



Nova Scotia
Environmental Network
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

Eco Connections Newsletter April 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.*

Get in touch!

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork

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

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Membership: Membership Matters!

NSEN would like to thank **Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation, Ecology Action, Nova Scotia Nature Trust, and Citizens Climate Lobby** 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.

Specifically we're looking for those interested in being:

- Treasurer OR bookkeeper
- Note taker
- Membership Coordinator
- Fundraiser

NSEN CAUCUSES

Water Caucus: Next conference call is Thursday May 19th 1:00PM

We will be looking for volunteers to host this next conference call- please get in touch if your organisation/department can offer a conference call line or Webex session.

Be in touch with more info: Amy Buckland-Nicks: amy@coastalaction.org and Kelly Schnare kellyb@sierraclub.ca

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

Upcoming Member Events & Events of Interest

April

See the latest news, events, internships and other opportunities at The Deanery Project here:

<http://thedeaneryproject.nationbuilder.com>

Learning for a Sustainable Future (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>

Global Day Against Military Spending

April 18 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Halifax Central Library,

Spring Garden Rd.

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Organized by the NS Voice of Women for Peace

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/615537871932943/>

The world spends \$1.7 trillion on military expenditures every year according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. Canada is the 6th highest spender on the military among NATO countries and is the 16th highest worldwide. The Canadian government spends over \$23 billion on the Department of National Defence but only \$1.5 billion on Environment Canada, the lead agency on climate change. We cannot tackle the climate crisis and end poverty in our country, if we continue to waste our precious tax dollars on war and weapons. Let's move the money from militarism to sustainability!

Join us on the 18th! @DemilitarizeDay #welfarenotwarfare More info: www.vowpeace.org

The SMU School of the Environment invites you to a public talk in honor of EARTH DAY 2016 this April 22!

Nova Scotia's Future is a Green Economy

Friday, April 22

7:30 pm

Saint Mary's University – Atrium Building, Room 101

All are welcome! Reception to follow the talk.

Listen to the Earth Sing! – Watch 'Symphony of the Soil' with us.

Presented by Gardening Goodness Project.

Saturday, April 23, 7pm. Halifax Shambhala Centre.

In celebration of Earth Day, we are Touching the Earth. Join us for this award-winning movie and lively discussion. Free, but donations help. All welcome. Free Nova Scotian oatcakes, popcorn, and herbal tea. You will love it. Science, ancient wisdom, artistry, and inspiration are presented with deep insight!

Drawing from ancient knowledge and cutting edge science, Symphony of the Soil is an artistic exploration of the miraculous substance soil. By understanding the elaborate relationships and mutuality between soil, water, the atmosphere, plants and animals, we come to appreciate the complex and dynamic nature of this precious resource. The film also examines our human relationship with soil, the use and misuse of soil in agriculture, deforestation and development, and the latest scientific research on soil's key role in ameliorating the most challenging environmental issues of our time. Filmed on four continents, featuring esteemed scientists and working farmers and ranchers, Symphony of the Soil is an intriguing presentation that highlights possibilities of healthy soil creating healthy plants creating healthy humans living on a healthy planet. Much more at: <http://www.symphonyofthesoil.com/>

Please visit and like our Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/GardeningGoodnessProject>

Living Our Values - Fostering Environmental Behaviours

Join us for a day of collectively sharing solutions to the environmental crisis. It's easy to feel hopeless and stuck in the face of looming environmental catastrophe. Permaculturist Jenn Stotland and life coach David McInnis facilitate embarking upon and deepening the environmental lifestyle, and conquering blocks to change.

Sunday April 24 at Blue Apples,

5239 Blowers St, Halifax, NS

85\$ Register early to pay \$60, and save \$25

NEW early bird date April 10.

Please register at info@halifaxearth.ca

Vegetarian/vegan lunch provided

Crossroads Educational Vegetable Garden – Reinstallation

April 24 @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Transition Bay St Margarets is re-installing the Crossroads Educational Vegetable Garden, following the fantastic landscaping that was done at the Crossroads last fall!

Join us for this great community event. We will be re-installing raised beds, the educational kiosk and benches – all in preparation for spring planting in May.

This event will happen rain or shine on Sunday, April 24, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. For more information, contact: info@transitionbay.ca

Learn by doing - How to **Build Raised Beds Gardens** on April 24, How to do the **Zero Mile Diet** on April 30, How to Plant New Raised Beds on May 14, and more to come with lots of fun with learning while doing! Please join us. Share on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/TransitionBay/

Zero-Mile Diet Workshop

April 30 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Most of us have heard of the 100-Mile Diet – where someone focuses their diet on only food produced within 100 miles of where they live. In these times of increasing food costs and decreasing food quality, more and more people are recognizing the benefits of making their home a productive asset which supplies some portion of their diet.

Join Transition Bay St Margarets for a Zero-Mile Diet Workshop – how to grow most of your own food at home in suburbia. This half-day workshop includes a tour of a working home-microfarm in St Margarets Bay, and will

cover aspects of vegetable gardening, year-round greenhouse growing, orchards, vineyards, berry crops, beekeeping, vegetable storage & larders, and food preservation.

