



Nova Scotia
Environmental Network
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

Eco Connections Newsletter July 2017

Welcome!

Below you will find **events** (starting on page 2), various **jobs postings** (page 6), lots of **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: nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com.

Save the date!

Environment Connects NS

"A gathering to celebrate and build capacity for environmental conservation in NS"

What: Four themes: coastal, water, energy & climate, and forests

When: Sept. 22nd and 23rd (Friday/Saturday)

Where: Glengary Inn and Douglas Street Community Centre, Truro, NS

More info: amy.buckland-nicks@merseytobeatic.ca

Get in touch!

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork

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

Email: nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

Membership: Membership Matters!

We look forward to new and renewing members' input on issues of importance to you. We know that NSEN can be a conduit and resource hub for your concerns and an opportunity to communicate with others in order to create the political will for a healthier environment in Nova Scotia. Please feel free to write to the newsletter in these regards.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

Renew your membership, let your fellow organizations know about us! The bigger our numbers, stronger our voice! There is a lot of enthusiasm for re-energizing the network, membership is key. If your membership has lapsed please renew or if you know of other organizations who are new or newly forming please encourage them to renew. **Do you see your events listed below? Then please support the work!** ☺

We would like to reemphasize that numbers count- the number of organizations and number of members per group. Please let us know of your membership numbers since this is a number we can show put a high priority on the environment. There are many opportunities for open dialogue and working in partnership across the province. Help us build our numbers and expertise. JOIN TODAY! See details of benefits and how to join here: <http://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/how-to-join>.

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: nseenvironmentalnetwork@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@merseytobeatic.ca.

Environmental and Sustainability Education Caucus:

Be in touch with Karen for further details: karenmckendry@eastlink.ca. See more of the members of the ESE Caucus here: <https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/esec/>

Upcoming Member Events & Events of Interest

July

Heartwood & Deanery Project Youth Engagement Training

The Deanery Project has become a bustling centre for community development and youth engagement on the Eastern Shore. We have seen time and time again that youth in our region have incredible ideas and skills: and that we all benefit when they have opportunities to put those ideas and skills to action in our communities.

Over the last year, we've been working with the HeartWood Centre for Community Youth Development to initiate a Youth Action Team as one way to support our young people and help amplify their awesome impacts. As part of their investment in this work, on **July 15th**, HeartWood is facilitating training on our youth engagement framework as well as a community asset mapping and strategizing session for our staff and volunteers.

Because we know our communities benefit from having more people skilled at, committed to and invested in youth engagement, Heartwood and The Deanery Project would like to offer this training to other community members committed to and passionate about youth. We thought of you and thought you might know others who might be interested.

Please join us on July 15th! If you can make it and are interested, please:

- register with the Deanery Project in advance by calling [902-845-1888](tel:902-845-1888) or emailing kim@thedeaneryproject.ca
- refrain from wearing scented products that day and
- if possible bring something to share for lunch.... we will have a summer soup and homemade bread on the go - any pot luck offerings are a bonus!

NOTE: The training also ties into the Deanery's summer and fall project called *Roots of Diversity*. Over the next few months *Roots of Diversity* will be creating art and garden projects from Preston to Eecum Seecum. These will serve as catalysts for conversation on youth issues, networking opportunities and inspiration as we explore our rich cultural diversity on the Shore. The project will culminate in a shore-wide youth gathering at the Deanery in October. For more information or to get involved contact Bianca or Kara at [902-845-1888](tel:902-845-1888).

All the best,

Kim, Rena and The Deanery and HeartWood Teams

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Stop Alton Gas town hall - Eskasoni

On July 18th, you are invited to join elder Albert Marshall, water protector and warrior Madonna Bernard, and Council of Canadians organizer Robin Tress for a town hall-style discussion on the Alton Gas project.

Learn about the details of the project, what it means for Mi'kmaq and non-Indigenous communities, what is at risk, and what it would mean if we do stop Alton Gas.

SCHEDULE

6:30pm – snacks and settle in

7:00pm - panel discussion begins, followed by questions from the crowd.

Where: Sarah Denny Cultural Centre, Eskasoni. 63 Mini Mall Drive, Eskasoni, NS

The Facebook event can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/705131663004461/?acontext=%7B%22ref%22%3A%2229%22%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3A%22plan_user_associated%22%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D¬if_t=plan_user_associated¬if_id=1499271983937163>.

Go Wild! - July 22, 1-4pm, Pleasant River

Join us in celebrating three new conservation lands that advance our work protecting critical freshwater and endangered species habitats. Together with our partners at the Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute we guarantee a fun-filled family day, with opportunities to learn about the unique wildlife and natural history of southwestern Nova Scotia.

Cost: Free

For questions or to register, please contact the Nova Scotia Nature Trust at events@nsnt.ca or [902-425-5263](tel:902-425-5263).

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Go Wild with the Nature Trust and MTRI (Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute) on the Pleasant River!

The Nature Trust in partnership with MTRI will celebrate the protection of two new conservation lands that protect critical freshwater and endangered species habitat in the Pleasant River area. We will also announce an exciting campaign to protect a new site that provides a sanctuary for endangered Blanding's Turtles. This will be a fun-filled event, with a variety of opportunities to learn about the unique wildlife and natural history of southwestern Nova Scotia.

Several land-owners will be present at the event along with Nature Trust staff and available for interview.

A press release, photos and video will be provided before the event.

When: July 22, 2017, 1-4pm

Where: Pleasant River Community Hall, 4882 Hwy 208, Pleasant River

For more information and to [RSVP](#):

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Engagement Officer

Nova Scotia Nature Trust

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maggie@nsnt.ca

What are Forests For?: Join Atlantic forestry's "Three amigos for healthy forests" for an outstanding woodlot workshop **July 28-30** at the **Harrison Lewis Centre**. Author **Jamie Simpson** (Restoring the Acadian Forest), naturalist **Donna Crossland**, and forest carbon sequestration pioneer **Dale Prest**, for a weekend addressing the many ways forests benefit society – while imparting practical knowledge for understanding and managing your own woodlot. \$325 covers tuition, a bunk bed two nights, home-cooked meals, and an amazing opportunity to spend time with three excellent, engaging communicators. Register soon at www.HarrisonLewisCentre.org. The small class, limited to 15, is filling fast.

For more information phone [902-646-1554](tel:902-646-1554).

