



Nova Scotia  
Environmental Network  
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

## **Eco Connections Newsletter March 2016**

### **Welcome!**

*Below you will find **events, jobs postings, opportunities (to respond to Environmental Assessments, the Trans Pacific Partnership and more), 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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Website: <http://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/events/>

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

NSEN would like to thank **Patricia Vanaman** of Shelburne, **Windhorse Farm** of New Germany and **Graham Smith** of Brookside for renewing their memberships. We look forward to these and other new and renewing members' input on issues of importance to you. We trust 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 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. Be in touch with me and I'll send your email to the board: [nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com).

Specifically we're looking for those interested in being:

- Treasurer
- Note taker
- Membership Coordinator
- Fundraiser

## **NSEN CAUCUSES**

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

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

### *March*

The School of the Environment Seminar Series continues next week\* with Emily Peters talk **Living, Thriving and Surviving – Growing Grass to Fuel a Successful Future in Nova Scotia**.

\*a reminder that this talk will be on Wednesday, March 16 in Burke Building, Room 207.

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

### **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)

March 17. Cultivating Changemaker Communities

**Members of the Friends of Redtail Society are hereby duly notified of the Society's Annual General Meeting**, which will take place at 1:00 pm, Sunday, March 20, 2016 at the Gammon Centre in Scotsburn, Nova Scotia. The address is: 4136 Scotsburn Road (located beside the post office).

The keynote address entitled "From Annihilation to Value Added: Putting Forward a New Vision for Nova Scotia's Forests", will be presented by Danny George and will follow the business portion of the meeting.

From Guysborough, Nova Scotia, Danny George has spent the past 40 years actively involved in the forest industry, largely in Nova Scotia but also working in the forests of British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario. In addition to his own select harvesting work and firewood business, he consults with clients focused on high-value hardwood production. Other consulting work has brought him into direct contact with the state of the privately owned forest land in north eastern Nova Scotia, something that gives him great concern. George's presentation will discuss the current processes that are at work in actively devaluing Nova Scotia's forests and, in fact, annihilating them; he will also talk about his own contrarian vision for a value-added forest industry in Nova Scotia and how we might attain this.

The keynote address will begin at 2:00 pm, the business meeting at 1:00 pm.

**The storm date for the AGM is Tuesday, March 22 at 6pm at the Winter Camp.** The address is 400 MacBeth Road, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. <http://friendsofredtail.ca/>

### **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. 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.

### **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)

**Compassion Training Workshop: Skills to transform society.**

Saturday, March 26. 1 to 4 pm. Tantallon Library, NS. Free. All welcome.

A few hours that might transform your life. Learn practical skills for building compassion in action to help transform the way we understand and engage with each other, including in groups of all sorts. All are welcome to attend. Groups are encouraged to send representatives.

Like so many of you, we see the need for compassion to play a more prominent role in our personal and professional lives, and in society altogether. Recent scientific research has confirmed that compassion training, using simple contemplative activities and practices, can deepen and broaden our ability to express, and act upon, the compassion that is inherent in all human beings.

Waves of Compassion has been exploring ways to make compassion training available locally. They have facilitated 5 three hour workshops and 1 all day workshop for over 120 people. During the workshops four themes are developed:

1. how to create a compassionate environment,
2. contemplative tools for enhancing compassion,
3. the importance of self-compassion, and
4. compassionate action in the world as a contemplative practice (bringing compassion into the daily activities of businesses, churches, NGO's, government, schools, family etc.).

There is no charge for attending, but donations are welcome. Coffee, tea, & cookies will be offered. It would be helpful if you would preregister, using the link below. (Of course, you are welcome to attend without pre-registering, if you prefer).

<http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/accsat/3-hour-workshop-compassion-training-26mar/>.

The workshop is facilitated by the Waves of Compassion Association and the Atlantic Contemplative Centre, and hosted by Transition Bay. We very much look forward to exploring compassion and compassion training with you on March 26th. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the presenters at: [jtorbert@eastlink.ca](mailto:jtorbert@eastlink.ca). The workshop will be led by Kim MacAulay, Jim Torbert, and David Whitehorn, Directors, Waves of Compassion Association and Atlantic Contemplative Centre.