The workshop is limited to 25 participants. There is a fee of \$20.00. Pre-registration is required. Coffee/tea/snacks will be served for the discussion at the end of the workshop. Contact: info@transitionbay.ca to register.

Permaculture Design Certificate Course at the Deanery Project

Introduction to Permaculture: The BIG Picture from April 29th to May 1st, 2016

Beyond agriculture or architecture, but borrowing from both, permaculture is a comprehensive design tool that can be used to better own communities, gardens, and lives. By mimicking nature to heal broken systems (both ecological and social) permaculture provides a variety of approaches for positive change. In this introductory weekend, Graham Calder of P3 Permaculture will walk participants through the basics of permaculture philosophy and design.

This introductory weekend is designed to equip participants with the confidence and ability to identify and overcome the design problems that surround us. The first day of the course will focus on the history, ethics, and principles of permaculture, as well as provide an introduction to its design methods. We will then use permaculture to explore solutions to the challenges we face in our homes and communities. Examples of permaculture projects from around the world will provide useful case studies. On day two we will put theory into practice: together we will go through the steps of implementing a permaculture design, from observation to the generation of appropriate design strategies.

The Deanery Project is a rural learning centre and demonstration site that provides hands-on learning and skill sharing opportunities designed to strengthen community and protect the environment.

Through learning about such topics as forest management, alternative energy, natural building, food sovereignty, healthy living, as well as the arts, we can improve the health of our land, waters, natural resources and communities for sustainable social and economic gain.

Born out of the desire to support local values and a traditional resource-use economy, The Deanery Project evolved as a natural response to a need to protect the social fabric of the community by saving an old summer camp from private development. The project now continues to reconfigure itself in interesting ways. We have diverse partnerships with schools, all levels of government and environmental organizations including the Ecology Action Centre, Clean Foundation and Efficiency NS.

The Deanery Project is uniquely situated on ocean-front land within the vast interconnected protected wilderness areas of Ship Harbour Long Lake, Tangier Grand, Clam Harbour Provincial Park, and the Nature Trust's 100 Wild Islands. If ecological design inspires you, we invite you to collaborate with us on the design and development of a new interpretative center that will welcome visitors and provide an introduction to the Deanery Project and to the Ship Harbour area.

>Food by Conscious Catering: Conscious Catering is a catering company based in Nova Scotia Canada. They work with quality whole foods that come from local farmers who care about what they grow and how they grow it. Their services include event catering, multiple day catering, wellness retreats, cooking classes & workshops.

>Price: \$220 CAD (includes course, accommodation & meals)

>Price: \$200 CAD (w/o accommodation)

BUY: <http://thedeaneryproject.com/an-introduction-to-permaculture-design/>

P3: <http://www.p3permaculture.ca/intro-to-perma-nova-scotia-spring-2016.html>

REGISTER:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vnm_w96vt9PyW5klblWezZC3PY1Al4labRbOfg_nr5Y/viewform?c=0&w=1

TELEPHONE: [902-845-1888](tel:902-845-1888)

EMAIL: thedeaneryproject@gmail.com

CONTACT: Kim Thompson

Solar Shelter Courses

Solar Nova Scotia offers practical courses on designing and building Solar Homes and Additions. This is a Passive Solar Home Design Course for the general public and, for those in design and construction.

The instructor is a 35 year experienced solar designer-builder, Don Roscoe.

- 1 SOLAR BASICS for electricity, for active thermal hot water and hot air, and for passive solar
- 2 CLIMATE CONTROL for comfort and health, energy and the environment
- 3 SITE DESIGNING, working with nature, creating microclimates and integrating the shelter
- 4 SHELTER DESIGNING, bringing you, your needs and your site together
- 5 MAKING IT HAPPEN, costing, controlling costs, contracting and doing it yourself

This is offered as a **six evening** course in Halifax, Chester or Bridgewater; Spring, Winter & Fall. With demand, locally organized weekend versions may be offered in other locations. Contact: solardon.ns@gmail.com

SPRING -- at Bridgewater High School (541-4367) or Chester, Forest Heights High (275-2712).

COURSES Tuesdays 6:45-9:45PM April 26 > May 31.

-- at Citadel Community Centre, Trollope St., Halifax., Thursdays 7-10: April 14 > May 19

Information at SolarNS.ca Registration at 852-4758 / solardon.ns@gmail.com

The fee: \$80 students, \$90 single, \$150 couples; with handouts. Optional textbooks(\$15/\$40)

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.

On with demand, in Halifax and possibly locally organized elsewhere, ~ mid May. Info & sign up 852-

3789 solardon.ns@gmail.com The Fee; \$60, \$50 students, \$100 couples

Ecological Food Gardens, Helping Nature Heal Wednesday, April 27th from 6-9 pm \$30 + HST. See full details here: <http://helpingnatureheal.com/>

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.

SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) Atlantic Canada Chapter and the Waste Resource Association of Nova Scotia (WRANS) are co-hosting the **8th 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/>

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.

May and onward...

