



Nova Scotia  
Environmental Network  
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

## **Eco Connections Newsletter February 2016**

### **Welcome!**

Below you will find **events, jobs postings, opportunities (volunteering, call for papers, scholarship), and news**. *Eco Connections* will be published on a monthly basis around the middle of each month. Send submissions to: [nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com).

### **Get in touch!**

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### **Membership: Membership Matters!**

#### **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 welcome future work with the new Environment Minister Margaret Miller.

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.

Specifically we're looking for those interested in being:

- Treasurer
- Note taker
- Membership Coordinator
- Fundraiser

### **Upcoming NSEN Events:**

#### **NSEN CAUCUSES**

**Water:** NSEN Water Caucus meeting coming up on Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup>

Where: Veith House boardroom (free) in Halifax from 9am to 1pm. At noon, there is an optional BYO ("Bring Your Own") lunch time in the boardroom when we can visit or have a working lunch depending on group

interest. \*It is a nut-free building. Please bring change for donation if you want tea/coffee, it will be provided at the meeting\*.

A storm date has also been booked at the same time and location for **Thursday March 3rd**.

[Veith House](#) is located at [3115 Veith Street](#), and parking directions from Lisa Roberts (Veith House ED) are pasted below:

“There is one hour and two hour time limited on Veith Street. If you require longer parking times we suggest parking at Needham Park - at the north end of Union St, or along Kenny Street or Devonshire Avenue near the Family Court and Needham Centre, or along Albert Street between Devonshire and Duffus. Each of these locations is an approximately 10 minute walk to Veith House. Veith House is also accessible by bus, particularly the #9 but also the #7 to Novalea (about a 5 minute walk). Finally, there is unlimited accessible parking immediately in front of Veith House.”

The focus of this meeting will be determining the purpose of the Water Caucus going forward and sparking action through creation of working groups. Two key questions will be discussed in depth which we encourage all those attending to reflect on before the meeting:

- 1) Why do you think we need the Water Caucus?
- 2) What are the opportunities to work together and create change?

PLEASE RSVP by Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> (or ASAP) if you plan to attend this meeting, or if you would like to attend but are unable.

**Other caucuses:** Find out how you can get involved: <http://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/>

## ***Upcoming Member Events & Events of Interest***

### ***FEBRUARY***

#### **Solar Nova Scotia's Solar Shelter Courses Winter 2016**

##### **PASSIVE SOLAR CONSTRUCTION COURSE**

A one day course, covering ground insulation frost protection, heat storage slabs, air recirculation & related topics. Includes detail sheets, drawings & a DVD with the visuals.

KENTVILLE: Saturday February 20th 9:>5:00. Register with Ashley Roch 825- 6280 or [arochresearch@gmail.com](mailto:arochresearch@gmail.com) ... and by demand, in Halifax and elsewhere, late winter. Inquire at [902-852-3789](tel:902-852-3789) or [solardon.ns@gmail.com](mailto:solardon.ns@gmail.com).

The fee: \$80 students, \$90 single, \$150 couples; with handouts. Optional textbooks (\$15/\$35)

#### **Free Winter Tracking Series hosted by Friends of Redtail Society**

Friends of Redtail Society will be hosting a winter tracking series on Sundays in the month of February. The event is free and will take place at 1 pm on February 7, 14, 21 and 28.

The event invites participants to see animals through the eyes of the track. Winter is an excellent time to study nature's signatures. Each afternoon we will track local fauna, including Deer, Coyote, Fisher and Snowshoe Hare, which live on and around Friends of Redtail land, near Scotsburn, Pictou County.

Friends of Redtail Society Board Members, Billy MacDonald and Joella Arsenault will lead the tracking series.

MacDonald is an experienced tracker who has spent much of his life in the woods attuned to observing nature and animal signs. In the mid '80s he studied tracking with internationally renown, Tom Brown Jr., and in 1991 he founded Redtail Nature Awareness Camp near Scotsburn, offering wilderness experiences for children, youth and adults. Arsenault is a nature photographer and former attendee of Redtail Nature Awareness and has co-led programs with MacDonald for the past decade.

Please dress for the conditions, proper footwear is essential. If the snow pack continues snowshoes may also be necessary. Each week we will meet at the bridge on the MacBeth Road by Craig's Way at 12:50 pm.