More at [wavesofcompassion.ca/](http://wavesofcompassion.ca/) and at [contemplativecentre.ca/](http://contemplativecentre.ca/).

Just imagine how this can better the life of, and life at, groups of all kinds, as well as lives of individuals! Image the benefits with compassion not just as more of a core value for society, but with actual ways to bring compassion into the daily functions of all sectors of society!

The organizers encourage all groups to send delegates to explore this and to bring it back to their groups. Share on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/events/239300496408463/](http://www.facebook.com/events/239300496408463/) and [www.facebook.com/TransitionBay/?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/TransitionBay/?fref=ts)

### **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

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/>

### **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.

### **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!!

March 2016 Newsletter of the **Halifax North West Trails Association** is available [here](#).

### **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.

**Halifax Green Network.....an opportunity to speak up about green spaces in HRM!** Many of you participated in the call for input last spring/summer to suggest special green spaces and places for our city. The Report: State of the Landscape has been posted on the [www.halifax.ca/HalifaxGreenNetwork/index.php](http://www.halifax.ca/HalifaxGreenNetwork/index.php) site and is there for your reading. It is long but provides an overview about what was heard from the more than 9000 comments received. A Fact Sheet provides a brief summary for a quicker read:

[www.halifax.ca/HalifaxGreenNetwork/documents/HALIFAXGREENNETWORKPLANFactSheet2.pdf](http://www.halifax.ca/HalifaxGreenNetwork/documents/HALIFAXGREENNETWORKPLANFactSheet2.pdf)

Areas of interest are Biodiversity, Working and Cultural Landscapes & Communities and Recreation & Trails. Building on the foundational values, issues and opportunities work developed in Phase 1, and the feedback and results of a stakeholder workshop held in February, next steps are being developed for public input. This proposed ‘network and planning directions for implementing a Green Network vision and objectives’ will be presented for public discussion and feedback at a series of open house meetings at the end of March/April. **A formal presentation will take place followed by Q&A and open house session.**

- **March 30 from 6 - 9 p.m. Gordon R. Snow Community Centre, 1359 Fall River Rd.**
- **March 31 from 6 - 9 p.m. Atlantica Hotel, 1980 Robie St**
- **April 1 from 5 - 8 p.m. Estabrooks Community Hall, 4408 St. Margaret’s Bay Rd.**
- **April 2 from 3 - 6 p.m. Prospect Road Community Centre, 2141 Prospect Rd**
- **April 4 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Auburn High School, 300 Auburn Dr, Cole Harbour**

If you do not see an event scheduled in your community, talk to your Councillor and perhaps a session can be arranged for your neighbourhood. Or contact one of the Project Leads: Holly Richardson, Parks Planning, Parks & Recreation, Halifax. T. [902.490.6889](tel:902.490.6889)

*April and onward...*

**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.

Learning for a Sustainable Future ([www.lsf-ist.ca](http://www.lsf-ist.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-ist.ca/institutes>

### **Permaculture Design Certificate Course at the Deanery Project**

**April 16 – 29 Full time PDC**

**May 2-6 Hands-On Intensive**

Please join us for the Permaculture Design Certificate course (PDC), an internationally recognized curriculum created by Bill Mollison, co-creator of the permaculture movement.

This is a packed course which provides a minimum of 72 hours of learning with instructors, in addition to homework assignments, self-study, hands-on learning and group design projects.

The PDC focuses on learning about natural principles which drive ecological systems as well as acquiring skills for self-sustaining living practices. It explores how to integrate these principles and techniques in the design of our gardens, lands, homes and communities.

The full-time format of PDC is a great way to fully engage with theory, practice and the social aspects of the permaculture philosophy. At the Deanery Project students will be provided with delicious, healthy meals by Conscious Catering. Accommodation options include dorms and camping. There are also many friendly B & B's in the area. The Deanery Project's inspiring gathering spaces provide additional enriched learning opportunities for students.