Making Waves Day Camp

Saturday, July 29 at 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Let's Sprout and the Bedford Basin Yacht club are joining teams to offer a day of sailing and leadership training for ocean-loving girls!

Join us to enjoy the ocean, the sun, and each other's company.

Details:

- 6 hours of sailing + team building - hour lunch break

- Lunch not included

- Girls Only (ages 9-18)

- No sailing experience necessary

Location: Bedford Basin Yacht Club

Date: July 29th

Cost: \$75/participant

<http://www.letssprout.org/services/sailing-into-summer>

Spouting Change: Creative Leadership Camp

\$80.00

Let's Sprout gives youth the opportunity to explore environmental and social justice issues and creatively express their learnings. The week will be filled with workshops hosted by Let's Sprout and other local organizations. Participants will be encouraged to think critically, share their own ideas and interests, and get creative!

Date: July 31 - August 4 Time: 9:30am-530pm

[MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning](#), 50 Queen Street, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

<http://www.letssprout.org/services/summer-camp>

Wild Wednesday

Every Wednesday afternoon (**1-3 pm**) in **July** (19, 26) and **August** (2, 9, 16, 23, 30) the Harrison Lewis Centre hosts **Wild Wednesday** guided nature walks at neighbouring [Thomas Raddall Provincial Park](#). Now in its second year, the popular Wild Wednesday program brings campers and day-use park visitors of all ages together for up close and personal experiences with the natural history of this beautiful coastal park. Sand beaches, lakes, upland barrens, bogs, and forests are magical places to explore. Access is easy over groomed trails linking coast-line habitats; home to wild wonders like plants that eat insects, birds that seldom fly, mice that can jump three meters in a single bound, and fish with arms. Come share the fun - rain or shine! These two hour walks are **free**. Just stop by the administration building at the park entrance to sign up and find out where each walk begins. All ages welcomed. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. <http://www.harrisonlewiscentre.org/wild-wednesday/>

Don't cut off your toe to fill your woodbox! Sign up for a weekend chainsaw workshop with certified chainsaw instructor Patrick Allan at the Harrison Lewis Centre July 21-23. Come away able to safely wield this incredibly powerful, helpful – and potentially dangerous – tool. This is a hands-on workshop – far more than demonstration – where a maximum of eight participants learn by doing; saw operation and maintenance, from the basics to advanced techniques including directional felling. \$325 covers tuition, a bunk bed two nights, and home-cooked meals and 'tween meal snacks. Bring your own safety boots (plus your own saw and safety gear if you have and wish to bring these. Otherwise all is provided). Register soon at www.HarrisonLewisCentre.org. For more information phone [902-646-1554](tel:902-646-1554).

Backyard Forestry Workshop July 28, 7pm- July 30, 3pm, @ the Harrison Lewis Centre. 339 Sandy Bay Rd, Port Joli. Register @ www.harrisonlewiscentre.org

August and onward...

Tar Sands in the Bay of Fundy - Energy East Information Tour

The Ecology Action Centre (EAC) is hosting a series of information sessions in coastal Nova Scotian communities along the Bay of Fundy to discuss risks of the Tar Sands Supertankers to the Bay of Fundy – proposed as part of the Energy East Pipeline project.

The EAC's information sessions, (dates and locations listed below) are a chance to discuss details and risks of these Tar Sands Supertankers and the Energy East Pipeline. The sessions aim to hear feedback and concerns from coastal communities about the project, and begin to work together to stop Tar Sands Supertankers in the Bay of Fundy. TransCanada's Energy East pipeline and associated export terminal in Saint John, New Brunswick pose risks to the entire Bay of Fundy due to associated marine terminal and increased tanker traffic in the Bay of Fundy and through the Gulf of Maine. Tanker traffic would increase by nearly 290 tankers per year, adding 330 million barrels of diluted bitumen to the annual tanker traffic in the area. This could impact coastal communities, fisheries, and much of Nova Scotia's mainland coastline.

Visit www.savefundy.ca for more information on the risks of the Energy East pipeline, and details regarding the upcoming tour.

No RSVP is needed. Send questions, concerns or ideas regarding these events to Stephen Thomas at the Ecology Action Centre: stephen@ecologyaction.ca or [1-902-429-2202](tel:1-902-429-2202)

Wolfville Event

Monday, July 31 at 7:00pm
Wolfville Farmers Market
24 Elm Ave, Wolfville NS

Yarmouth Event

Tuesday, August 1st at 7:00pm
Beacon United Church
25 Beacon Street, Yarmouth NS

Digby Event

Wednesday, August 2nd at 7:00pm
Digby Fire Hall
163 First Ave, Digby NS

Nature Photography Workshop August 11, 7pm- 13, 3pm, with Scott Leslie @ the Harrison Lewis Centre. 339 Sandy Bay Rd, Port Joli. Register @ www.harrisonlewiscentre.org

St. Marys River Celebration - August 12, 1-4pm, St. Marys River

Join us to celebrate a new conservation success on the gorgeous St. Marys River! We will also host 2 guided hikes (one easy, and one moderately challenging), showcasing the unique forests that line the river, and the wildlife that depend on these freshwater habitats.

Cost: Free

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Chainsaw Maintenance and Use Workshop — Men and Women

August 18-20: Weekend chainsaw workshop for men and women with certified instructor Patrick Allan at the Harrison Lewis Centre. Come away able to safely wield this incredibly powerful, helpful – and potentially dangerous – tool. This is a hands-on workshop – far more than demonstration – where a maximum of eight participants learn by doing; saw operation and maintenance, from the basics to advanced techniques including directional felling. Bring your own safety boots (plus your own saw and safety gear if you have and wish to bring these. Otherwise all is provided). Class limited to eight.

Register soon. \$325 covers tuition, a comfortable bed for two nights in one of four bunk houses, home-cooked meals, and an amazing opportunity to learn and apply skills presented by one of the best professional instructors – if not the best – in Canada. Read testimonial and register at www.HarrisonLewisCentre.org. For more information phone [902-646-1554](tel:902-646-1554). (PS: Live in the area or are on vacation? You may choose to stay home or park your partner or family at nearby Raddall Provincial Park or White Point Resort while attending workshop – inquire for details.)

Beach Cleanup & Bird Walk - August 27, 10am-3pm, Hemeons Head

Help keep the bird habitat at Hemeons Head healthy by lending a hand! After the beach cleanup, learn about the fascinating shorebirds that return to the Hemeons Head Conservation Lands each year with a guided bird walk co-hosted by the Nature Trust and Bird Studies Canada.

