



Nova Scotia
Environmental Network
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

Eco Connections Newsletter September 2017

Welcome!

Below you will find **events** (starting on page 2), various **jobs postings** (page 4), lots of **opportunities** to have your voice heard (page 5), and **news** (page 10). *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.

Register extended to Thursday Sept. 21!

Environment Connects NS

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

What: Four themes: coastal, water, energy & climate, and forests. Panel discussions, children's events, entertainment, caucus meetings, and more

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

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

Find out more and register here before September 21: click [HERE](#)

Get in touch!

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork

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

Email: nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

Membership: Membership Matters!

A big incentive is reduced registration fees for paid Members. Not sure you're a member? Get in touch with Joanne at jonilight3@yahoo.ca.

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.

A big thanks to the new and newly renewed members:

Groups:

Council of Canadians - South Shore
Clean Annapolis River Project Society
Canadians for a Safe Learning Environment
Ducks Unlimited
Environmental Health Association of Nova Scotia
Environmental Law Society of Nova Scotia
Green Party of Nova Scotia
Halifax North West Trails Association
Hike Nova Scotia
Kairos Halifax
Margaree Environmental Association
Nature Nova Scotia (Federation of NS Naturalists)
Nature Trust
LUSH

Sacred Heart School - Environment Students Club
Solar Nova Scotia
Thinkwell Shift (Green Schools)
Young Naturalists Club

Individuals:

Geoff McCain
Jackie Easby
Joanne Light
Melissa Watson Elmer
Michel Palmer
Sue Adams

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@merseytobeatic.ca.

Environmental and Sustainability Education Caucus:

Next caucus meeting is Friday, September 22, from 4pm – 5:30pm at the EcoConnectsNS Gathering (see above for more info). 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/esec/>

Upcoming Member Events & Events of Interest

September

Dalhousie University Fall 2017 Environment, Sustainability and Society Lecture Series can be found here: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/sustainability-at-dal.html>

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

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

[Download or view a pdf version of the events list here.](#) [Version française ici](#)

Hike NS Fall Guided Hike Series 2017

Hike Nova Scotia and 28 host organizations across the province have partnered up to offer the 2017 Fall Guided Hike Series from September to November. There are 50 hikes led by local folks and participants qualify to win "trail prizes." Hikes are free and pre-registration is required unless otherwise indicated in the schedule. Hike NS thanks its partners for organizing the hikes on the ground as well as the ParticipACTION 150 Play List and the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage for their support. Check out details in the schedule found at www.hikenovascotia.ca.

Trailgate Canada 150 Volunteer Trail Maintenance Days

Hike NS and six community trail groups will offer Trailgate Canada 150 events across the province this fall. These volunteer trail maintenance days give hikers a chance to help out their local community trail group. All equipment and guidance on trail maintenance is provided and volunteers will enjoy a "trailgate" party with barbeque and cake to celebrate Canada's 150th. This project is funded by the Government of Canada. Events include:

-September 23 - Antigonish (Keppoch Mountain)

-September 30 - Halifax (Mainland Common)

-October 14 - Green Bay (Green Bay - Broad Cove Trail)
-October 14 - October 14 - Gulliver's Cove, Digby Co. (Gulliver's Head Look Off)
For more information, go to www.hikenovascotia.ca.

Green Teacher's Fall 2017 Webinars We have four exciting webinars scheduled for this Fall. All of the webinars are FREE, but you must register in advance. Please share this email with friends and colleagues who might be interested in the sessions below.

Best Practices in School Gardens

presented by Mary Dudley

Wednesday, September 27th 2017, 7:30-8:30pm EST [Register Here](#)

Eco-System Monitoring Programs

presented by Daniel Shaw

Wednesday, October 25th 2017, 7:30-8:30pm EST [Register Here](#)

Telling your Story with Story Maps

presented by Joseph Kerski

Monday, October 30th 2017, 7:30-8:30pm EST [Register Here](#)

Depaving: A New Way to Change Cities from Grey to Green

presented by Alix Taylor

Wednesday, November 15th 2017, 7:30-8:30pm EST [Register Here](#)

To find detailed descriptions of each of the above sessions, visit www.greenteacher.com. All webinars are free to attend live, and for 30 days following the live session. (To see the list of 75 past webinars, which can be freely viewed by Green Teacher subscribers, visit www.greenteacher.com/webinars.)