There are spots for about 20 people. Once we reach the minimum number needed to cover costs of the course some reduced fee work/trade options will be available. Anyone interested in this option should register before March 15. For full details on the PDC and Hands-On Intensive programs check out

[www.p3permaculture.ca/nova-scotia-pdc-spring-2016.html](http://www.p3permaculture.ca/nova-scotia-pdc-spring-2016.html) or [www.thedeaneryproject.com](http://www.thedeaneryproject.com). Lead instructor is Graham Calder of P3 Permaculture [www.p3permaculture.ca](http://www.p3permaculture.ca)

### **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/>

## **Training Workshop for Non-Profit Boards**

**When:** Tues. May 3, 10-3pm

**Where:** Baddeck

This one-day workshop is designed to guide you – and inspire you – in your work as a **board member for a farmers' market or other non-profit organization**. If you have ever wondered how your board could work better together, have greater impact, and better share its mission, this workshop is for YOU!

The session will take place in Baddeck and our hope is to have folks take part from Antigonish to Sydney and everywhere in between.

[Please note that this workshop is not scheduled to be offered in any other locations/regions at this time.]

Registration is now open and space is limited.

To register, learn more about the topics covered and our instructor, [click here](#).

## **Community Transit Nova Scotia 2016 AGM**

The CTNS AGM & Conference will be held Tuesday, May 31, 2016, graciously hosted by The NSCC, Truro Campus. For more information, contact CTNS c/o Dodie Goodwin [dodie@seasidehighspeed.com](mailto:dodie@seasidehighspeed.com)

Consider hosting a **Jane's Walk** in early May to share your favourite community space.

Help your neighbourhood connect the dots and reach out to all ages. Our urban environment needs your help to encourage maintenance of green spaces and other assets, old or new.

<http://janeswalk.org/information/about/who/> <https://www.facebook.com/JanesWalkHalifax>

## **Job Postings:**

### **Field station assistant at Harrison Lewis Centre**

**Type:** summer job / summer student position

**Location:** near [Port Joli](#), Nova Scotia

The Harrison Lewis Centre, located on the Atlantic coast amidst an amazingly varied environment offering numerous protected habitats on federal and provincial park lands. These include wilderness reserves, Canadian Wildlife Service migratory bird sanctuaries, Nature Conservancy of Canada holdings, and private lands.

This is an excellent opportunity for a returning university student to help the not-for-profit Centre deliver its programs, while in return the Centre supports the student with an honours project or to carry out independent research (with professional guidance) relating to the natural environment.

We are located within the Port Joli Important Bird Area, and immediately adjacent to newly designated nature reserves (NS Environment). Environment welcomes assistance of qualified students in carrying out inventories of flora and fauna on these protected areas. An ecologist with the Department writes: "They (students) could also do species at risk surveys and then do plots to characterize the habitat the SAR are using. Even a list of plants and/or animals is helpful."

**Work term hours/dates:** May-August 2016, 35 hours per week, 14 weeks.

**Salary:** \$13 per hour plus accommodations and some meals .

The Field Station Assistant (FSA) will be responsible to the executive director of the Harrison Lewis Coastal Discovery Centre (HLC).

The executive director will delegate duties and responsibilities as appropriate. The duties of the Field Station Assistant will include assisting with the following:

- Program development for natural history workshops
- Program development for rural skills workshops
- Coordinating field trips as part of the workshops or as individual events
- Fundraising
- Initiating and developing ideas for marketing
- Helping develop communication tools

- Maintaining and updating one or more databases
- Providing help and services for participants at HLC field schools, workshops, etc
- Maintain or oversee maintenance of dining/lecture/accommodation areas
- Other services as required to facilitate workshops, seminars, etc
- Work with volunteers
- Other tasks and duties as required

The student will be supported in carrying out her/his supervised research project.

He or she will learn:

- The basics of operating a biological field station
- To work independently
- To hone his/her skills working with a diverse group of people
- Time management
- To apply his/her training in a field station setting

To apply or for further information please write to the Harrison Lewis Centre at: [HLC@eastlink.ca](mailto:HLC@eastlink.ca) including a letter of introduction and resumé.