Cost: Free

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Backlands Hike - September 23, 1-4pm, Purcell's Cove Conservation Lands

Explore the fireadapted Jack Pine barrens of the Purcells Cove Backlands. Witness the incredible rejuvenation from the 2009 forest fire. The trail is moderately challenging.

Cost: \$15

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Invasive Plant Removal & Bird Hike - September 30, 10am-3pm, Hemeon's Head

Help us remove a patch of an invasive rose species that threatens potential Piping Plover breeding habitat on the beach at Hemeons Head. Afterwards, learn about the migrant shorebirds that use the mudflats of Matthews Lake on their southwards migration.

Cost: Free

For questions or to register, please contact the Nova Scotia Nature Trust at events@nsnt.ca or [902-425-5263](tel:902-425-5263).
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Permaculture Design Certification Intensive (with P3 Permaculture) August 14th-27th

Back by popular demand, P3 will be returning this summer to lead a two-week, internationally recognized Permaculture Design Certification Course.

From the P3 Website:

This course aims to equip students to feel confident in their ability to design positive solutions in their gardens, in their communities, and in their own lives. At P3 Permaculture we emphasize that permaculture goes beyond agriculture; permaculture is a holistic design system that we can apply on any scale and in any situation.

The first principle of permaculture is “Observe and Interact.” Close observation of the natural principles that drive ecological systems is one of the cornerstones of permaculture. In permaculture we believe that nature knows best, and that designs based on earth’s logic is the best way to heal broken systems.

Our curriculum pays particular attention to energy, water, and food systems, as well as various aspects of social permaculture including social economies, and self and community care. For more information, or to register, visit

P3's [webpage](#) for the event.

Course registration fee includes meals and accommodations for two weeks, in addition to all course supplies.

Invest In Your Business. Invest In A Graduate (Nova Scotia) *Available to companies of 100 employees or less, start-ups, non-profits and social enterprises.* Would you like some financial help with the next person you hire? The province's Graduate to Opportunity program helps small businesses hire recent university and college graduates by providing salary support. Find out more [HERE](#), or call [902.424.6000](tel:902.424.6000).

(Canada-wide) **Canada Summer Jobs Program** Canada Summer Jobs provides funding to help employers create summer job opportunities for students. It is designed to focus on local priorities, while helping both students and their communities.

Canada Summer Jobs:

- provides work experiences for students
- supports organizations, including those that provide important community services; and
- recognizes that local circumstances, community needs and priorities vary widely

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#)

Join the Nature Trust for our **20th Annual Dinner and Auction!** Help us celebrate the year's conservation successes and network with like-minded friends while raising critical funds for the Nature Trust's continued work saving the most unique and outstanding places across Nova Scotia.

We invite you to head out ***Into the Wild*** with us. Our special guest speaker **Brian Keating** will take us on an incredible escape into the wild spaces that he has explored all over the world, from the Canadian Arctic to the African savannahs. We know that this will be evening to remember!

Details:

October 26, 2017

Cunard Centre, Halifax

Doors open at 5:30pm, and tickets are held at the door

Get your ticket today! Early bird deadline is Friday June 30, 2017.

Early bird price: Tickets \$125/Tables \$1250 (10 seats)

Regular price (after June 30th): Ticket \$150/Tables \$1500

Call [\(902\) 425-5263](tel:902.425.5263) to reserve your spot!

Or you can [download the ticket order form](#), and either email it to office@nsnt.ca or send it to our mailing address: PO Box 284 Station Main, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3Y3.

Job Postings

Communications and Membership Officer with ACIC

Term: 16 weeks, 32 hours/week (contract position), August 28- December 15, 2017

Pay: \$37,142 per annum, (pro-rated at 80%) for a 16 week contract

Location: Halifax, NS

Applications due: August 3, 2017

Interviews: the week of August 8, 2017

Beginning: August 28, 2017

See full details here: <http://www.acic-caci.org/jobs/>

Volunteer Coordinator full details here: <http://FoodWork.ca/960314>

Organization: The Loaded Ladle

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Hours: 32 hours per week

Start Date: Mid-August 2017 (negotiable)

End Date: April 30, 2018 with option for renewal

Application Due Date: Tuesday July 25,, 2017 at 4pm.

Fisheries Technician full details here: <https://GoodWork.ca/986014>

Organization: Clean Annapolis River Project

Location: Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

Anticipated Start date: ASAP

End date: December 1, 2017, with possibility for extension

Remuneration: \$16.00 per hour plus 4% vacation pay and statutory benefits at 35 hours per week.

Course Development Opportunity full details here: <http://FoodWork.ca/926014>

Call for Course Developer to Redevelop Online Horticulture Courses

University of Guelph, Open Learning and Educational Support

Location of work: from home, anywhere in Canada

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>

Position: Door-To-Door Canvasser, Membership Recruitment Team <https://GoodWork.ca/979883>

Organization: Ecology Action Centre

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Ecology Action Centre one of the most active and outspoken environmental charities in Atlantic Canada is seeking students or recent graduates to help strengthen our movement by canvassing for new members of our Centre.

This is your chance to dip your toes into the charitable sector, to learn about the ecology of our province, gain meaningful employment to help build your career and a chance to cultivate lifelong valuable skills in communications and fundraising. Membership canvassing is an incredibly important position at the Ecology Action Centre and is valued as such. Canvassers travel door-to-door to different communities in our province and invite new membership to our organization. Hours are Monday to Friday, 3 – 9pm with some flexibility as required.

We offer:

- \$15-\$17.50 per hour, 30-35 hours per week.
- A diverse supportive team who genuinely care about developing your skills and career.
- Opportunities to advance into a variety of positions at the Ecology Action Centre
- Being a part of organization that is local, impacts your life and the environment which sustains us all.
- Access to contract and benefits

Join an organization that values diversity and respect for community development and the protection of our natural environment. We hope to hear from you today!

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter, resume and two references to:

dana@ecologyaction.ca

We thank all applicants for their time and interest, however only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

The Ecology Action Centre is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from individuals in traditionally marginalized groups such as: racialized people, Indigenous people, lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender and queer people, and persons with disabilities. We encourage applicants to self-identify in their cover letter or application if they are a member of a marginalized community. Diversity is a stated value of the Ecology Action Centre. Moreover, diversity in the EAC community is a strength that we seek to cultivate. It is the responsibility of every employee of EAC to foster a culture that embraces and promotes diversity.