Climate Change & the Human Prospect: A Thinkers Retreat

Sept 28 – Oct 1, 2017

Thinkers Lodge, Pugwash

A 3-day intensive discussion with global and local thinkers to define a path to restore and revitalize local communities in the face of climate change. <http://centreforlocalprosperity.ca/events-2/thinkers-lodge-retreat/>

Student and Public Events

On Thursday, September 28, and Sunday, October 1, student and community public events are being organized at several excellent venues in Pugwash. These events are being designed to provide public engagement and education, artistic expression and community learning and celebration. These events will be announced in the coming months.

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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October and onward...

Training in the Wetland Ecosystem Service Protocol for Atlantic Canada (WESP-AC)

Presenter: Dr. Paul Adamus, Oregon State University

October 10th-11th 2017 8:30a.m. to 5 p.m. (includes lunch and snacks/coffee for both days)

Beaubassin Field Station, Aulac, NB Cost: \$260 CAD

Capacity is limited to approximately 25 people

WESP is a template for creating spreadsheet tools (standardised data forms and models) that rapidly assess the ecosystem services of wetlands, in support of environmental impact assessments and monitoring of restoration projects. A regionalised version of WESP was created and officially required for use in the Province of Alberta in 2014, as well as by the states of Oregon and (in part) Alaska. Regionalisation for the Maritime provinces, resulting in a tool called WESP-AC, began last year with development and calibration in New Brunswick, sponsored by NB ELG and Environment Canada. Extensions of that will be completed in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island this year.

This two day course on WESP-AC will be useful to environmental consultants and agency staff required to assess wetland functions and benefits, monitor restored wetlands, or conduct watershed assessments. The first day the creator of WESP will initially explain its origins, overall structure, and how it is being used elsewhere. He will conclude by explaining components of each of the models which automatically compute relative estimates of a wetland's importance for three

hydrologic functions, four water quality functions, nine habitat functions, and carbon storage. We will assess approximately 4 wetlands over the two days. Please be prepared with field gear for rain or shine.

Please confirm your attendance by August 31st by contacting Cassandra Colwell at Cassandra.colwell@gnb.ca or by phone at **1-506-643-2098**. Once confirmed we will provide you with payment methods.

Thurs. Oct 12 – Panel Discussion: Environmental Racism in Atlantic Canada;

6:45 pm; Halifax North Library, [2285 Gottingen Street](#); panelists from ENRICH Project and Cornwallis Baptist Church Leaders.

Fri. Oct. 13 – Film Screening and Panel Discussion; 6:45 pm; Mi'kmaq

Friendship Centre, [2158 Gottingen Street](#); Film screening of “Cold Amazon” and “Saving the Shubenacadie” and panel discussion with Elders Alma Brooks, St. Mary’s First Nation, and Dorene Bernard, Sipekne’katik First Nation.

Sat. Oct. 14 – Full Day Workshop, ‘Reconciliation in Our Watershed’, 10 am

– 3 pm; St. Andrew’s United Church, [6036 Coburg Road](#); focused on learning, relationship-building, and action to renew relationships between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples and their local watersheds.

For more info: Mary Rigby [902-466-4048](tel:902-466-4048); or Shannon Neufeldt

sneufeldt@kairoscanada.org (www.kairoscanada.org/reconciliation-watershed

<<http://marconf.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=e2021d1ad768ec5177f0f050a&id=9a1a472fdd&e=dca68256d6>>

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.