Please join our event on Facebook and share it with your network, <http://on.fb.me/1Oi9j57>.

For more information or directions call Billy MacDonald at [\(902\) 485-4688](tel:902-485-4688) or visit [friendsofredtail.ca](http://friendsofredtail.ca).

**Up next in The School of the Environment Seminar Series 'Can a Low Dose Selenium Additive Reduce Environmental Risks of Mercury and Arsenic in Mining Waste?'** with Dr. Emily Chapman, Environmental Science – SMU

Join us on Friday, February 26 at 11:30 in Loyola Building, Room 282.

Feel free to brown bag your lunch. Refreshments will be served! All are welcome!

**Citizens' Climate Lobby's big "ask"** (choice of two "asks" found here under ACTIONS:

<http://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/resources/>) for the next ninety days. If you or any organization you are involved with would be willing to endorse one of the attached, or you can suggest community leaders, businesses or groups to ask, please do not hesitate to reply after reading the two attachment "CCL Endorsement Ask" letters. Our small group of volunteers will be doing a mailing to as many businesses and religious, business, academic, media and social organizations and individuals as we can think of after Christmas. We need to put pressure on our laggard premier to be a leader and come out of his man cave where he has sabre tooth tiger thinking that carbon pricing will "punish" citizens twice. (Shadows of Steve Harper lurk in his closet.)

**Winter 2016 Term: Environment, Sustainability, Society Lecture Series**

See full details here: [www.dal.ca/faculty/sustainability/news-and-events/ess-lecture-series-schedule.html](http://www.dal.ca/faculty/sustainability/news-and-events/ess-lecture-series-schedule.html)

February 25. Why Sustainability Needs Spirituality

March 3. Exploring Alternative Economic Futures

March 10. Community Hubs and Place-Based Experiential Learning: A Permaculture Perspective

March 17. Cultivating Changemaker Communities

**FarmWorks' Fifth Offer is open.**

Contact Linda Best- [lbest@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:lbest@ns.sympatico.ca) or **902-542-3442**, cell **902-670-3660** with any questions.

Interested in Nova Scotian Food and Beverages? Interested in Tax Credits? FarmWorks can provide both.

FarmWorks Community Economic Development Investment Fund can provide Provincial tax credits (35% for five year investment or 65% over 15 years) for Nova Scotian investors in FarmWorks' broad-based portfolio of food-related businesses. Loans to more than 50 businesses provide investor security and help insure healthy farms and healthy food.

Production of excellent foods and beverages contributes to our economy, our health, our communities and the quality of life in Nova Scotia.

Please visit the [FarmWorks](http://FarmWorks.ca) website for more information. Please review [Fifth Offer Documents here](#).

Upcoming Information Sessions, and as other sessions are arranged they will be added to the [Calendar](#).

February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm: The Henley House Pub and Restaurant 22478 Highway 7 Sheet Harbour

February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm: Telegraph House & Motel, 479 Chebucto St, Baddeck

February 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm: Maritime Inn, 158 Main Street, Antigonish

February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am: Booth at New Glasgow Farmers Market, 115 Jury Street, New Glasgow

February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm: Evening - New Glasgow Farmers Market, 115 Jury Street, New Glasgow

February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 pm: Truro Fire Hall, 165 Victoria Street

February 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm: Berwick Fire Hall, 300 Commercial Street

February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm: Tattingstone Inn, 620 Main St, Wolfville

March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm: The Trail Shop, 6210 Quinpool Road, Halifax

**Events at the Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park**

Where: We are located just off Highway 102, Exit 9 at Milford, about 45 minutes from downtown Halifax.

Our civic address is: 149 Creighton Road, Shubenacadie, NS.

Our GPS co-ordinates are: N 45° 05.570' and W 063° 23.576'

FREE SNOWSHOEING AT THE PARK ON WEEK-ENDS

Have you ever wanted to try snowshoeing? We have the snowshoes if winter gives us the snow. This will be offered periodically on week-ends starting January 9, 2016, from 10 am to 1 pm. **SNOWSHOEING NOT AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 20 & 21.** We wish to encourage people of all ages to try this easy and free recreational

activity. To make arrangements or get more information: email [legacycentre@novascotia.ca](mailto:legacycentre@novascotia.ca) or phone [902-758-5316](tel:902-758-5316). Please call [902-758-2040](tel:902-758-2040) after 9:00 am on week-ends to ensure the facility is open as inclement weather or unsafe conditions may cause events to be cancelled.