Title: Maintenance Staff <https://GoodWork.ca/948883>

Organization: Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort & Retreat Centre

Location: Cabot Shores, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia (some on-site housing)

Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort is an eco-friendly resort located on Cape Breton Island with unique accommodations such as yurts, geodesic domes, family sized cabins, lodge rooms and more. With 55 acres of serene natural landscape on the

famous Cabot Trail on Cape Breton Island, Cabot Shores is a mix of outdoor adventure, relaxation, and cultural and wellness exploration. www.cabotshores.com

Maintenance Staff job description:

- Maintenance of grounds (lawn mowing, trail maintenance and more)
- Small repairs
- Maintenance and cleaning of hot tubs
- Garbage & Recycling
- Knowledge of use of hand tools
- Moving furniture and other large objects
- Assisting with building projects, paint jobs
- Wood cutting, splitting, stacking, safe use of chain saw desired
- Good verbal communication skills
- Willing to work outdoors regardless of weather
- Organized, self-directed
- Maintain an organized tools and shop area
- Ability to diagnose maintenance problems and be able to fix or refer to appropriate trades person (carpenter, electrician, plumber)

Salary: Starts at \$12/hour. Some onsite housing is available.

Start date: Mid-June 2017,

End date: Mid-October (may be part time in September & October)

To apply: Send resume and 2 references to: Barbara@cabotshores.com

Title: Guest Services/Front Desk <https://GoodWork.ca/938883>

Organization: Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort & Retreat Centre

Location: Cabot Shores, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort and Retreat Centre is looking for Guest Services/Front Desk staff. We are an eco-friendly resort located on the Atlantic coast of Cape Breton Island. Visit our website at <http://www.cabotshores.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/cabotshores> to learn more about us.

Description:

The GUEST SERVICES/FRONT DESK area is a hub for our guests, staff and visitors and requires detail-oriented and diligent staff to run it. This central part of Cabot Shores is involved with all guest relations, hospitality, and communication around amenities such as local hikes, Cape Breton Cultural events, reservations in our bistro, tours, etc. It is a busy, fast-paced environment and tasks and responsibilities may vary from day to day.

Essential Qualifications

Abilities:

- Have or develop excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Administrative - manages all incoming inquiries through telephone, website and travel sites
- Guest relations - including registration, orientation and payment, tourism information and general guiding; booking tours and providing information on on-site and local activities
- Act as Liaison - Interfaces with various resort departments (Kitchen, dining room, housekeeping, grounds/maintenance)
- Ability to work under pressure, to multi-task, to prioritize tasks, to take initiative,
- Pay attention to detail and fully completing tasks, be willing to learn and be coachable
- Have personal integrity

Knowledge (Either needs to know or be able to learn easily):

- Experience with computers and basic Microsoft software.
- Knowledge of Wordpress, social media and graphic design experience is desired.
- This role is both social and administrative
- Knowledge of local Cape Breton Island cultural events and outdoor activities
- Knowledge of French language is helpful

Rate of Pay: Starting at \$11

Start date: Mid-June 2017

End date: Mid-October (may be part time in September & October)

Some Staff Housing and access to kitchen are available onsite.

How to Apply: Send cover letter, resume, and 2 references; we will send skills inventory and other materials. We will conduct interview via skype with suitable applicants. barbara@cabotshores.com

Environmental Opportunities

2nd Youth Nova Scotia Nature Writing and Art Contest

The Nature Writing and Art Contest is inviting youth in ages 7-15 years who live in Nova Scotia to submit a **written piece** (short story, non-fiction, poetry, etc.) **OR** an **original artwork** (painting, drawing, collage, etc.) that is inspired by: native plants or animals of Nova Scotia (*native means a species that occurs naturally in a region*), an adventure, personal moment, or happy experience in Nova Scotia's wild places (lake, river, ocean, forest, trail), an injustice that impacts nature in Nova Scotia

Key Dates: Contest Opens: **June 30 2017**, Contest Closes: **October 31 2017**.

Categories:

Writing

Junior – ages 7-11

Senior – ages 12-15

Art

Junior – ages 7-11

Senior – ages 12-15

Prizes: Total of **\$1200** in cash prizes. Each Category has a: First Place prize valued at \$150, Second Place prize valued at \$100, Third Place prize valued at \$50

Rules and Regulations:

This contest is open to youth in ages 7-15 who live in Nova Scotia.

Students may enter as many times as they wish; however, each youth will be limited to one prize per contest.

Writing Category specifications

Entries can be in French, English or Mi'kmaw and be a maximum of 600 words

Entries may be in any form (short story, non-fiction, poetry, etc.)

It is advisable written work be accompanied by a photo or artwork that supports the subject

Entries must include a title page with the author's name – do not put author's name on manuscript pages to ensure anonymous judging

Entries must be original, written by the author, have been written in 2017 and not previously published

Art Category specifications

Wildlife species (plants and animals) and or habitat represented in artwork must be native to Nova Scotia – exotic or domestic animals and plants will not be accepted.

All formats and mediums are accepted (except photographs): drawing, painting, collage, fibre arts, sculpture etc.

All art entries must be made by hand. Photographs and computer-generated artwork will not be accepted

Entries must include a title with artist's name on the back of the artwork – do not put artist's name on front of art work or a signature to ensure anonymous judging

Artwork should be accompanied by a written description that supports the subject

Artwork must be the original work made by the artist and created in 2017

Deadlines and Submissions:

Entries must be dropped off with a completed Entry Form (download form: [2nd Youth Nature Art and Writing Contest Entry Form 2017](#)) to the Museum of Natural History in Halifax, or mailed to: Young Naturalists Club, c/o The Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax NS, B3H 3A6

Entries must be postmarked by October 31st or dropped offjob at the Museum of Natural History by this date.