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, 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

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 every 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](#).

Dear Farmers!

The spring edition of our annual **BIODYNAMIC Workshop** takes place **Sunday, May 8th from 11am until 5pm**.

BEAR RIVER FARMS is located between Digby and Annapolis Royal and currently the only DEMETER certified Biodynamic Farm in Nova Scotia!

We feel it is our responsibility to share our know-how and our practical experience with interested farmers and gardeners and everybody who wants to learn more about the forces that work beyond the plant growth and how they can be encouraged or, if necessary, reduced.

Our workshops start with a theoretical part and change into "Hands On" activities after lunch. The workshop takes place rain or shine and is suited for newcomers and for advanced farmers.

The fees are \$89pp. or \$150 per couple from one farm. (Price includes a full lunch menu and a set of biodynamic compost and field spray preparations).

For registration please reply to this email: feedback@bearriverfarms.ca or visit our website www.bearriverfarms.ca. Directions will be sent out after registration.

Crossroads Educational Vegetable Garden – Planting Day

May 14 @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Join Transition Bay St Margarets for the fifth annual planting of the Crossroads Educational Vegetable Garden! We will be planting those types of vegetables which are easy to grown and easy to store – potatoes, carrots, onions, rutabaga, parsnips, cabbage and beets. We will also plant nourishing and popular leafy greens – Swiss chard and kale.

Saturday, May 14th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Rain or shine! The event is open to the public – bring the kids. You are welcome to stay even for just a few minutes and help out. The Crossroads Garden is maintained by volunteers of Transition Bay St Margarets, and all harvest is donated to the St Margarets Bay Food Bank.

For more information, contact: info@transitionbay.ca.

Nature Nova Scotia and Young Naturalists 26th Annual Conference and AGM

Date: Friday, May 27 to Sunday, May 29

Location: KC Irving Centre, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We will have a Friday evening Wine & Cheese reception (youth welcome) in the beautiful Garden Room of the beautiful KC Irving Centre and enjoy morning workshops (separate programming for youth) on Saturday and Sunday. Families can participate in a variety of field trips each afternoon and join in on early morning bird walks and evening star gazing.

There will be dorms available on Acadia's campus and there are also several local hotels and B&Bs in the area. Food will have buffet-style, all-you-can-eat breakfasts and lunches on the Acadia Campus (meal only packages will be available) but our Saturday evening banquet dinner will be part of the [May Flavours Dinner and Auction](#) at Acadia that features local foods (hors d'oeuvres to desserts) prepared by chefs from various local restaurants, along with Valley wines and beer

If you are interested in attending please contact Robin (yncns@yahoo.ca or [902-455-5643](tel:902-455-5643)) and I can put you on a list to receive a registration package with an agenda when they are finalized.

Dr. Lars Osberg, economist at Dalhousie University and author of the paper, "**We All Own the Air: Why Carbon Fee and Dividend is Good for Canada**" will be a guest speaker at the Halifax FUSION event, "Solving Climate Change at Home," moderator, Richard Zurawski, May 25th 6:30 p.m. at the Halifax Central Library.

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

St. Mary's River Association AGM Sunday, May 29 at 2 PM - 4 PM. See details here; www.stmarysriverassociation.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>

Introduction to Permaculture Design, Helping Nature Heal, June 11th and 18th from 9-4 pm. See more info here: <http://helpingnatureheal.com/>

The 2016 Ocean Literacy Conference Registration is OPEN!

We are thrilled to announce our registration is open for CaNOE's [2nd Annual Ocean Literacy Conference & AGM](#)! From **June 7 to 12** in Halifax, Nova Scotia, we invite educators, scientists, communicators, artists, and industry to join the growing network of individuals working to advance ocean literacy in Canada!

As a part of Halifax's popular 'Oceans Week', author and marine educator [Dr. Elin Kelsey](#) will give a free public keynote on 'Ocean Optimism', this year's conference theme. We hope to see the theme threaded throughout this year's presentations, posters, discussions, and workshops. And make sure to check out the many [exciting field trips](#) which highlight Nova Scotia's ocean connections in food, research, tourism, and more.

Advancing ocean literacy is a priority for Canadians. This annual conference serves as an integral step in that mission; connecting the stakeholders in a meaningful way and fostering important conversation around this issue.

Apply today to lead a presentation, bring a poster, or teach workshop at the conference. **Applications close April 15.**

[Click here for more information and to register!](#)

See you in June in Halifax, Nova Scotia!

CaNOE Conference 2016 Organizing Committee

Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park

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'

June 25, 2016 Saturday-8:30 AM to 12:30.

Learn to Fish

Learn the safe and proper way to fish in NS. We recommend this event for ages 8 to 100. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Fishing gear will be supplied if needed. Be prepared for a 1.5 hour classroom session, then take to the pond and try your hand at catching some delicious fish. You decide whether to catch and release, or take the fish home for dinner. Bring outdoor clothes, rubber boots, hat, insect repellent and sunblock. Regular park admission applies. You must pre-register and receive a confirmation to participate in this event by phoning [902-758-5316](tel:902-758-5316) or emailing legacycentre@gov.ns.ca.