February 20, 2016

### **Wildlife Rehabilitation by Helene Van Doninck**

Free Education Presentation

Saturday **1:00-2:30 pm**

Join Helene Van Doninck, Wildlife Veterinarian and Co-Founder of the Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre (CWRC) in Hilden, as she discusses some recent wildlife patients admitted to the CWRC. She will also talk about the impact free-roaming cats have on wildlife and will offer some helpful solutions on how to keep both cats and wildlife safe.

Pre- registration is required. You must receive a confirmation to be eligible for this event. If inclement weather is anticipated, those registered will be contacted about the cancellation by 9:00 am on February 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to pre-register, please phone [902-758-5316](tel:902-758-5316) or email [legacycentre@novascotia.ca](mailto:legacycentre@novascotia.ca)

March 19, 2016

### **Hiking with the Lichens by Frances Anderson**

Saturday March 1:00-2:30 pm

Free Educational Presentation

Lichens are slow growing, long living organisms, that can be viewed in nature all year round, formed by the symbiotic association between algae and fungi. Join us in an interpretative talk and hike along the Shubenacadie Wildlife Park's Wetland trail with Frances Anderson. Frances is an expert on lichens, and co-author of an easy-to-use field guide "Common Lichens of Northeastern North America. Please dress for the weather: wear good walking/hiking boots, bring water and snacks. Pre- registering is required. You must receive a confirmation to be eligible for this event.

For more information or to pre-register, email: [legacycentre@novascotia.ca](mailto:legacycentre@novascotia.ca) or phone [902-758-5316](tel:902-758-5316).

April 16, 2016

Wildlife Park Volunteer Orientation Day

Saturday 9:30-12:30

For more information or to pre-register, email: [legacycentre@novascotia.ca](mailto:legacycentre@novascotia.ca) or phone [902-758-5316](tel:902-758-5316).

April 16, 2016

### **Nova Scotia Turtles By Andrew Hebda**

Free Educational Presentation

Saturday 1:00-2:30 pm

Andrew Hebda is Curator of Zoology for the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History and does a regular series on CBC radio called "Surf and Turf". Three of the province's four turtle species are already at risk in Nova Scotia. Andrew will discuss these turtles highlighting their biology, habitat needs and threats. The North Atlantic Ocean surrounding Nova Scotia is also the home of the largest sea turtle in the world; find out just how big and old they can be.

Pre- registration is required. You must receive a confirmation to be eligible for this event. For more information or to pre-register, please phone [902-758-5316](tel:902-758-5316) or email [legacycentre@novascotia.ca](mailto:legacycentre@novascotia.ca)

### **Hike NS Winter Guided Snowshoe Hike Series 2016**

Hike Nova Scotia and 28 host organizations across the province have partnered up to offer the 2016 Winter Guided Snowshoe Hike Series in January, February and March. There are over 50 hikes led by local folks and participants qualify to win "trail prizes." Most hikes are free unless otherwise indicated in the schedule. Hike NS thanks NS Trails, Doctors Nova Scotia and the NS Department of Health and Wellness for their support. Hike NS also thanks its local partners for organizing the hikes on the ground. Check out the list of events here: [www.hikenovascotia.ca](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca).

### **Interested in a faith-based active discussion about Climate Change?**

Want to help make a difference for the sake of our planet?

Join Anne Marie Conn, RSCJ, for a multi-week series:  
Thursday, March 31, 7-9 pm: "Ecological Conversion"  
Thursday, May 5, 7-9 pm: "Eco-Imagining our Emerging Future"  
\$7.00 per session/\$25 for all 4  
All sessions will take place at: Barat Spirituality Center  
1455 Summer Street Halifax, NS B3H4L6  
Call 902-456-6112 to register

**Expedition for the Earth Info Night** Learn how you can join the adventure!

Join the Nova Scotia Nature Trust on Wednesday, February 24th for our second Expedition for the Earth: Iceland 2016 information session. The Expedition for the Earth is an exciting environmental initiative that will take an intrepid group of outdoor enthusiasts on an adventure trek through the world's most fascinating places, all to raise critical funds and awareness for wilderness conservation in Nova Scotia.