Entries will not be returned unless you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope or request to pick them up at the Museum of Natural History

By entering you give YNC permission to use your entry on its website, in its communications, or for fundraising

<http://nature1st.net/ync/events/youth-nova-scotia-nature-writing-and-art-contest/>

No oil and gas exploration in protected ocean areas! <https://act.leadnow.ca/protect-oceans/>

Robin Rigby Trust

Connecting Researchers with Coastal Communities: Since 2008 the Robin Rigby Trust has assisted university students and recent graduates undertaking fieldwork in collaboration with coastal communities interested in resource assessment, sustainable utilization and community based management. Canadians or students studying here are encouraged to work outside Canada, while applicants from other countries are encouraged to collaborate on projects in coastal regions of

Canada. **The deadline for the present round of funding is October 31, 2017.** If interested, or if you know a person who may be interested, please review information at www.smu.ca/academics/robin-rigby-trust.html

Funding Announcement: Environment and Climate Change Canada's Environmental Damages Fund

Environmental Damages Fund (EDF) uses funds received as a result of environmental violations to fund projects which benefit the environment in four categories (in order of priority): restoration, environmental quality improvement, research, and/or education & awareness. Eligible EDF applicants include non-governmental organizations, universities and academic institutions, Indigenous groups and provincial, territorial and municipal governments. The upcoming project application deadlines are July 28, 2017 and October 31, 2017.

Check out the available funds, listed by province at: <https://www.ec.gc.ca/edf-fde/default.asp?lang=En&n=137DC913-1>

Check out information on the Environmental Damages Fund at: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/edf-fde/>

The Hants County Exhibition would like to invite you to be a vendor at the 2017 Hants Co. Green & Local. The Hants Co. Green & Local aims to bring local, green or sustainable product and services together to showcase what our amazing local are has to offer and give our local business an opportunity to sell their products.

Every year the Exhibition brings over 30 000 people through it's gates over the two weekends. Hants Co. Green & Local will be free for every person who visits the exhibition and will be sure to attract even more people through out Nova Scotia.

Each vendor spot is approximately 10' with an 8' table included. There will be spaces along the walls as well as spots through the centre of the room for vendors who wish for that option. Each spot costs \$100+HST a weekend (Saturday and Sunday only), Saturday noon - 7:00pm and Sunday noon - 6:00pm September 16th & 17th or September 23rd & 24th.

There are also a few spots to give demos/lesson on your products or services. If you are interested please let me know.

Spots are limited so book your spot now!

Kind Regards,

Katie Godon

katiegodon@hotmail.com

Event Coordinator

Hants Co Green & Local

This is to advise that on July 7, 2017, Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal registered the Highway 107 Burnside to Bedford Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act.

The purpose of the proposed project is to extend Highway 107 linking the Burnside Business Park to the Bedford area and Highway 102, in Halifax County, Nova Scotia. The proposed highway extension project is four-lane in width, and is approximately 9 kilometers (km) from Akerley Boulevard and Burnside Drive to the west of Duke Street. The project also proposes to widen approximately 1.5 km of Duke Street that leads to Highway 102. Detailed design of the project is expected to be completed in 2018 but some construction could be initiated in the fall of 2017. It is anticipated that construction will take approximately five years.

On July 7, 2017, all project information including the Registration Document will be available on Nova Scotia Environment website at <http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/>.

Please note that comments must be provided no later than **August 6, 2017** to be considered in this environmental assessment. **Comments are requested to be provided via e-mail if possible.**

On or before August 26, 2017, the Minister of Environment will decide if the project can be granted conditional environmental assessment approval. All submissions received, including personal information, will be made available for public review upon request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Helen Yeh

Environmental Assessment Officer

Nova Scotia Environment

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This is to advise that on June 28, 2017, Atlantic Gold Corporation registered the Beaver Dam Mine Project for environmental assessment (EA), in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*. The EA is a coordinated review between Nova Scotia Environment and The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.

The purpose of the proposed project is to extract and primarily crush gold ore at the Beaver Dam Mine Site. The ore will then be transported by truck 30.7 km to the existing Touquoy Gold Mine for processing. Pending approval to proceed, construction is anticipated to commence in 2021 with reclamation beginning in 2026.

Please note that comments must be provided no later than July 28, 2017 to be considered in this environmental assessment. **Comments are requested to be provided via e-mail if possible.**

All project information can be found on our website at: <https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/beaver-dam-mine-project.asp> and on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency website at: <http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/details-eng.cfm?evaluation=80111>

All submissions received, including personal information, will be made available for public review by request.

Thank you

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My name is Rick Cauvier owner of **Rick's Environmental Solutions**. My company's main goal is to reduce air pollution by disposing of all waste wood whether it is land clearing, emerald ash borer beetle infected, land fill sites where developers take waste lumber to be buried. Open burning is not the answer and grinding pollutes the air with wood dust and diesel fumes and is very expensive. My method to solve this problem is an **Air Curtain Burner**. I can very effectively dispose of 10 to 12 tons of waste wood per hour with very low impact on the environment. The air quality from this machine has passed Environment Canada's own air quality tests. Please visit my site for more information. resltd.net Thank you.

Hi NSEN folks,

Larry Ladd here from the Community Advisory Group for Aerojet Superfund Site Issues in Sacramento. Who in Nova Scotia is following the environmental impact of the unsymmetrical dimethyl hydrazine that will be used at the proposed Canso spaceport? Here in Rancho Cordova we are still dealing with the impact of UDMH spills from 60 years ago. Please make sure they address all of the breakdown products of UDMH, not just the nitrosodimethylamine. See Figure 1 and Table 1 here: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3091350/> In particular, anything Canada can do to advance toxicological knowledge about tetramethyl tetrazene beyond these French studies <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26082396> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28498558> would be much appreciated.

Thanks,

Larry Ladd

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Here is the Latest News from the CMP:

Transparency in Chemicals Management Plan Risk Assessment Activities:

The proposed Approach to promote transparency in Chemicals Management Plan risk assessment activities was published for a public comment period ending on June 30, 2017.

www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/chemical-substances/chemicals-management-plan/initiatives/transparency-risk-assessment-activities.html

Cobalt and cobalt-containing substances:

The Final Screening Assessment for Cobalt and Cobalt-containing Substances and the revised Federal Environmental Quality Guidelines for Cobalt were published. A Proposed Risk Management Approach Document for Cobalt and Soluble Cobalt-compounds was also published for a 60-day public comment period ending on July 26, 2017.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/chemical-substances/substance-groupings-initiative/cobalt.html>

Volatile organic compounds (Petroleum Sector) :

The proposed Regulations Respecting Reduction in the Release of Volatile Organic Compounds (Petroleum Sector) pursuant to subsection 93(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 was published for a 60-day public comment period

ending on July 26, 2017.

<http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-05-27/html/reg2-eng.php>

Position: Farm Apprentice(s) <http://FoodWork.ca/946904>

Type: full-time with training, room and board and stipend

Organization: Cochrane Family Farm

Location: Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia

Cochrane Family Farm (Cochrane Family Seeds) is looking for apprentice(s) interested in working and learning on our 30 acre certified organic farm in Nova Scotia.

