd HNWTA.communications@gmail.com

We are on Facebook and Twitter: halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca

ORGANIC FARMING APPRENTICESHIP

Position: Part time farm helper <https://GoodWork.ca/918434>

Type: part-time with optional on-farm accom., more (see below)

Organization: Hawthorn Hill Farm

Location: Grafton, near Kentville & Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We have a small, market garden farm and practice organic growing methods. We grow most vegetables and a lot of garlic. We also have lots of berries including haskaps, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, currants, blackberries and grapes. We also have a small flock (16) of Shetland sheep for wool and a flock of free-range, organically-fed laying hens.

We are seeking an apprentice to either come to our farm for a few days per week OR stay on the farm and help 3 - 5 days per week – whichever option is preferred.

Our growing season begins in early May and goes until the middle of October. We will be preparing beds, planting, mulching, weeding and watering the gardens as needed. In early June, we begin going to two small farmers' markets. The jobs on our farm are varied and there is not a lot of heavy work. I work full time on the farm while my husband, who has a full time job off the farm, works when he can to help out (which is pretty much most of the time he is not at work).

I am primarily interested in hiring an apprentice who is very interested in agriculture. We feel that we have a lot of

knowledge and experience to share with our farm helper.

If interested, here is how to apply, please contact Marilyn at: maricam@eastlink.ca

Garden-to-table Internships <https://GoodWork.ca/905534>

Role: Garden-to-table Intern

Type: work-stay/volunteer position with room & board, more (see below)

Organization: Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort and Retreat Centre

Location: Cabot Shores, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort and Retreat Centre on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, is offering Garden-to-Table internships.

Spend two or more months living in a beautiful, remote area on the Atlantic, helping us care for our vegetable gardens. Learn about landscaping, trail making, foraging and more. Harvest herbs & vegetables and prepare them for the bistro and staff kitchens. Learn to process herbs, vegetables, berries, mushrooms and more. Learn about making yogurt-making, granola, bread baking, kombucha, chaga, pestos, pickles and more. Be part of a dynamic, hardworking, fun-loving team that serves our guests from all over the world.

This is a non-paid volunteer position; room and board and adventures/experiences are provided. In your free time paddle on our lake, swim in the lake, ocean or brook, hike, partake in or enjoy music jams, explore the island and more.

Visit us at <http://www.cabotshores.com> to learn more about us.

Internships available:

- May 1 to June 30
- July 1 to August 31
- September 1 to October 25, 2017

We ask for a 2 month commitment.

Send resume, 2 references and cover letter to Barbara: barbara@cabotshores.com <http://www.cabotshores.com>

Smart Drive Challenge (www.smartdrivechallenge.ca) is engaging Canadians in a national education-centered, points-based program to reduce their personal vehicle fuel use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. *Smart Drive Challenge* educates and empowers Canadians by:

- Making their current vehicle use more efficient through improved driving techniques and vehicle maintenance;
- Increasing their awareness and use of low and zero emission vehicles; and
- Supporting and increasing their use of sustainable transportation options

Participants will be given their own learning dashboard where they can complete online courses and access learning resources. The responsive training tools work on any device and can be used anytime, anywhere. When the learning is done, we **challenge** participants to apply their newfound knowledge in their daily lives by becoming *smarter* drivers. Participants will be rewarded with points along the way, and points can be used to win cash prizes – the more they learn, the more they can earn!

Registration is now open at SmartDriveChallenge.ca! We have also included a link to a free communications toolkit [here](#).

For more information feel free to contact Mike Driedger, Program Director at mdriedger@scoutenvironmental.com or [416-922-2449 x250](tel:416-922-2449).

Here's a wonderful opportunity for those of you who work with grades 7, 8 & 9 or know educators who do. Please consider or share this chance for students to win **Canada's Coolest School Trip contest**. This year's grand prize is a 5-day, all-expenses paid school trip to Parks Canada places in Ontario, including visits to Thousand Islands National Park, Fort Wellington National Historic Site, the Rideau Canal National Historic Site and Laurier House National Historic Site.

To get a quick understanding of the contest, check out the [promotional video](#) or the video from [Honorary Guide](#), Sophie Grégoire Trudeau.