Come learn about this exciting adventure, talk to past participants, meet some of this year's Expedition Team and enjoy a screening of a documentary about Iceland's natural beauty.

Following the success of the inaugural Patagonia trek in 2013, we are excited to offer another experience of a lifetime on a guided trek through Iceland's Fjallabak Nature Reserve. Five intrepid explorers have already signed up and you could be the next! We are looking for passionate outdoor enthusiasts with a sense of adventure to join our Expedition team along with our expert guide, Wally Berg, internationally renowned adventurer and mountaineer. Participants need to be in good physical condition however no climbing or mountaineering experience is necessary.

When: Wednesday, February 24th, 7pm

Where: Labatt Breweries Atlantic Beer Institute (Keith's Brewery Market)

What: Join us for beverages and snacks plus amazing images and stories about Iceland. We'll be showing a documentary about Iceland, hearing from past Expedition for the Earth participants and answering all of your questions about how you can be part of this exciting adventure.

Please RSVP by email to [expedition@nsnt.ca](mailto:expedition@nsnt.ca) or contact Allison or Magali at [\(902\) 425-5263](tel:9024255263)

For more information visit [www.expeditionfortheearth.ca](http://www.expeditionfortheearth.ca)

Don Forgeron, IBC President and CEO will be the key note speaker at an Economic Club of Canada event in Halifax on Thursday February 25th, 2016.

Don's presentation will focus on an important topic we all know too well, ***Atlantic Canada and the Costs of Climate Change: Making the Case for a National Flood Program***. He will also address how IBC's proposed plan will affect Atlantic Canadians when it comes to flood events.

Based on previous conversations around climate change in Atlantic Canada, we thought this event may be pertinent to you and your colleagues.

Full details of the event and a brief description are below. Please feel free to share. Should you be interested in attending, please find the registration information here: <http://economicclub.ca/events/display/atlantic-canada-and-the-costs-of-climate-change--making-the-case-for-a-national-flood-program>

**Environment and Climate Change Canada is inviting you to comment on the proposed Recovery Strategy for Little Brown Myotis, Northern Myotis, and Tri-colored Bat in Canada.**

These three bat species were listed as endangered by the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) in November 2014. White-nose Syndrome, a disease specific to bats, has caused population declines that may be the most rapid of any species of mammal ever documented in North America.

On December 30, 2015, the proposed *Recovery Strategy for Little Brown Myotis, Northern Myotis, and Tri-colored Bat in Canada* was posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry.

A recovery strategy is a planning document that identifies what needs to be done to stop or reverse the decline of a species. It sets population and distribution objectives and identifies the broad strategies and general approaches to meet them.

You can read the proposed Recovery Strategy and comment:

[www.sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default\\_e.cfm?documentID=2475](http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=2475).

This document will remain on the registry for a 60-day comment period ending March 4, 2016.

After the public comment period of 60 days, Environment and Climate Change Canada will then review comments and integrate them as appropriate, after which the final version of the recovery strategy will be posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry.

### **Environment and Climate Change Canada is inviting you to comment on the Recovery Strategy for the Wood Turtle (*Glyptemys insculpta*) in Canada [proposed].**

Wood Turtle is listed as Threatened under the federal Species at Risk Act. Although the Wood Turtle is strongly associated with year-round flowing streams, it is the most terrestrial of Canada's freshwater turtles. Road network and agricultural practices are the most serious threats to this species. Wood Turtle populations are highly vulnerable to any increases in mortality rates of adults or older juveniles because of the species' long-term reproductive success strategy (e.g., delayed sexual maturity, slow reproductive rate).

The proposed Recovery Strategy is posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry. A recovery strategy is a planning document that identifies what needs to be done to stop or reverse the decline of a species. It sets population and distribution objectives and identifies the broad strategies and general approaches to meet them. You can read the proposed Recovery Strategy and comment at:

[http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default\\_e.cfm?documentID=2864](http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=2864) .

After the public comment period ends on April 1, 2016, Environment and Climate Change Canada will review comments and integrate them as appropriate, after which the final version of the recovery strategy will be posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry.