For a list of our upcoming events our website is: <https://wildlifepark.novascotia.ca/programs/ParkEvents.aspx>

Hope for Wildlife Annual Open House

5909 Highway 207, Seaforth, NS B0J 1N0

Sunday, August 28, 2016, 12-4pm

Get a "behind-the-scenes" look at wildlife rescue and rehabilitation with access to bird and mammal nurseries, recovery units, marine unit, and flight cage; there will also be wildlife displays and demonstrations, kids' activities, live music, barbeque, and silent auction, as well as local exhibitors, crafts, and food. All funds raised support Hope for Wildlife's efforts to help injured and orphaned wildlife in Nova Scotia. Rain or shine, FREE ADMISSION. For more information, please visit hopeforwildlife.net

Job Postings:

Position: Sail Captain Trainee 2016

Organization: Nova Scotia Sea School

Location: Halifax & Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Application Deadline: April 18, 2016

The Nova Scotia Sea School is seeking two experienced individuals to participate in paid internships this summer with the intention of obtaining rank of Sea School Captain during the 2016 season and returning to instruct as a Captain in the 2017 season with full time work.

As Captain, you will take command of our 30' open spritsail ketch-#8208;rigged pulling boats on coastal adventure expeditions of 6 to 21 days with groups of 10 teenagers. Instructors and students live in the open boats and explore the coast. Emphasis is on teamwork and personal growth in a context of traditional seamanship. June -#8208; August. Excellent traditional seamanship and strong teaching skills required. Must navigate in fog without electronics, and have strong experience in youth leadership and development.

Reporting to the Executive Director and Senior Captain, the Captain Trainee will be required to complete the Sea School's instructor training program which includes the following:

- NSSS Philosophy and Risk Management training – May 28,29
 - A minimum of 3 Day Sails (June 1-#8208;30 – dates are negotiable)
 - Capsize Drill – (May - date to be determined)
 - SVOP / MEDA3 Certification (Small Vessel Operators Permit and Marine Emergency Duties A3 -- if not already obtained -- dates to be determined)
 - A minimum of two 6 or 7 day sailing expeditions in July or August (Trips to be negotiated dates are available on our website www.seaschool.org)
 - Completion of NSSS Head Instructor Standards for Sail-Training
- Instructor Duties on Expedition
- Support with fleet prep, gear prep and maintenance
 - Sailing the boat, teaching youth to sail, looking after the well-being and safety of the crew and managing all aspects of the challenging voyage, including the behavioral, health, and social needs of the teenage crew.
 - Maintain daily log entries and produce trip summaries and reports.
 - Provide comprehensive evaluations for each student and staff after each trip.

- Maintain gear and fleet maintenance manual.

The Nova Scotia Sea School takes a proactive approach to safety by going beyond the required Transport Canada standards for boat safety equipment and maintenance. We train each of our staff in our high safety standards and procedures during our mandatory staff training course at the beginning of the summer, with hands-on training during sailing expeditions, and through other certifications.

Pre-requisites / Assets

- Certifications
- Current Standard First Aid, Advanced Wilderness First Aid or equivalent is an asset
- Possession of a Marine Radio Operators Card or willingness to get one
- Possession of a Pleasure Craft Operators Card or willingness to get one
- A minimum of 2 years experience working with teenage youth ages 12-19 including but not limited to at-risk youth in an outdoor setting
- Experience guiding multi-day trips on land or on the ocean in sea kayak or canoe an asset

Sailing background

- Significant coastal cruising experience in command of small craft under sail.
- Ability to navigate close to shore in fog without electronics
- Sail Canada Keelboat and Cruising instructor experience an excellent asset
- Small dinghy instructing an asset
- Boat building / maintenance experience an asset
- Technical marine training an asset

Our Commitment to you

The opportunity to obtain the following certifications:

- Small Vessel Operators Proficiency (Value of \$1000)
- Marine Emergency Duties A3 (Value of \$500)
- NSSS Head Instructor standards certification (Value of \$1500)

Training in the following

- Minimum of two expeditions paid training (6 or 7 day trips) (honorarium of \$500 per trip)
- NSSS Philosophy and risk management training (honorarium of \$500)

Total Cash Remuneration = \$1500 Total Certification Value = \$3000

Total training coverage = \$4500

Your commitment to NSSS

- Upon successful completion of work term, candidate will sign a *Return of Service Agreement and commit to full time summer work as Captain and program support in 2017 with a possibility of extension to 2018

Captain Salary Expectations for 2017

- Captain wages start at \$16 per hour; based on past experience this might be higher
- Full time work for 2016 is defined as running a minimum of 3 expeditions and a minimum of 30 days work (overnight days are 12 hours and prep days are 8 hours) or a minimum of \$5000 based on \$16 per hour

TO APPLY:

Email cover letter and resume to Anjeanette LeMay-Crowtz, Staff Development Jedi:

anjeanette@seaschool.org by April 18 2016

with subject: Sail Captain Trainee 2016

About the Nova Scotia Sea School

The Nova Scotia Sea School takes advantage of the Maritime tradition of boats and our environment to help young people discover the values that the sea has taught for generations: courage, leadership, teamwork, generosity, humour and respect. We teach hands-on skills in boat handling, navigation and wilderness survival, and above all give teenagers a chance to live and work together in a challenging situation where each of them has a turn at being in command. During the summer the SeaSchool runs sailing expeditions lasting up to 21 days. The program operates out of Halifax and Lunenburg.