Fundraising for Social Change with Kim Klein

November 24-26, 2017 Friday 5:30 pm to Sunday 1:30 pm

Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche, NS

[REGISTER NOW](#)

[The premise of fundraising for social change is simple:](#)

it is possible to raise the money you need to do the work you want.

It is not necessary to compromise your values or change your programs

and it doesn't matter if you work in a rural or urban community.

Fundraising is also part of community organizing and can be built into everything an organization does.

To learn more about Kim Klein [click here](#)

Program cost: \$680 includes tuition, book, meals & lodging

For more information on our program including the workshop agenda [click here](#)

Job Postings

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>

Market Manager <http://FoodWork.ca/974524>

Organization: Halifax Brewery Farmers' Market

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Applications will be accepted through September 29th or until a suitable candidate can be identified.

Environmental Opportunities

The IPCC Secretariat for Canada wishes to inform you that the First Order Draft of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C is available for expert review from July 31 to September 24, 2017. To register as an expert reviewer, please [click here](#). Registration closes on September 17, 2017.

This expert review process is intended to ensure that the report provides a balanced and comprehensive assessment of the latest scientific findings. Additional information on the role of Expert Reviewer is available [here](#) and in this [information note](#) explaining the Expert Review process.

Please note: the IPCC Secretariat for Canada will undertake a Government review of the Second Order Draft in 2018 and will solicit input at that time.

Thank you,

The IPCC Secretariat for Canada

Science & Technology Branch

Environment and Climate Change Canada

Government of Canada

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We are excited to invite you to the Saint Mary's University Annual Volunteer Fair on Thursday, September 21st, 2017.

As a presenter, your organization can display potential volunteer opportunities to all Saint Mary's students. The Volunteer Fair provides an excellent opportunity to add to your current volunteer base and prepare you for your next volunteer recruitment. In addition, it provides the students of Saint Mary's a chance to identify which experiential learning opportunities best fit their interests and skills.

The Volunteer Fair will begin at **11:30 am** and end at **3:00 pm** with set up starting at 10:30 am. We encourage all organizations attending to commit to remain at the Fair until 3:00 pm as a number of students will be attending at 2:15 pm, when their classes end.

The Fair will be held in the Conference Hall of the Loyola Academic Complex (2nd floor – Room 290) and will be free of charge to all attending organizations. There will be no audiovisual equipment provided, organizations are responsible for bringing their own. On the day of the fair, a limited number of electrical outlets will be available on a first come first serve basis. There will be access to Wi-Fi Internet, so make sure your devices are charged!

You **must RSVP** to book a table at the event, and we suggest doing so as soon as possible, as there are a limited number of tables available and the event often sells out. Please **RSVP** through our [online registration](#).

If you have any additional questions regarding the Volunteer Fair, please contact **Maevie Mulroy** or **Carmen Burke** at [902-496-8743](tel:902-496-8743) or via e-mail at cdc@smu.ca.

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 off job 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/>

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

11064 Santiam River Court
Rancho Cordova CA 95670 USA
tel [916-852-8188](tel:916-852-8188)

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-bait 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

Apiculture + Ecology + Education

www.mcphersonconservation.com

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!

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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 Maclew 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](tel: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: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.

Seeya 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

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:

# 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

Helping Nature Heal newsletter can be found here: <http://mailchi.mp/70c4a601df3f/hnh-newsletter?e=68f3ae577f>

September 2017 Newsletter of the Halifax North West Trails Association is available by clicking [here](#). Read about upcoming hikes and events including the Fox and Ash Lakes Bioblitz!

Coastal Update August 2017 edition is now available and ready for you to view—see attached! You can also find the latest issue [online](#), or through our social media channels—[Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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>*

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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>>

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,

Sustainable Development Office

Environment and Climate Change Canada

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Interested in receiving the Eco Connections directly? Email me with your request! nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

We would like to hear your news! Please send updates of environmental concerns/activities in your community and we will post them in the newsletter and on our Facebook page.



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NSEN Events webpage: <http://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/events>

The Nova Scotia Environmental Network connects environmental organizations across the province – together we are

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