The **Nova Scotia The Trails Strategy Working Group** has released a Draft Strategy to set the future direction for the development and management of trails in Nova Scotia. Your participation is critical to ensuring the future success of the trails movement. Here is the draft for your review. [A Shared Strategy for Trails in Nova Scotia](#) After you have reviewed the draft you can complete feedback survey [here](#).

See the latest news from **Helping Nature Heal** here: <http://helpingnatureheal.com/news/>

**Seedy Saturday** on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>: <http://helpingnatureheal.com/join-us-to-celebrate-our-10th-annual-seedy-saturday>. Our upcoming workshops are all listed on our blog as well: <http://helpingnatureheal.com/hone-your-ecological-gardening-skills-at-our-winter-and-spring-workshops/>

### **WINDHORSE GUIDED SNOWSHOE WANDERS**

Windhorse Farm (near Bridgewater) is leading two forest snowshoe wander in partnership with Hike Nova Scotia again this year.

Join us later this February for a moonlit evening or a winter afternoon wander through the beautiful old growth Acadian forest! After snowshoeing, we'll gather for a hot drink around the fire.

Tickets are \$12. There will be quite a few pairs of snowshoes available at no charge (thanks to MODL).

For more information and to reserve your spot, please take a look here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/windhorse-forest-snowshoe-wander-tickets-20057001030>

In related news, over 15 km of the Windhorse trails are now being groomed this year for cross-country skiing! Call to find out more and/or to book an off-grid cabin getaway.

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/>

*MARCH and onward...*

**Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation, in partnership with South Shore Chapter of Council of Canadians and Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter**, are organising a free shoreline photography and adaptation workshop in celebration of Canada Water Week. The event will be held at the Mahone Bay Centre on Saturday March 5th from 10AM to 2:30PM (light lunch provided).

Photographer Kas Stone and coastal activist Robin Tress (Ecology Action Centre) will share their artistic and scientific perspectives on the South Shore's dynamic waterscapes. Participants will learn how to capture beautiful images along our coastal and inland shorelines, and discover how these shorelines are being transformed in a changing climate. All ages welcome; also any type of camera, but you should already be familiar with its basic operation before attending this workshop.

To find out more and RSVP by February 26th, visit <http://shorelineviews.eventbrite.ca>. Space will be limited. Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/164539657254612/>. Funding for this free workshop is provided by Nova Scotia Department of Environment. Contact Amy Buckland-Nicks (Climate Change Project Coordinator, Coastal Action) for more information or to RSVP if you cannot do so online: [amy@coastalaction.org](mailto:amy@coastalaction.org).

**Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation and Warburton Communications Inc.** will be delivering an education and outreach program this year aimed at raising awareness about straight pipes that pump raw sewage into the LaHave River. The "Sewer Solutions for the LaHave River" program is funded by the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL). MODL is taking steps towards an incentivized remedial program for properties with straight pipes located between the mouth of the LaHave River and the Bridgewater town limit, but first provincial and federal funding needs to come through. For more information, see the article "MODL moving forward on river sewage issue" published on February 3rd in Lighthouse Now.

#### **Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust Annual General Meeting, Sunday, March 20, 2016**

Save the Date! At this time we would like to invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting to be held from 2-4 pm on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at the Estabrooks Centre, 4408 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Lewis Lake. Our Board members will be reporting on a number of activities from the year 2015 and will share plans for projects in 2016 and beyond.

The title of our Guest Speaker's presentation is "FBWHT at a Crossroads"

Founding President Tom Musial will review the past 15 years of FBWHT activities and put the question to the membership, "Where do we go from here?" We invite you to join us for discussion as we plan our way forward. The doors will be open at 1:30 pm for those who wish to become members of the Trust or to renew their memberships for 2016, membership is \$10.00 a year for a single membership, \$15.00 for a Family membership and \$100 for a Lifetime membership.

If you would like serve on our Board, serve on a committee or help plan an event please contact our Co-Chairs: Harry Ward: [harryward@eastlink.ca](mailto:harryward@eastlink.ca) or Peter Lund: [opeterlund@gmail.com](mailto:opeterlund@gmail.com). All are Welcome!!

#### **Our Water: The Future Is Blue The Third Annual Community Photo Exhibit**

Sponsored by the South Shore Chapter of the Council of Canadians, Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation, Community Sustainability Network, and DesBrisay Museum.