Training, room and board and stipend offered. Individuals who are interested in organic vegetable, flower and herb production and seed growing and saving practices may apply. Possibility of employment opportunity after as well. Start date as soon as possible.

To apply email us at: cochranefamilyfarm@bellaliant.com or call [902-671-2378](tel:902-671-2378)

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>

Hello,

My name is Caitlin Peace-Williams, and I am a Master's student in the Community Development program at Acadia University. My research is focused on the social acceptance of tidal energy development in Nova Scotia. I am working on a thesis under the supervision of Dr. John Colton. The goal of this research is to examine social licence (also known as social acceptance) in the context of tidal energy development in Nova Scotia. I am particularly interested in how the following four factors support the social acceptance of tidal energy; role of public education, role of baseline research, level of understanding of technology risks and impacts, and the role of community and economic development.

I hope to gain knowledge about how these factors contribute to social licence (acceptance), specifically in relation to tidal energy development in Nova Scotia. I am hoping to speak to a wide range of stakeholders. I am contacting you to ask if you would be interested in speaking with me about your perspectives regarding the social acceptance of tidal energy development in Nova Scotia.

If you are interested, please let me know and we can organize a time that is convenient for you. Participation is completely voluntary and confidentiality will be maintained throughout the research process. You will be asked to sign an Informed Consent Form that explains the research project and what your participation will entail. It also notes that any results from the study will be treated confidentially. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you for your time,

Caitlin Peace-Williams

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Are you aware of an upcoming decision by the Minister of Agriculture to permit Ontario beehives to be trucked to NS for pollination this season?

Ontario has small hive beetle, and we do NOT want that pest here! In addition, it seems crazy for the government to fund pollination expansion in this province and then allow special permits for beekeepers in other (especially "pest-ier") jurisdictions to fill NS pollination contracts....even though the NS Beekeepers Association says there are clearly enough hives in NS to do the job.

Re. Small Hive Beetle -- these hive pests harass the bees, and their maggots slime the honey, thus ruining it. Small-scale beekeepers such as ourselves will be the most negatively impacted by the introduction of the beetle.

I've started an Avaaz **petition**. The language is a bit sensationalist but I was trying to be factual + click-baity at the same time.

Please sign and share!! We will need a lot of signatures and shares if there is any hope to stop the importation. Share on Facebook and email.

https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Nova_Scotia_Premier_Stephen_McNeil_Protect_Nova_Scotia_Honey_Bees_and_bee_keepers_from_new_threats/?preview=live

Thanks so much,

Michelle McPherson, MSc

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.

Happy spring!

Tim Grant, Editor

Green Teacher

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Sackville Rivers Association Small Change Fund Project is now live.

Here is the link that you can share with people in your network to help raise funds for the SRA: <https://smallchangefund.org/project/b9CWW8pcxRQSdj945>.

\$2,000 is our GOAL this year and we hope you can help us reach that goal!!.

Use of Funds:

Equipment and Aquarium Unit Replacements and Repairs - \$1,000

New equipment purchase (for in-classroom equipment - aquariums, chiller units) - \$1,000

The Sackville Rivers Association (SRA), is a not for profit, registered charitable, volunteer based community group in existence since 1988 with approximately 200 members, concerned with the health of the Sackville River Watershed. The SRA's mandate is to:

- Protect and where necessary restore the Sackville River Watershed,
- Provide educational programs to encourage stewardship and awareness,
- Establish a Conservation Corridor along the length of the Sackville River, and
- Provide advice and support to other watershed groups

In the past, the SRA has undertaken many projects, ranging from salmon habitat restoration to environmental education.

Our efforts are concentrated on protecting and restoring salmon habitat, reconnecting fragmented salmon habitat, rebuilding salmon habitats through restocking, and educating the public through our two educational in-classroom programs River Rangers and Fish Friends. We are also working on developing a watershed management plan for the Sackville River Watershed, based on our existing Sackville River Ecosystem Plan (SREP).

If you'd like to find out more, please visit our website at <http://sackvillerivers.ns.ca/>.



Hi, this might be of interest to NSEN members and friends:
I've attached a sign proof (to be in Green print only) that is 16" x 24" on a corrugated plastic sheet so that it can stand up well over several years of being exposed to weather. Available after April 3rd. Available for a donation of \$ 6.00 ea. incl hst . fob Tatamagouche, N.S. Posts of 1 x 2 x 32 " are \$ 1.50 each extra. Assembled total \$ 8.00 hst incl. Email orders to; donwilson@gmail.com. After the next 3 weeks we will have some other locations for pickup around Nova Scotia. Group orders for 15 + signs to one location served by a courier or Canada Post location are Prepaid.
-- Thanks,

Don Wilson - Cell Tel [1 902 662 4190](tel:19026624190)
12 Maclews Road , RR 1
Brule Point, N.S. B0K1V0

Volunteer Group Leader for Citizens' Climate Lobby Halifax

Looking for a volunteer leader to take over as soon as possible as group leader for the Nova Scotia chapter of a well-organized and effective international organization, Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) Canada, a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization with a twin focus: to create the political will for a livable planet and to empower people to claim their political and personal power. CCL's approach to creating political will for carbon pricing is based on a proven model developed by the poverty-reduction and citizen empowerment organization RESULTS. Unique in the climate arena, CCL's roots can also be traced to the principles of nonviolence and compassion that guided the social revolutions led by Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. If you're looking to help achieve reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and to gain transferable interpersonal, communication, computer and organizational skills, this is an ideal group with whom to work. Present group leader started the Nova Scotia chapter in 2011 and, due to personal reasons, needs to find a replacement as soon as possible to carry on this important work. No expertise in climate science is necessary. Just a desire as a citizen to see appropriate action being applied politically in Nova Scotia in this area of dire concern. Contact 902-429-1571 for further information.

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:9024255121)

Naturalists wanted. The Wild Wednesdays beach and woodlands guided walks program at Thomas Raddall Natural Environment Park seeks naturalists in the Shelburne/Queens area willing to lead two-hour walks on Wednesday afternoons this coming July and August. Wild Wednesdays, entering its second year, is a project of the Harrison Lewis Coastal Discovery Centre. If you have an area of special interest and expertise related to what plants and animals are found by the seashore and adjoining woods and barrens, and would be willing to give up a couple of hours on one or more Wednesday afternoon, please contact us for details. Harrison Lewis Centre, Sandy Bay, East Port L'Hebert. Phone [902-646-1554](tel:902-646-1554), or email hlc@eastlink.ca

Care to **support** the Harrison Lewis Centre's Wild Wednesday program, helping provide teaching materials, transportation for seniors, or in other ways? We are a **registered charity** and can provide CRA-accredited receipts for donations, monetary or otherwise, with a value of \$10 or more.