Contest Details

- **Who can participate:** New this year, the contest is open to grade 7, 8, 9 / secondary 1, 2, 3 classes.
- **How to enter:** Also new this year, to enter, classes must create a photo essay about a cultural, historical or environmental stewardship project that they took part in, explaining how it relates to Parks Canada. Classes can enter at www.myparkspass.ca until **February 26, 2018**.
- **Public Voting:** The public will vote for their favourite entry from March 5-21, 2018.
- **Announcement of Winners:** The 15 short-listed entries, made up of the top 10 entries that receive the most votes and the 5 staff picks will be judged by a panel of partner executives to select all winners. Winners will be announced in April 2018.
- **Prizes:**

- o Grand Prize: Class trip to Ontario from June 4-8, 2018 valued at approximately \$50,000
 - o Three Runner-up prizes: Local class field trip valued at approximately \$1000
 - o Six Honourable mentions: Prize package valued at approximately \$500
- For full details, you can visit www.myparkspass.ca.

Teaching Teens about Climate Change

We're excited to announce that **Green Teacher's newest book** has been published.

If you peruse the table of contents, you will see that this 80 page book brings together 12 articles and activities to aid any educator working with high school-aged students. The activities have the capacity to take teens from despair to empowerment, help them appreciate the difference between cap and trade and carbon taxes, explore the environmental impacts of the tar sands, provide options for sustainable transportation, and much more. But don't take our word about it: see below what other educators think about the book. <https://greenteacher.com/teaching-teens-about-climate-change/>

We are looking for environmentally minded folks to share the 2nd lot on our property at Mill Lake, Hubbards. Our historic cabin sits on 500' of waterfront. We are prepared to subdivide to create a 2nd lot with 250' of waterfront. This is a great opportunity to build a cottage or just camp close to metro on a beautiful lake. Summer has arrived. The boat is in the water and we would love to connect to pursue this opportunity with like-minded people. Details can be found at: <https://www.ecoproperty.ca/listings/waterfront-property-for-sale-near-halifax-nova-scotia-39811>

Green Teacher has recently launched a YouTube Channel. To date, we've posted 8 videos on our website, with several more in various editing stages. In time, we hope this will grow into a valuable resource for educators. Among those currently posted, are those describing:

- + How Google Earth was used by high school students as part of an invasive species removal project
- + How an elementary school in a northern resource town created partnerships so that their students could explore the natural and cultural environment in their area.
- + How to build better bug houses – and pack waste free lunches.

Check out the posted videos here: <https://greenteacher.com/check-out-these-videos/>

In essence, we're keen to both receive short (i.e. 2-6 minute), practical videos – edited or unedited – from teachers and other youth educators on a wide variety of topics. Like the articles and activities we seek for *Green Teacher* magazine, we're looking for innovative green learning strategies on a wide variety of topics. Your presentation should provide sufficient detail and enough guidance that will enable viewers to replicate the activity in their own communities. Your video should specify early on the age group for which your learning activity or strategy is most appropriate. For more details of what we're looking for, check out: <https://greenteacher.com/send-us-your-videos/>

Finally, if you see a short enviro-ed video that deserves a wider audience, send us a quick note about it.

Tim Grant, Editor

Green Teacher

[416-960-1244](tel:416-960-1244), Fax: [416-340-2429](tel:416-340-2429), tim@greenteacher.com,

Creative Industries Fund: Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage is now accepting applications for a new \$2 million Creative Industries Fund. This fund has been designed, in consultation with stakeholders, to invest in the growth of the creative industries. Businesses, not-for-profits, social enterprises and sector associations operating in the creative sectors are eligible for funding. For more information click [HERE](#). Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

Hi Solar Friends,

Can you help to make Nova Scotia a place that relies 100% on renewable energy?

Are you an owner of a solar energy system? Do you want to inspire others by your example? We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in having their system and story featured on our website as a case study.

We need case studies for:

- Passive Solar
- Solar Thermal
- Hot air
- Hot water
- Solar Electricity (PV)
- Concentrated

Ideally, case study volunteers would have owned their solar energy systems for a minimum of two years and are willing to share information about their systems such as the details of its design, energy production and costs. We will do the rest.

Why do we want to do this?

- Clearly show Nova Scotians the economic and environmental benefits of adopting solar energy.
- Make our website the recognized clearing house for solar energy information.

If you are interested please contact me before December 20, 2016:

Ian Guppy

Solar NS Communications Committee

guppy@ns.sympatico.ca

Phone: [902-425-5121](tel:902-425-5121)

Got some beef to air? Got some news to share? Got some questions? Got some ideas? Got some plans?

This Friday evening, every Friday evening, is the Solar Nova Scotia Sup'n'Share!

We're there at 5:00 sharp, have supper and catch up.

When: Every Friday evening, 5:00pm

Where: Lion's Head Tavern, 3081 Robie St. Ask the waiter to point out our table.

See ya there!

Watch for Wildlife (W4W) NS is a wildlife vehicle collision prevention program that encourages and enables Nova Scotians and visitors to the province to drive with an awareness of wildlife on roads, and do what they can to prevent collisions with wildlife. It is also about providing drivers contact numbers and information about how to respond in case a collision does happen.