The purpose of the "Our Water" community photo exhibits is to raise awareness and stimulate dialogue about our day-to-day dependence on water to sustain work and play and life itself. This year's theme, "The Future Is Blue," underlines the beauty of water, as well as the critical importance of better protecting the water commons for one and all.

A few of last year's Exhibit photos (45 in total) have been posted along with their story cards—a couple of sentences that inform viewers about the artistic and/or political story behind the image—at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/136307696@N07/>. More information will come available, including submission guidelines, in the near—blue—future. The Exhibit will open April 10th at the DesBrisay Museum in Bridgewater.

Learning for a Sustainable Future ([www.lsf-lst.ca](http://www.lsf-lst.ca)) and Natural Curiosity are partnering to facilitate a 2-day PD experience: **Making Authentic Inquiry Work!**

Location: Dalhousie Student Union Building Rm 303

Building: 6136 University Ave, Halifax, NS

Date: April 18th to April 19th, 2016

Time: 9am - 4pm daily

Cost: \$250 (*Breakfast, lunch and refreshments and 2 publications included*)

Register by April 4th, 2016 ([Flyer](#))

This Institute is for ECE, Kindergarten and Elementary teachers of all grades who wish to explore how authentic inquiry is being applied to address expectations in social studies, science, language and other subjects.

The Institute is also relevant to school administrators and system leaders who wish to support transformative inquiry-based learning.

Participants will model and practice strategies including outdoor exploration and knowledge building circles, reflect on current teaching practices and explore how to bring about change.

Please go to the link below to get more information. <http://www.lsf-lst.ca/institutes>

### **NS Hiking Summit April 29 – May 1, Digby**

Hike Nova Scotia invites individuals and groups with an interest in hiking, walking and snowshoeing to the fifth annual Nova Scotia Hiking Summit from Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1 in Digby. The summit is a celebration of hiking culture, including best practices, stories, networking opportunities and hikes. The Summit is hosted by Hike NS, the Digby Area Recreation Commission and the Fundy Erratics hiking group. The event is supported by the NS Department of Health and Wellness.

There is limited space for this event, so please register early to secure your spot. Registration is \$30 for paid Hike NS members and \$40 for non-members (who will receive a membership with their registration).

Registration includes: access to hike events and socials; access to Saturday sessions; Saturday morning and afternoon coffee/snack breaks; Saturday lunch. There is an optional Saturday supper (\$10). Registration does not include accommodation or other meals – you must arrange them on your own. The deadline for registration is April 25, 2016. Learn more and register online at [www.hikenovascotia.ca](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca).

SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) Atlantic Canada Chapter and the Waste Resource Association of Nova Scotia (WRANS) are co-hosting the **8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Waste Resource Symposium – Oceans of Opportunity** in Halifax at The Westin from **April 27 -29, 2016**. Details can be found at <http://www.atcanswana.org/atlanticwasteconference/>

### **Job Postings:**

The Ecology Action Centre is looking for a **Water Coordinator** to join the dynamic Coastal and Water team. This is a full-time, one-year position (pending funding). Please check out the EAC's [jobs page](#) for more information. The deadline to apply is 5 pm on Monday February 29th.

Another job posting with EAC: [GM Salmon Campaign Coordinator](#), Ecology Action Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia

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### **Executive Director with GreenLearning Canada**

Location: anywhere in Canada

See details here: <http://GoodWork.ca/950723>

The GreenLearning Canada Foundation (GLCF) provides teachers with free, online education programs about energy and sustainability that empower students to create positive change for our evolving world. All programs meet provincial core curriculum for multiple grades and subjects.

GLCF is seeking an Executive Director for a one year maternity leave to significantly increase and diversify its funding base enabling the organization to development more educational programs and engage more teachers



across Canada with the goal of empowering a critical mass of young people who can ultimately lead and shift society to a secure, prosperous and sustainable energy future.

#### The Position

The Executive Director, located anywhere in Canada, will be a social entrepreneur and an organization builder with personal energy and skills to raise funds and to engage and lead both staff and volunteer team members. He/she will have experience and credentials in the fund development sector along with a solid grounding in the environmental and energy NGO sector.