Program Support Assistant

Organization: The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC) (www.acic-caci.org/jobs)

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC) is a coalition of individuals, organizations, and institutions working in the Atlantic region, which are committed to achieving global sustainability in a peaceful and healthy environment, with social justice, human dignity, and participation for all. ACIC supports its members in international cooperation and education through collective leadership, networking, information, training and coordination, and represents their interests when dealing with government and others.

ACIC also takes a leadership role in engaging Atlantic Canadians around issues relating to international development, global sustainability, and social justice. Through our public engagement work, ACIC strives to give Atlantic Canadians the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to become active global citizens.

We currently have over 70 members, including national organizations and grassroots organizations from across the Atlantic Provinces. For more information, please refer to our website at www.acic-caci.org.

ACIC is looking for a responsible, experienced person for a contract position of Program Support Assistant. The Program Support Assistant will work with ACIC staff responsible for the areas of programming and communications and will:

Responsibilities

- Provide logistical, training and administrative support to ACIC's youth programs - including ACT 4 Global Change youth conference, ambassador program, and international internships
- Assist with program promotion, recruitment and outreach activities to diverse audiences, including newcomer, Aboriginal and visible minority youth
- Assist with logistics for annual general meeting and symposium, including coordination of a silent auction, registration, catering, travel arrangements, and follow-up work
- Develop educational resource materials on sustainable development and active global citizenship targeted to a youth audience (compile information, resources and activities) other activities as required
- Assist with various communications activities, including social media, website updates, e-bulletins and blogs
- Other activities as required

Desired Experience, Skills and Qualifications:

- Background/studies in international development social sciences, environmental studies, event coordination, communications, public relations, education or equivalent
- Knowledge of global issues and relevant organizations working in the Atlantic Region
- Experience organizing logistics for workshops, conferences, or other events
- Experience creating communications and educational materials
- Ability to establish professional relationships with the public
- Excellent computer skills, including experience with web platforms (e.g. twitter, Facebook, Square Space, WordPress) and graphic design (Adobe)
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills - French an asset
- Excellent organizational and time management skills
- Ability to work independently.

Eligibility: Applicants must meet the following conditions:

- be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
- have been registered as full-time students in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year;
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act²; and,
- be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

Location: Halifax, NS

Salary: \$13.00/hour

Hours per week: 37.5

Application deadline: April 27th, 2016 at 11:59 pm, AST

Anticipated start date: May 9th, 2016*

Anticipated end date: August 26th, 2016

Please submit your resume, cover letter and the names and contact information of three references in one document, by e-mail to: hiring@acic-caci.org

Please also ensure that you indicate the job title in your subject line and mention where you saw this posting.

Thank you for applying. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted to arrange for an interview.

ACIC is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to hiring individuals who reflect the diversity of Canadian communities. As such, we strongly encourage First Nations people and members of a visible minority to apply.

* pending funding under Canada Summer Jobs

Organic Farm Apprentice

Type: paid, full-time apprentice / accom. available

Organization: Wysmykal Farm

Location: Amherst Shore, Nova Scotia

Wysmykal Farm is operated by us, Jessy Wysmyk and Charles Ryan. It is a small market garden business growing a diverse range of vegetables on 3 acres for a 100 member CSA, a thriving farmer's market, and some local restaurants and food stores. This will be our 6th season running the CSA program. The farm also has a couple of greenhouses and caterpillar tunnels and a small hop yard. We do some seed crops too but are by no means experts at it. We are working at extending our season into the winter, with a focus on winter greens production. We also make a few ferments for the winter market.

We are seeking one person to work closely with us on our farm this season (Mid-May till end of August with opportunities to continue into the fall). Preference will be given to students. Tasks include seeding, weeding, scouting, fertilizing, harvesting, washing, packing and vending vegetables at the farmers market (Saturdays required). Crop planning and financial instruction would be available for those interested. We have a small resource library for your perusal, and we also try to visit a couple of other interesting organic farms during the season.

Experience is an asset, but it is more important for us that you have a positive attitude and are willing to put in a good effort. Individuals interested in starting their own farm would be ideal, as we have lots of less-than-success stories that we would love to share with you so that you can avoid them.

A typical day here starts here at 8:30 and ends at 5:00 with a 40 minute lunch break. Pay is \$11/hr for a 40 hr work week. Accommodations are available on farm for a small fee in the form of a fairly private, 26' camper trailer next to our house lovingly known as the Golden Eagle. Internet signal is decent enough to the trailer and the speeds are not bad for being in the country. Meals would be your responsibility, however given that cooking for one is often not much fun, shared meal arrangements could be doable if you are not a bad cook! :) In any event, ample fresh organic veggies will be available for the eating.