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### **Programming Officer with Dalhousie Urban Garden Society**

**Location:** Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Dalhousie Urban Garden Society (DUGS) is pleased to announce that we will be hiring one part-time staff member for the campus urban garden. The staff position will provide support on various fronts for the DUGS executive team in the 2016 gardening season. Hiring will be completed in late March 2016.

#### **Responsibilities**

- 10 hours per week for a minimum of 20 weeks (April 4th – August 26, 2016), with potential for the position to carry on into the winter.
- Organize programming for the upcoming year (Summer-Fall-Winter 2016/2017).
- Work with DUGS executives and volunteers to prepare for the 2016 gardening season. This may include helping to build any garden infrastructure (raised beds, etc.) that is incomplete at the time of the work term.
- Must be available at least one day every weekend from April 4th to August 26 2016 in order to help with weekly work parties

#### **Qualifications**

- Loves the outdoors, willing to get hands dirty
- Passionate about gardening, food and sustainability
- Basic gardening experience
- Basic experience tracking finances and keeping a budget
- Strong communication skills
- Self-directed, ability to work independently
- Ability to work collaboratively with DUGS executives, volunteers and other university partners

#### **Additional Assets**

- Basic knowledge regarding permaculture practices
- Experience with non-hierarchical organization and consensus-based decision-making
- Previous experience working with a student society or community non-profit organization

If interested, please contact: [dalhousieurbangarden@gmail.com](mailto:dalhousieurbangarden@gmail.com)

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### **Efficiency NS Instant Savings Program; Spring Retail Campaign in Store Engagement**



Organization: Summerhill

Location: Nova Scotia

Position: Efficiency Ambassadors - Program Representative <http://GoodWork.ca/979433>

Type of Employment: Part-time, Contract, Customer Engagement

Program dates: April 16, 17, 23, 24, and 30 & May 1, 7, 14, and 15

Rate of Pay: \$15/hour

Various retail locations across Nova Scotia

#### JOB DESCRIPTION

Summerhill is dedicated in developing, implementing and managing public engagement and market transformation programs that lead to measurable improvements in energy savings. Currently we are seeking, outgoing, energetic and dynamic individuals to join our team as Efficiency Ambassadors (program representatives) to staff our latest event in Nova Scotia. The Efficiency Nova Scotia Instant Savings Campaign (running from April 1st to May 15th, 2016) will be promoted in store at select retailers across the province. The events will take place on various weekends in the campaign period, to promote the campaign.

The ideal candidate will possess strong customer service skills and an enthusiastic disposition, and will have a genuine interest in the environment and energy conservation.

#### SHIFT TIMES

- 9:30-10am Set Up (30 Min)
- 10am-3pm Event (5 Hours)
- 3-3:15pm Take Down (15Min)
- Reporting @ Home (15 Min)\*

\*If two reps work at an event, only one rep will claim the extra 15 minutes for reporting after each event.

#### TRAINING SCHEDULE

There will be both online and in-person training.

Online Training: Training modules will be emailed the week of April 4. Online training must be completed before in-person training.

Tuesday April 12th, 2016, 10:00am-2:00pm

Region: Amherst, Bridgewater, HRM, New Glasgow, Truro

Training location: Halifax office

1329 Barrington Street, Suite 201, Halifax

Friday April 15th, 2016, 10:00am-2:00pm

Region: Greenwood, Digby/Yarmouth and New Minas

Training Location: Annapolis Basin Conference Centre, 761 Broadway Avenue, Cornwallis, NS

Friday April 15th, 2016, 10:00am-2:00pm

Region: Antigonish, Port Hawkesbury and Sydney/Glace Bay

Training Location: Inverary Resort, 368 Shore Road Baddeck, Cape Breton, NS B0E 1B0

#### JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Tracking & Reporting on the number of participants, conversation types, etc,
- Educating customers on the overall retail campaign and the associated rebates
- providing excellent customer service
- Demonstrating related product knowledge (full training provided)
- completing event reports and submitting in a timely fashion
- Attend paid training

#### JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Strong verbal communication skills in English
- A friendly professional manner and appearance
- An outgoing personality and must be people oriented to be able to proactively approach people to engage in conversation
- Self-motivated and ability to work independently, multi-task and self-manage
- Customer service experience
- Access to a computer and high speed internet

- Ability to use Microsoft Windows, Word, Excel, and Internet applications
- Representatives working at Home Depot and Central Lumber locations will need to wear CSA-approved steel-toed boots at events

JOB CONTACT INFORMATION. Please send an email with your preferred location hire # (Appendix A), cover letter and resume to: [resumes@baystreethr.com](mailto:resumes@baystreethr.com) quoting "ENS Instant Savings" in your subject line.

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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:***

#### **CANADIANS ARE INVITED TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS ON THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP (TPP)**

Ottawa, March 10, 2016 -

On February 16th, 2016, the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade decided to conduct a study on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement. The Committee's primary objective is to assess the extent to which the agreement, once implemented, would be in the best interests of Canadians. The study will result in a report to be presented in the House of Commons.

As part of its study, the Committee is inviting Canadian individuals and organizations to provide written submissions that express their views on the TPP agreement. The Committee is also inviting Canadians to request to appear as a witness before the Committee, either as an individual or as a representative of an organization.

"I am very pleased to be announcing consultations on the TPP agreement," said the Honourable Mark Eyking, P.C., M.P. for Sydney — Victoria and Chair of the House International Trade Committee. "I very much look forward to Canadians' thoughts about the agreement, and I am convinced that we will receive a wide range of thoughtful opinions. I know that I speak on behalf of Committee members in saying that we are looking forward to the submissions from Canadians and the testimony of those who appear as witnesses."

In addition to hearings that will take place in Ottawa, and following approval by the House of Commons, the Committee expects to hold hearings across Canada over the coming months. Once cross-country hearings are confirmed, information will be provided about dates and locations.

Canadians who wish to provide a written submission must do so before 23:59 EDT on April 30th, 2016. Written submissions are to be no more than 1,500 words. More information on the process for providing a written submission can be found in the [Guide for Submitting Briefs to House of Commons Committees](#). Written submissions should be emailed to: [ciit-tpp-ptp@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ciit-tpp-ptp@parl.gc.ca).

Canadians who wish to appear as a witness can make their request at any time during the study. They should provide their name and contact information to the Clerk of the Committee at: [ciit-tpp-ptp@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ciit-tpp-ptp@parl.gc.ca).

This is to advise that on March 8, 2016, **Municipal Enterprises Limited registered the Seabrook Quarry Expansion Project for environmental assessment**, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act.

The purpose of the proposed project is to expand their existing 3.95 hectares quarry at 11621 Highway 217, Seabrook, Digby County, Nova Scotia. The expanded quarry will occupy a maximum of approximately 90.5 hectares (including the existing quarry) of land, with an expected project life of up to 40 years. The quarry will support continued extraction and production of aggregate of up to 50,000 tonnes/year, for use primarily in the road and local construction industry. The proposed project activities include blasting, crushing, washing and stockpiling of aggregate, as well as associated trucking activities on an as required basis.

On March 8, 2016 all project information including the Registration Document will be available on our website at <http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/>.

Please note that comments must be provided by **April 7, 2016**, to be considered in this environmental assessment. **Comments are requested to be provided via e-mail if possible.**

On or before April 27, 2016, 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.

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This is to advise that on March 2, 2016, EnviroSystems Inc. registered the EnviroSystems Facility: **Modification to Temporarily Store and Clean Low-Level Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) Waste and Equipment, and Treat Wash-Water Project for environmental assessment**, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act.

The purpose of the proposed project is to accept and treat NORM impacted wastes and equipment within EnviroSystems Inc. existing facility at 25 Akerley Blvd., Dartmouth, Halifax Regional Municipality. EnviroSystems proposes to store and treat NORM impacted materials, and treat the associated waste water. Initially, 6 to 8 pieces of NORM impacted equipment per year is expected for treatment at the EnviroSystems facility, and this volume is likely to increase as the market demand increases. The project is scheduled to commence within 2 to 3 weeks of project approval.