Submit, by email, no later than Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016 at 5:00pm to: Hiring Committee, c/o Beckie Granatstein, Executive Director [beckie@greenlearning.ca](mailto:beckie@greenlearning.ca) (514) 475-7832

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#### **Program Coordinator – Sustainability Education Department with Clean Foundation**

Location: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

Salary: Depends on Experience

Status: Full-time, Temporary (One year Maternity Leave)

Full details here: <https://www.careerbeacon.com/posting/509370/clean-foundation/program-coordinator-sustainability-education-department/dartmouth/>

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#### **Mobile Market Coordinator**

See full details here: <http://FoodWork.ca/974133>

Organization: Partners for Care

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

(April – October, 2016 contract position)

Start: Target start date – April 4, 2016.

End: October 2016.

35 hours per week @ \$22.00/hour

Hours: Tuesday to Saturday from 9am to 5 pm. Some flexibility with hours will be required.

Location: This position will be based in Halifax at the Victoria General Hospital - Centennial Building. It will also require regular travel throughout the week for site visits and partner meetings.

TO APPLY

Please email a cover letter and resume to Mike McKenzie at:

[mike.mckenzie@nshealth.ca](mailto:mike.mckenzie@nshealth.ca)

Please submit your application in the form of a pdf document.

DUE DATE: 5:00pm Monday, February 29th, 2016.

Interviews will likely take place March 9th – 18th in Halifax, NS.

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[Chef](#), f/t, Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort & Retreat Centre, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

[Guest Services Supervisor](#), f/t, Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort and Retreat Centre, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

[Eco-friendly housekeepers](#), f/t, Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort & Retreat Centre, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

[Garden-to-Table Internships](#), work-stay, Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort and Retreat Centre, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

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#### **CMOS/SCMO seeks applicants for the position of Editor of CMOS Bulletin SCMO.**

Position: Editor of CMOS Bulletin SCMO <http://GoodWork.ca/982923>

Organization: Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society  
Location: anywhere in Canada  
Remuneration: Compensation to be negotiated.  
Please apply via email to: [publications@cmos.ca](mailto:publications@cmos.ca)  
Full details here: <http://GoodWork.ca/982923>

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#### **Consultant or Senior Consultant with Dunsky Energy Consulting**

Location: anywhere in North America  
Full details here: <http://GoodWork.ca/936823>

### **Environmental Opportunities:**

#### **Clean Scholarship Award**

Clean Foundation established a \$20,000 scholarship fund in 2008 in celebration of our 20th anniversary. The first scholarship was granted in spring 2009 in the amount of \$2,000. A scholarship will be awarded each year until 2019. Each award will be granted to a Nova Scotia graduate student (Masters or PhD) conducting research in the area of environmental studies.

Applications are now being accepted for 2016! Visit <http://clean.ns.ca/about-us/scholarship/> for details

#### **Call for Papers**

##### **11<sup>th</sup> BoFEP Bay of Fundy Science Workshop**

*"Fundy in Flux: Challenges for Science, Policy and Society"*

Wednesday, June 8 – Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2016

St. Thomas University Conference Center, Fredericton, NB

See attachment for details or visit: <http://www.bofep.org/wpbofep/?p=1264>

#### **Board Members Needed Sierra Club Canada**

Position: Board Director <http://GoodWork.ca/970823>

Type: non-profit board of directors positions (volunteer)

Organization: Sierra Club Canada

Location: anywhere in Canada

How to apply: If you wish to be considered for Sierra Club Canada's Board of Directors, please submit a CV and cover letter by February 15th to: [president@sierraclub.ca](mailto:president@sierraclub.ca)

Depending on the number of qualified candidates, we aim to appoint between 1 and 3 new members to the board at our upcoming board meeting in March.

#### **Full-time apprentice/intern with profit share, mentorship, more (see below) with Bethany Garden Apprenticeship Program**

Location: Antigonish, Nova Scotia

See full details here: <http://FoodWork.ca/996723>

If you are interested in applying to be the Bethany Garden apprentice(s) in 2016, please submit a letter of intent, a résumé, and three references to Jen Greenberg at the address below before February 12 2016. Selection of an apprentice will take place in February so the apprentice can get started early in the spring of 2016.