If you want a magnet or sticker to put on your car so you can be a reminder to others as you drive to Watch for Wildlife, please get in touch. Please see our website: www.watchforwildlife.ca

And follow or like us if you do at: Facebook www.facebook.com/watchforwildlifens/ Twitter @watch4wildlife

Everyone deserves a warm home.

We all deserve to be comfortable in our home. For homeowners who qualify, the HomeWarming team provides a free comprehensive energy audit and works with you to determine the energy efficiency upgrades that make the most sense for your home. Then the team takes care of managing sub-contractors to have the upgrades completed at no cost to you. Am I eligible? You can apply if:

# OF PEOPLE LIVING IN YOUR HOME	MAXIMUM ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME (Line 236 from your Tax Notice of Assessment)
1 person	\$21,186
2 to 4 people	\$39,367
5 or more people	\$56,064

- Your combined family income is under the levels shown in the chart to the right
- You own a single-unit home/mobile home located in Nova Scotia and can provide proof of ownership
- You live in your home year-round, it is your primary residence, and you do not plan to sell in the near future
- Your home has not previously received upgrades through HomeWarming or the Low Income Homeowner Service.

Applications can be filled online at www.homewarmingapply.ca or downloaded at www.homewarming.ca

Have questions? Call toll free at [1-877-434-2136](tel:1-877-434-2136) or visit homewarming.ca

Do you have shredded sneakers, torn trousers or holy socks ready for trashing? **Since 2013, all worn or unusable textiles and fabrics of any material and in any condition (except chemically contaminated) can be reused/ recycled. Collection sites are all over HRM and Nova Scotia.** AFTeR began in 2013 as a group of six organizations that collect used clothing to fund social causes such as helping children at risk, combatting disease, and supporting marginalized citizens and those facing crisis. This is accomplished with the added benefit of keeping the textile materials out of our landfills. AFTeR member charities are experts in the collection and repurposing of used textiles and footwear. <http://afterwear.ca/wp/donate/>

Environmental News

Environmental Assessment legislation contradicts Liberal election promise

K'JIPUKTUK (HALIFAX) – While there are improvements in overall environmental assessment processes in Liberal legislation tabled today in Ottawa, the draft Bill is a step backwards with respect to offshore oil and gas in Atlantic Canada, appears to

give oil and gas boards more authority, and points to federal concessions in response to lobbying from the provinces and oil industry.

That assessment comes today from the Offshore Alliance, a coalition of 19 fishing, environmental and community groups in Atlantic Canada. As drafted, the Bill grants more power to the offshore petroleum boards by giving them the power to participate in environmental assessments for drilling projects. There was no indication that their existing powers would be removed.

"The Liberals were elected on a promise to 'make environmental assessments credible again.' The expert panel that reviewed our assessment law recommended a single authority with a mandate to review projects and decide on them. The Bill tabled today gives the offshore boards more power to advise on environmental assessments, and thus determine their outcomes," says John Davis, Director of the Clean Ocean Action Committee.

Currently environmental assessments for offshore drilling off Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador are carried out by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. The offshore boards can carry out assessments and issue approvals only for activities like seismic testing. Today's Bill grants more power to the Boards to advise a new Impact Assessment Agency on all projects on the offshore, including drilling.

Gretchen Fitzgerald, National Program Director with Sierra Club Canada Foundation, says, "This decision will damage our oceans, prevent the recovery of species at risk like the Right Whale, and puts ecologically sensitive regions like the Gulf of St. Lawrence at further risk. It also places too much power in the hands of the oil boards to determine if we will meet our climate commitments. We will not take this lightly and will be pushing decision-makers to change the draft Bill in the months ahead."

"Removing offshore boards from environmental assessments has the support of every East Coast fisheries group, NGO and environmental organization that has spoken publicly on the issue," according to Marion Moore, of the South Shore Chapter of the Council of Canadians. "Pressure from the oil industry has clearly swayed the Liberal government, just as we feared."

"New emphasis on regional and strategic environmental assessments, as laid out in the draft Bill, are intended to incorporate concerns about protecting ecologically sensitive areas, fishing grounds, and endangered species," stated Lisa Mitchell, Executive Director of East Coast Environmental Law. "However, if the offshore boards are granted more powers, these positive developments will be tainted from the start."