We are located on the beautiful Amherst Shore and are only 2 kms away from a nice sandy beach. Some of the gardens also overlook the Northumberland Strait. It's a lovely place to work.

To apply, please send your resume, references, and cover letter to: wysmykalfarm@gmail.com

Avian (Swallow) Field Technician

Organization: Wildlife Preservation Canada

Location: near Sackville, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia

Internship Description

This project is part of a multi-year study aimed at identifying the threats to four species of swallows that breed in the Maritimes. The Research Technician will spend the first three months in the field (at sites within ~1 hour of Sackville, NB) collecting field data and then work for an additional three months at Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS aiding with data entry/analysis, sample preparation, and drafting reports.

Field work (mid-May to mid-August)

If the field, the Research Technician will conduct frequent (every 2-3 days) checks of swallow nests to determine breeding success and the timing of breeding activities. The Research Technician will also aid with capturing and

banding of adult and nestling swallows to determine survival rates, and collect feather and blood samples. The Research Technician will participate in all aspects of the project and will be asked to enter data and conduct other small tasks.

Almost all of the research sites are on private properties. Therefore, the Research Technician must possess strong interpersonal and communication skills to maintain positive relationships with landowners.

The Research Technician must be willing to work on a flexible schedule with irregular hours (particularly early mornings) and long days. Field work will be conducted under a variety of conditions ranging from cold and wet to hot and humid, with high winds, biting insects and around livestock. Applicants **MUST** be comfortable climbing ladders to heights of 10 m. Applicants should be comfortable working alone or in a small team.

Office work (mid-August to mid-November)

In the office, the Research Technician will aid with data entry and preliminary analysis of data collected in 2016. The Research Technician will also aid with preparing reports on project activities and results. To complete these tasks, the Research Technician will use computers and, at minimum, should be familiar with Microsoft Office (i.e., Word and Excel).

The Research Technician will also prepare and sort feather and blood samples collected in the field for stable isotope, corticosteroid and telomere length analysis.

Qualifications

At minimum, all applicants must demonstrate or possess:

- A strong interest in bird biology
- Ability to identify all four species of swallows and their nesting sites
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Attention to detail
- Experience with Microsoft Excel and Word
- A driver's license

Preference will be given to applicants with the following **experience**:

- Monitoring bird nests
- Bird capture using mist-nets, handling and banding
- Experience with ArcGIS, statistical analysis software (especially R) and BandIt

Accommodations will be provided for field work, but the Research Technician is expected to find accommodations for office work. The Research Technician will receive \$1,883/mo.

Applicants must be eligible for a Clean Tech Internship. Check the Clean Tech Internship website to ensure that you meet the qualifications: <http://cleantech.collegesinstitutes.ca/interns>

To apply, follow the instructions on the Clean Tech Internship website:

<http://cleantech.collegesinstitutes.ca/interns> . You will first need to create an account on the website and then submit your resume and cover letter for this position. The position will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is found. We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

To learn more about Wildlife Preservation Canada, please visit our website at www.wildlifepreservation.ca. If you have additional questions about this position, please contact tara.imlay[*AT*]gmail.com

SALES MANAGEMENT POSITION

<http://GoodWork.ca/918243>

Sales Director needed - Commission based, work from home.

Position: Sales Director - Nationwide

Type: commission based

Organization: Institute for Green Business Certification (IGBC) Canada

Location: work from home, anywhere in Canada

The Institute for Green Business Certification provides companies and organizations with a green certification program to help them reduce their environmental footprint.

IGBC's mission is to help promote and increase public awareness in environmentally sound business practices by

recognizing those companies and organizations who are leading the way with green business models, by displaying their genuine commitment and responsibility towards the environment and setting the example for a greener Canadian community. Our vision is to become the universal standard for green business certification. Only serious, highly motivated candidates with success-driven experience in sales need apply. A passion for sustainability a must and background preferable. Bilingualism an asset.

Please send your C.V. along with a cover letter explaining why this position interests you, what sales success experience you possess, why you are passionate about the environment, and your availabilities to:

philippa@gbcertified.ca

Environmental Opportunities:

Are you ready

... for real action on climate change?

... for an economy fuelled by energy that's truly green?

... for new jobs and business opportunities in your community?

... for a program that accomplishes all this and lifts up the poor?"

Join the only organization in Canada solely focused on creating the political will for a fair price on pollution--

Citizens' Climate Lobby and there's a local branch in Nova Scotia! But if you're not near Halifax, it's easy to start one in your community! Contact Joanne Light, Group Leader [902-429-1571](tel:902-429-1571) or email jonilight3@yahoo.ca Please "like" us on Facebook at "Citizens' Climate Lobby Halifax" and for more info, check out the website at "Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada."

Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) Canada is 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 changing the current political stalemate 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.

The Government of Canada is consulting on the draft [2016-2019 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy](#)

(Strategy) and we would like to hear from you. The draft Strategy provides Canadians with a whole-of-government view of federal environmental priorities.