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.

Seeya there!

Watch for Wildlife (W4W) NS is a new 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

Sign up to receive newsletters on school environment and health issues from CASLE. Send your request to info@casle.ca

In this month's newsletter:

1. Research has now shown there is no doubt that Carbon Dioxide (CO2) affects learning and well-being.

<http://www.chgeharvard.org/resource/impact-green-buildings-cognitive-function>

2. Nova Scotia remains in the forefront of regions that address indoor environment quality issues actively. CASLE and the government departments have been collaborating for two decades to create and maintain healthy schools.

3. The US Environmental Protection Agency is continuing its series of on-line courses in school environmental health:

https://www.epa.gov/iaq-schools/iaq-knowledge-action-professional-training-webinar-series?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

4. Canadians for A Safe Learning Environment (CASLE) website www.casle.ca in its new format is accessible to tablets and phones, and contains updated practical information on a wide range of topics relevant to healthy schools and healthy school children. Please circulate the web address widely.

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:

- 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.

# 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

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 holey 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/>

Sign the petition, “Minister LeBlanc: Open the Avon River Causeway: Restore the River and the Atlantic Salmon population!”

https://www.change.org/p/minister-leblanc-open-the-avon-river-causeway-restore-the-river-and-the-atlantic-salmon-population?utm_medium=email&utm_source=notification&utm_campaign=petition_signer_receipt&share_context=signature_receipt&recruiter=70497092

Environmental News

July 2017 Newsletter of the **Halifax North West Trails Association** is available on our web site [here](#).

Coastal Update June 2017 edition is now available and ready for you to view [online](#), or through our social media channels—[Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

The Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership **newsletter** is here: http://www.bofep.org/wpbofep/?page_id=416

Last week, the government announced that they had approved the tire burning pilot project, marking a shift in this province from recycling tires to burning them, and going against the clear decision made by government in 2007 not to allow burning.

The Ecology Action Centre is deeply concerned with this decision, particularly given that it was reached without conducting a GHG life cycle assessment of burning tires vs. recycling them. In a press release on Friday, we asked the government to, at very minimum, suspend the decision until they have done a life cycle assessment.

We need your help to fight this decision. Here's what you can do:

1. *Share a link to our petition

<<https://ecologyaction.ca/sites/ecologyaction.ca/modules/civCRM/extern/url.php?u=10953&qid=946650>>*

2. Call or *email <info@iainrankin.ca?subject=Don%27t%20Burn%20Tires%20In%20Nova%20Scotia>*

Environment

Minister Iain Rankin and your MLA and ask them to reverse their decision: (902) 404-7036

Our full response to the government outlining our concerns with this decision was released Friday morning. Read it online HERE: <<https://ecologyaction.ca/sites/ecologyaction.ca/modules/civCRM/extern/url.php?u=10954&qid=946650>>

This story is from Halifax Examiner's subscription site- you have to be a subscriber. It's cheap and worth supporting.

The article puts together all the pieces as predicted- we're running out of gas; we've cultivated a dependence (although there are only 6,000 Heritage Gas users), Alton Gas is to help supply those and expand as the off shore shuts down-the back story is there are a lot of folks hoping for fracking in our future. They will divide the First Nations by offering them projects that they should be entitled to already have up and running. Shame.

<https://www.halifaxexaminer.ca/environment/the-new-gas-economy-the-offshore-pipelines-and-alton-gas/>

The new gas economy: the offshore, pipelines, and Alton Gas

Most of the natural gas used in Nova Scotia came from the Sable Island gas field. But now, as the offshore gas industry collapses, Heritage Gas is looking to increase sales and keep prices low by importing gas from the U.S. and western Canada to the Alton Gas storage project.

July 4, 2017 By Jennifer Henderson 1 Comment

The Shubenacadie River.

No one who keeps an eye on the Nova Scotia energy scene was surprised to learn that EnCana plans to halt production at its ill-starred Deep Panuke offshore gas development in two to three years.

Not only was the project 10 years late and a billion dollars over budget, water problems have plagued it, reducing production to the winter months only, when prices are highest. But the timing of EnCana's decision also coincides with the planned shutdown of five steadily producing gas fields off Sable Island operated by ExxonMobil that have generated \$2

billion in royalties for the province. This effectively puts an end to a local source of natural gas that's been available for 20 years.

New report reveals that public financing by wealthiest governments belies stated commitments to Paris climate goals

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/2017/07/05/talk-cheap-g20-told-end-public-subsidy-all-dirty-fuels-2020>

'Talk Is Cheap': G20 Told to End Public Subsidy of All Dirty Fuels by 2020

Published on Wednesday, July 05, 2017

Media release:

Sierra Club Canada Foundation says no to oil and gas in a Marine Protected Area.

June 28, 2017

Ottawa - Sierra Club Canada Foundation is deeply alarmed with the recent announcement by the Government of Canada to consider allowing oil and gas activities in 80% of the Laurentian Channel MPA. National Program Director Gretchen Fitzgerald says, "It violates the spirit and the definition of what exactly a Marine Protected Area is – an area that due to the types of species and its ecological significance, requires protection as set out in the *Ocean's Act*.

Fitzgerald continues: "It means – in practice and not just on paper - that marine life are shielded from the very industrial activity they would now consider allowing to occur. Permitting oil and gas exploration in this area doesn't make any sense. It is the exact opposite of "protecting."

"Impacts of oil and gas are hardly "negligible" as the government [contends](#) in announcing this so-called MPA. It's bad enough that noise from seismic blasting travels hundreds of kilometres through the ocean, so conducting seismic around an MPA, never mind within it, should be restricted. New research is showing seismic airguns [blast a "hole" in plankton](#), the basis of the marine food chain, that reaches for over a kilometre from the source." she adds.