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View backgrouders:

[ECE LAW Assessment of Role of Offshore Boards](#)

[Letter from Offshore Alliance to PM Justin Trudeau, Jan. 24, 2018](#)

For more information, please contact

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A response to Bill Black Opinion re fracking: **COUNTERPOINT: Environmental activism a broad-based movement, not a 'tight-knit posse'** | The Chronicle Herald: <http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/1542500-black-how-can-rural-n.s.-prosper-without-resource-extraction>

From a municipal governance perspective, the proposed "**Green Network Plan**" <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/regional-community-planning/community-plans/halifax-green-network-plan> will be the most significant issue that will be forthcoming this year for Halifax Regional Municipality.

This Plan has the potential to impact the daily lives of all residents and forever change where and how development takes place in the Halifax Regional Municipality. I hope that this document will also detail measures to preserve more natural spaces, create wildlife corridors to join green spaces, mediate anticipated impacts of climate change, enhance biodiversity throughout the Municipality, etc. While the draft Plan will not be available for public review for a few months, I believe it is timely to consider how best to evaluate this very important Plan. In the interests of giving this Plan the comprehensive and

coherent assessment that it merits, I have developed the attached evaluation guide that is being shared with as many stakeholders as possible.

Please make use of this guide if you consider it helpful, and pass it along to members of your Network and other individuals and organizations who might benefit from it.

Sincerely,

Brian Palmer

Independent Researcher

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Dalhousie Board of Governors approve motion regarding fossil fuel divestment

By Nova Scotia Advocate - February 14, 2018: <https://nsadvocate.org/2018/02/14/news-release-dalhousie-board-of-governors-approve-motion-regarding-fossil-fuel-divestment/#more-6851>

CBC interview with **Louise Delisle** (from the African Nova Scotian community in

Shelburne): <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/features/facing-race/a-community-of-widows-how-african-nova-scotians-are-confronting-a-history-of-environmental-racism-1.4497952>

Legacy of anti-black racism: How does it affect property rights and environmental decisions? On the CBC The Current:

<http://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/features/facing-race/facing-race-your-life-your-stories-your-identity-1.4493155>

A new LNG plant in Nova Scotia for export to Germany "and potentially new sources [of natural gas] in Atlantic Canada."

www.greenbiz.com/node/109591#disqus_thread

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<<http://mailchi.mp/c5a53429adb4/now-available-the-roadmap-for-small-rural-communities-begins-to-outline-a-way-forward-for-local-communities-and-watch-the-retreat-video-trailer?e=4c9cbb4beb>>

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New Canadian book published: The Price of Carbon | David D. Maenz www.thepriceofcarbon.com

At present the global level of ambition to combat climate change is insufficient and average temperatures are projected to increase by 3-4°C over the course of this century. The immense cost of inaction on our part will be borne by future generations as the planet warms, sea levels rise and oceans acidify, and the incidents and severity wildfires, floods, cyclones, droughts, heat waves, crop failures, famine, and climate change migration, conflict and loss of life and livelihood increase.

The Price of Carbon goes beyond an assessment of the science of climate change and the impacts of excess emissions. The book details viable pathways to transition economic practices and evaluates the policies and climate action plans of the top emitting countries. There is a brief window of opportunity to advance ambitions and strengthen policies. Applying a fraction of the future cost of climate change damage to progressively decarbonized global economies over the next 30 years is not only ethical but an exercise in common sense economics.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: David Maenz received his Ph.D. from the University of Saskatchewan and held several academic positions prior co-founding MCN BioProducts in 2001. Dr. Maenz is the inventor/co-inventor of 7 patents and is the author of 33 scientific papers and 2 book chapters. Dr. Maenz is retired from business interests and lives in Saskatoon.

The Price of Carbon was researched and written over a 2 year period by a scientist with a broad interest in the interrelated subjects that comprise the issue of anthropogenic (man-made) climate change. The intent of the author was to distill the findings and conclusions of expert groups such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the International Energy Agency, into a narrative for a wider audience. The book was written from a global perspective and avoids over simplification of what is perhaps the most important issue of our time.

Dear Valued Nova Scotian Leader Citizens,

With the dire consequences of climate change upon us as evidenced in the recent storm surge and unstable weather patterns, please consider sharing this with your MP, MLA and municipal councillor or your party if you are a politician.

Nova Scotia could be a world leader on the cutting edge of carbon pricing implementation if it would understand the economic advantages of this simple scheme to reduce GHG emissions, as presented in this video from Dr. David Robinson. The current provincial government has not seen fit to implement this advantageous strategy to transition N.S. from fossil fuels, but the tides are turning and a future government, or even this present one, may see the light at some point. Start at 1:00 minute mark.

Yours truly,

Joanne Light

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[CCL Canada Education Call – January 2018 – Dr. David Robinson | Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada](#)

An examination of Nova Scotia's proposed cap-and-trade program:

http://lh.ece.dal.ca/enen/2016/161124_NS_CandT_ANS.pdf

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