On March 2, 2016, 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 by **April 1, 2016**, to be considered in this environmental assessment. **Comments are requested to be provided via e-mail if possible.**

On or before April 21, 2016, 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.

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The Government of Canada is committed to working with interested parties to ensure that species at risk are protected. The *Species at Risk Act* supports this commitment by providing the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed recovery documents.

**Environment and Climate Change Canada is inviting you to comment on the Management Plan for the Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*) in Canada [proposed].**

The Short-eared Owl is listed as Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). This species is found in natural and anthropogenic open habitats in all provinces and territories, but is most common in the Prairies (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba) and along the Arctic coast. The Short-eared Owl is conspicuous only when it flies, often at dawn and dusk. The main threats to the Short-eared Owl are habitat loss and degradation (agriculture, urban and commercial development, energy production, and mining), activities and events that affect individuals, nests, and eggs (grazing, mowing and harvesting, pesticide use, collisions), and climate change.

The proposed management plan is posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry. A management plan sets goals and objectives and includes conservation measures for maintaining sustainable population levels. **You can read the proposed management plan and comment at:** [www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default\\_e.cfm?documentID=2876](http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=2876).

After the public comment period ends on **April 23, 2016**, Environment and Climate Change Canada will review comments and integrate them as appropriate, after which the final version of the management plan will be posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry.

### **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.

### **NOVA SCOTIA OPEN DATA PORTAL**

The Government of Nova Scotia has released an Open Data Portal. The portal has provincial government data for weather, traffic volumes, tender awards, civic addresses, maps, historical vital statistics, angling and fish stocking records and more. Data collections will continue to be added as they become available. The information appears in accessible formats and contains some data that was once only available for a fee -

<https://data.novascotia.ca>.

### **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>

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/>

**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)

### **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.

### **Environmental News:**

The [winter issue of BoFEP's Fundy Tidings Newsletter](#) is now available online. Apologies for the temporary change in format for this issue. [Past issues of the newsletter](#) are also available in the archives.

This is to advise that on March 11, 2016, Nova Scotia Power Inc., registered the **Auld's Cove Transmission Project for environmental assessment**, in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to provide a second transmission crossing over the Strait of Canso. Pending approval to proceed, the crossing will be constructed approximately 45 m south of the existing transmission line at Auld's Cove. Construction of the crossing is scheduled to commence late 2016 – early 2017, with project completion date anticipated in the summer of 2017. The crossing is approximately 1.5 km north of the Canso Causeway.

All project information including the Registration Document will be available on Nova Scotia Environment website at <http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/>.

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

For further details about this consultation opportunity, please see the attached letter and the document "Consultation on Amending the List of Species under the *Species at Risk Act* - Terrestrial Species: January 2016" which is posted on the SARA Public Registry at: [www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default\\_e.cfm?documentID=2749](http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=2749).

#### [Premier McNeil missed an opportunity](#)

Premier McNeil missed an opportunity - Ecology Action Centre Reacts to the Outcome of First Ministers Meeting on Climate FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE [Read More](#)

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.

As in any trade, in the solar industry there are outstanding contractors, there are pretty good ones... and there are stinkers.

The place to find reputable solar contractors in Atlantic Canada is the Solar Nova Scotia **Atlantic Canada Solar Directory**.

All of the businesses listed there are supporters of Solar Nova Scotia, some for decades, and all abide by the society's Code of Ethics. (There's a link to the Code of Ethics at the top of the page.)

Here's a link to the Directory. Each business listing shows you the goods and services offered, and the geographic area served, and how to get in contact with them. <http://solarns.ca/Atlantic-Canada-Solar-Directory>

#### [New Maritime Sustainable Energy Network sets its priorities for Maritime provinces](#)

Posted: Mon, Feb 22, 2016

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE New Maritime Sustainable Energy Network sets its priorities for Maritime provinces - calls on premiers to enable affordable & sustainable community-owned energy. [Read More](#)

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