Please join us for at a **free webinar** to learn about the [Strategy](#), and make suggestions to improve it.

So, if you are interested in environmental sustainability and what the federal government is doing about creating clean jobs, taking action on climate change, and protecting our environment and Canadians while growing our economy, join us:

What: Discussion about the draft 2016-2019 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy

When: April 27, 2016 at 12:30 EST

How: Webinar presented by the Sustainable Development Office at Environment and Climate Change Canada

Cost: Registration is free

Registration: Email us at ec.bdd-sdo.ec@canada.ca.

If you require further information about the webinar or on how to comment on the Strategy, please visit our [discussion website](#) or [contact us](#).

Sustainable Development Office

Environment and Climate Change Canada

ec.bdd-sdo.ec@canada.ca

Solar Nova Scotia's policy committee is looking for feedback from people on their experience with the Nova Scotia net metering program. Your feedback will greatly help the committee with their work. They want to hear about the good and bad. Please send your comments to info@solarns.ca until April 21st.

[Petitioning Premier of Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil and 3 others](#) Stop destroying Nova Scotia's forests for biomass power generation: <http://chn.ge/25RcGev>

Interested in environmental issues? Love wildlife? Want to help conserve a local species at risk?

Position: Wood Turtle Field Volunteers

Organization: Clean Annapolis River Project

Location: Lawrencetown - Aylesford, Middleton, Kingston, Nova Scotia

Clean Annapolis River Project is looking for volunteers for the 2016 Wood Turtle Monitoring and Stewardship field season.

Volunteer opportunities include visual surveys, radio-telemetry, nesting surveys, nest monitoring & emergence surveys. Surveys are conducted at multiple locations between Paradise and Aylesford.

These activities take place outside in variable weather, in sites with bugs, scratchy plants and mud. No special equipment is needed, but appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear is important for safety and comfort.

We have a series of upcoming training sessions:

- Wednesday April 20, Lawrencetown, 5:00 PM @Lawrencetown Boat Launch (Lawrencetown Lane, north side of the river)
- Thursday April 21, Middleton, 5:00 PM @Riverside Park
- Wednesday April 27, Kingston, 5:00 PM @ Stronach Park

No previous experience needed. Training sessions will be held outdoors. All ages welcome. Youth under 14 should be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Registration required, sessions may be cancelled or postponed if there is no/very low registration. Interested but can't attend? Call give us a call!

Contact: Katie McLean

katiemclean@annapolisriver.ca

[\(902\)-532-7533](tel:902-532-7533)

<http://www.annapolisriver.ca>

BOARD OPPORTUNITY

<http://GoodWork.ca/958243>

Position: Donor Relations, Board of Directors

Type: board of directors position / volunteer

Organization: Clean Annapolis River Project

Location: Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

CARP is seeking a skilled, experienced individual to serve on our volunteer board of directors with a specific role to lead the development and implementation of a Donor Relations program to provide financial support to the organization in the face of changing economic realities in the not-for-profit sector. The individual would serve as chair of a collaborative Donor Relations committee comprised of board members, staff, and volunteers that would support them in their role.

Key traits that we seeking are:

- The passion to see the Clean Annapolis River Project succeed in its mission to enhance the ecological health of the Annapolis Watershed through science, leadership, and community engagement.
- Experience from professional career or with other organizations to successfully raise funds through donor solicitations
- An energetic and self-directed personality
- Well-developed inter-personal and negotiating skills
- Excellent communications skills, both oral and written

To apply or for further information please contact Murray Freeman, President, CARP Board of Directors:

president@annapolisriver.ca

We want to hear from you!

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 Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*) in Canada [proposed].

The Snapping Turtle is listed as Special Concern under Schedule 1 of the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). It is one of the largest freshwater turtles in Canada. Snapping Turtles occupy a wide range of habitats but prefer aquatic habitats characterized by slow-moving water with a soft muddy bottom and dense aquatic vegetation. They also use adjacent terrestrial habitats. The main threats to the Canadian population of Snapping Turtles are conversion of aquatic or riparian habitats for agriculture and urban development purposes incompatible with the species' needs, the road network, legal and illegal harvesting, persecution, human-subsidized predators, and fishing bycatch. It should be noted that each of these threats has a cumulative effect.

The proposed management plan is posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry. A management plan is a planning document that sets goals and objectives for maintaining sustainable population levels of one or more species that are particularly sensitive to environmental factors, but which are not yet considered in danger of becoming extinct. **You can read the proposed management plan and comment at:** http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=2908

After the public comment period ends on **May 29, 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.

Thank you for your interest in the protection of species at risk in Canada.

[Subscribe](#) to receive updates on public consultations added to the Species at Risk Public Registry.

Environment and Climate Change Canada is inviting you to comment on the proposed **Recovery Strategy and Management Plan for the Red Knot in Canada**, which was posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry on March 30, 2016.

A recovery strategy describes what a species needs to live and the ways in which we can reduce the threats to its survival. A management plan identifies conservation measures needed to prevent a species of special concern from becoming threatened or endangered.