Additionally, Sierra Club Canada Foundation believes that the Government of Canada is playing fast and loose with their own agenda. "On June 23, the [government released their announcement](#) of its intention to declare this exact area as a Marine Protected Area, noting themselves that doing so will help them to fulfill their promise to the public to protect ecologically significant areas. Fitzgerald notes, "Creating a Marine Protected Area is not a box you can simply check off and think you have satisfied your obligations, and then turn around days later and declare that same area may be up for grabs by the oil and gas industry. Canadians know better, and Canadians expect better. In this case only one fifth of the area can truly 'count' toward our goal."

Sierra Club Canada Foundation is part of a coalition of groups currently going to court to challenge the Newfoundland government on precisely this type of activity in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. In a desperate fight to save the endangered blue whale, its habitat in the Gulf, and the marine chain of life it relies upon, the group is challenging a drilling licence given to Corridor Resources, a licence Fitzgerald explains, "that expired and should never have been re-issued. Our natural heritage is at stake here. The largest animal on the planet is on the verge of extinction in our own waters. As massive as these extraordinary whales are, they are some of the most fragile on earth."

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I am writing to inform you that on Saturday, June 17, 2017, a proposal to amend Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA), was published in [Part I of the Canada Gazette for 31 species](#).

This marks the beginning of a 30-day public comment period during which you can share your comments on the proposal either by responding to this email, writing to ec.LEPreglementations-SARAregrulations.ec@canada.ca or calling [1 800 668-6767](tel:18006686767). The public comment period will end on Monday, July 17, 2017.

The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change will take into consideration comments and any additional information received following this publication and make a listing recommendation for each species to the Governor in Council (Cabinet). The Governor in Council will then make the final decision on whether to accept the assessments of these species and to amend Schedule 1 accordingly, not to add the species to Schedule 1 or to refer the matter back to the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) for further information or to review.

The species included in the proposal are:

Legal population name	New status	Range

Mammals		
Badger <i>taxus</i> subspecies, American	New listing as special concern	Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario
Prairie Dog, Black-tailed	Up-listing from special concern to threatened	Saskatchewan
Reptiles		
Eastern Musk Turtle	Down-listing from threatened to special concern	Ontario, Quebec
Massasauga (Carolinian population)	New listing as endangered	Ontario
Massasauga (Great Lakes / St. Lawrence population)	New listing as threatened	Ontario
Amphibians		
Eastern Tiger Salamander (Carolinian population)	New listing as extirpated	Ontario
Eastern Tiger Salamander (Prairie population)	New listing as endangered	Manitoba
Rocky Mountain Tailed Frog	Down-listing from endangered to threatened	British Columbia
Wandering Salamander	New listing as special concern	British Columbia
Western Tiger Salamander (Prairie / Boreal population)	New listing as special concern	Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba
Western Tiger Salamander (Southern Mountain population)	New listing as endangered	British Columbia
Lichens		
Eastern Waterfan	New listing as threatened	Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia
Western Waterfan	New listing as special concern	British Columbia
Plants		
Crooked-stem Aster	Down-listing from threatened to special concern	Ontario
Fernald's Braya	Up-listing from threatened to endangered	Newfoundland and Labrador
Hairy Braya	New listing as endangered	Northwest Territories
Hare-footed Locoweed	Up-listing from special concern to threatened	Alberta
Nahanni Aster	New listing as special concern	Northwest Territories
Plymouth Gentian	Up-listing from threatened to endangered	Nova Scotia
Showy Goldenrod (Boreal population)	New listing as threatened	Ontario
Showy Goldenrod (Great Lakes Plains population)	New listing as endangered	Ontario
Sweet Pepperbush	Up-listing from special concern to threatened	Nova Scotia
Tweedy's Lewisia	New listing as endangered	British Columbia
Water Pennywort	Down-listing from threatened to special concern	Nova Scotia

Yukon Draba*	Proposed referred back to COSEWIC	Yukon
Molluscs		
Haida Gwaii Slug	New listing as special concern	British Columbia
Arthropods		
Dakota Skipper	Up-listing from threatened to endangered	Saskatchewan, Manitoba
Georgia Basin Bog Spider	New listing as special concern	British Columbia
Gibson's Big Sand Tiger Beetle	New listing as threatened	Alberta, Saskatchewan
Greenish-white Grasshopper	New listing as special concern	Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba
Mormon Metalmark (Prairie population)	Down –listing from threatened to special concern	Saskatchewan
Riverine Clubtail (Great Lakes Plains population)	New listing as endangered	Ontario

Federal Sustainable Development Strategy (FSDS) News

It's been an exciting week for sustainable development in Canada.

We released the [Spring 2017 update to the 2016–2019 FSDS](#) with:

- Results for short-term milestones
- Updates to key priorities, including announcements in Budget 2017

We provided the [Government Response to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development](#) that shows:

- Progress in implementing the recommendations made in the Standing Committee's report [Federal Sustainability for Future Generations—a Report Following an Assessment of the Federal Sustainable Development Act](#).

We tabled [proposed amendments to the Federal Sustainable Development Act](#) that:

- Expand the purpose and scope;
- Set a high bar for transparency, improved reporting, and oversight;
- Extend coverage to more than 90 federal departments and agencies; and,
- Continue the conversation on sustainability with Indigenous peoples and Canadians, respecting diversity—particularly youth-and gender parity.

Read the [Government Response](#) and [proposed amendments to the Act](#) to see how they respond to the Standing Committee's report that received unanimous support.

Thank you,

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Active transportation for Canada, now!

Greetings

Momentum is building in the campaign for a national active transportation strategy for Canada. See our new campaign website: www.activetransportationcanada.weebly.com.

A national AT strategy will set targets and improve conditions for increased everyday walking, cycling, and active school travel. It's an idea whose time has come.

Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, continues to express enthusiasm for a national AT strategy, most recently at the national Bike Summit on June 1. Her office is pursuing funds from various ministries to make it happen.

At the invitation of McKenna's office, a proposal for strategy development has been submitted by an alliance of Canada Bikes, Green Communities Canada, and the National Active & Safe Routes to School Working Group. The proposal includes research, extensive Canada-wide consultation, and collaborative strategy development.

Here's what you can do:

- Spread the word, including the link to the campaign website above.

- If you aren't already on the email list, get connected. See Take Action. www.activetransportationcanada.weebly.com/take-action.html
- Join the list of organizational supporters, or upgrade your support by sending your logo for posting on the website (see Supporters)
- Write to Minister McKenna, the PM, and other federal ministers expressing your support for an active transportation strategy. (For contacts, see Take Action).

Questions, comments, suggestions? Contact: info@activetransportationalliance.ca.

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