Jen Greenberg [jenredfox@gmail.com](mailto:jenredfox@gmail.com)

**Outreach Volunteer Co-ordinator** <http://GoodWork.ca/982723> with World Oceans Day Canada  
<http://www.oceansday.ca>

Location: urban centres across Canada

World Oceans Day - Wed June 8, 2016

Today, more than at any other time, our oceans, waterways, water and marine life are at risk. Water is a limited

resource on our earth. Oceans are joined into one ocean actually, meaning what is done on one side of the globe affects all other parts of our world. Our ocean generates 80% of the oxygen we need (trees 20%) but the carbon levels in our oceans are at an all time high. Together we have the power to protect but we must take action now to reduce our carbon footprint, protect marine life, conserve and protect water and waterways. NOW.

We are looking for regional volunteer outreach co-ordinators in major metropolitan areas across Canada. City by city.

This is part time volunteer work, whereby you will be invited to build a team of local volunteers to do outreach and public speaking with your local school boards.

We are hoping to attract long-term volunteers who have some time between February and June to contact local schools to promote our ocean hero program and do some public speaking.

If you are capable of getting local activities such as mural competitions going, all the better.

Please include a CV with volunteer work with your response, to: [wodc@telus.net](mailto:wodc@telus.net)

### **Environmental News:**

Norma Lee talks to Elizabeth May and Roger Cuzner (Cape Breton-Canso Liberal MP) on CBC Maritime Noon about the re-opening of the **Donkin Coal Mine in Cape Breton, NS**.

[www.cbc.ca/maritimenoon/2016/01/27/should-the-donkin-mine-reopen-a-potash-worker-mourns-her-job-more-sly-foxes](http://www.cbc.ca/maritimenoon/2016/01/27/should-the-donkin-mine-reopen-a-potash-worker-mourns-her-job-more-sly-foxes)

**Coastal Update:** published monthly by the **Atlantic Coastal Zone Information Steering Committee (ACZISC)**. Readers are invited to **visit the ACZISC's website** at <http://www.coinatlantic.ca> to review this and past issues of the Coastal Update, our theme pages which are routinely updated with new links and publications, and the presentations, videos and reports from ACZISC meetings.

### **Commissioner of the Environment and of Sustainable Development 2015 Fall Report**

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to advise you that my [2015 Fall Report](#) was tabled today at 10:00 a.m. in the House of Commons.

This Report specifically examines the following issues:

- Safety and Accessibility of Pesticides
- Pipeline Oversight
- Departmental Progress in Implementing Sustainable Development Strategies
- Environmental Petitions Annual Report

In addition, the Report contains: [The Commissioner's Perspective](#)

My report is available on the [Office of the Auditor General of Canada](#) web site.

Sincerely,

Julie Gelfand, Commissioner of the Environment and of Sustainable Development

**Updates from the frontlines of land conservation in Nova Scotia:** <http://bit.ly/1TXpLxE>

**February 2016 Newsletter of the Halifax North West Trails Association** is now on line [here](#).

EAC's Energy Action Team Board Representative, Jacob Thompson, has been working on a **Nova Scotia Energy Map** for the past few years at [www.gonotes.org](http://www.gonotes.org). People interacting with the map can now "add their own power plants", if they happen to be Wind, Water, or Solar power, or Compressed Air and Hydrogen Energy Storage.

### **Municipality of the District of Lunenburg becomes Atlantic Canada's first Blue Community**

Our congratulations and appreciation to the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) for becoming Atlantic Canada's first Blue Community! In a Council meeting December 8, 2015, MODL Council members voted to accept all three resolutions of the Blue Community Project. An official ceremony including Atlantic Region

Organizer for the Council of Canadian Director will take place at the Jan 26th Council Meeting at 6:30 pm. at the MODL office, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater.

The Blue Communities Project was developed by the Council of Canadians and calls on communities to adopt a water commons framework by:

1. Recognizing water as a human right.
2. Promoting publicly financed, owned and operated water and waste water services.
3. Banning the sale of bottled water in public facilities and at municipal events.

A water commons framework treats water as belonging to no one, and the responsibility of all. Because water is central to human activity, it must be governed by principles that allow for reasonable use, equal distribution and responsible treatment in order to preserve water for nature and future generations.

Thank you to the South Shore Chapter's devoted water campaigner, Charlene Morton, for her outstanding leadership.

The following article appeared on the Council of Canadians website. The original article can be seen at <http://canadians.org/blog/win-municipality-district-lunenburg-becomes-blue-community-atlantic-canadas-1st>

*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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Find past EcoConnections here: <http://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/resources>

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

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