You can read the proposed Recovery Strategy and Management Plan and comment at: http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=2905.

This document will remain on the registry for a 60-day comment period. After the public comment period ends on **May 29, 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.

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-ntp@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-ntp@parl.gc.ca.

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.

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.

This is to advise that on March 30, 2016, Bear Paw Pipeline Corporation Inc. (Bear Paw) has registered the Bear Paw Pipeline Project, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to construct and operate a 62.5 km high-pressure steel natural gas pipeline from Goldboro to the future location of the Bear Head LNG liquefied natural gas export facility in Richmond County, Nova Scotia. Bear Paw would interconnect the M&NP mainline, offshore gas and other supplies near Goldboro, Nova Scotia. The pipeline corridor will parallel an existing pipeline right-of-way wherever possible. The project will include a compressor facility to deliver natural gas pressure to Bear Head LNG.

On March 30, 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 29, 2016**, to be considered in this environmental assessment. **Comments are requested to be provided via e-mail if possible.**

On or before May 19, 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.

Regards,

Steve Sanford

Environmental Assessment Branch

Nova Scotia Environment

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Tel: [902.424.7630](tel:902.424.7630)

Greetings,

My name is Jennifer Huizen and I'm a freelance journalist, mostly focused on the environment. One of my contracts, **Mongabay.com**, is asking for story ideas on a topic I feel may, unfortunately, be relevant to some in your network/community—endangered environmentalists. This publication, which reaches millions of readers worldwide and is one of the longest running online environmental news sites (<http://www.mongabay.com/about/>), funds Special Reporting Initiatives, looking to profile lesser known or poorly covered issues/voices at the front lines of environmental conservation, protection, and activism. In this case, we're looking to cover the stories of those who have suffered or currently facing negative repercussions (of really any form, professional, and personal) as the result of their work, activism, etc. If you feel this applies to someone on your team, or something else comes to mind, please feel free to get a hold of me.

Thank you kindly in advance for your time,

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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

11th BoFEP Bay of Fundy Science Workshop

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

Wednesday, June 8 – Friday, June 10th 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

Environmental News:

For up-to-date information about **Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership** meetings and other activities visit: www.bofep.org

Check out the video on the **impacts of biomass on Nova Scotia forests:**
<http://halifaxfieldnaturalists.ca/hfnWP/?p=3315>

Otter Lake News - Vol 2 Issue 1

We have just published the Otter Lake News, to bring people up to date on happenings at the Otter Lake landfill. You can [access the newsletter here](#).

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.

Ecology Action Centre becomes first Canadian partner on EU-funded project that will harness Nova Scotian leadership

K'JIPUKTUK (Halifax) March 29th, 2016 - The Ecology Action Centre's Energy Action Team is thrilled to announce that it has been invited into an international partnership to facilitate uptake of enabling strategies for energy efficiency and renewable energy in European communities.

"While Nova Scotia sometimes struggles to celebrate our own success, the SECURE project cements our reputation as a global leader in low-carbon solutions," said Catherine Abreu, Energy Campaign Coordinator with the Ecology Action Centre. "The EAC is incredibly proud to act as a conduit of knowledge and expertise to European regions eager to learn from Nova Scotia's innovative policies and creative communities."

The Smarter Energy Communities in Northern & Arctic Regions (SECURE) project enables transnational cooperation to increase awareness of the technologies and solutions for energy efficiency and renewables. The project will transfer knowledge from regions with more mature strategies to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy development to regions with less mature strategies. The EAC was selected to share best practices and lessons learned from the Nova Scotian experience with partners in the the United Kingdom, Ireland, Finland, Sweden, and the Faroe Islands.

"We have a wealth of experience and ingenuity in Nova Scotia and we can grow our green economy by exporting our knowledge to other jurisdictions facing similar challenges and circumstances," said Abreu. "The SECURE project highlights the immense value we can reap from early action in this province, and how critical it is for us to continue to innovate and progress. The world is hungrier than ever for made-in-Nova Scotia climate solutions."

Nova Scotia has been at the forefront of renewable energy and energy efficiency policy over the past decade with the help of groundbreaking legislation, such as the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act, and regulation like the 2009 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Regulations, which established North America's first hard cap on emissions from electricity generation. Nova Scotia is on a path to meet its ambitious renewable energy target of 40% by 2020. Nova Scotia's greenhouse gas emissions are now below 1990 levels, despite being about 20% above 1990 levels just a few years ago. Meanwhile, the international award-winning Efficiency Nova Scotia has shrunk electricity consumption by 7% in six years. Other programs like HRM's Solar City and the Community Feed-In Tariff exemplify successful low-carbon initiatives unique to Nova Scotia.

The SECURE project is hosted by the European Regions Network for the Application of Communications Technology (ERNACT). Staff members of the Energy Action Team will travel to Finland in mid-May to meet fellow project participants. For more information, visit: <http://www.ernact.net/Project.aspx?ProjectId=95>

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Contact:

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In advance of next week's release of Nova Scotia's 2016/17 Budget, a diversity of groups have come together to urge provincial government to develop a carbon pricing system for Nova Scotia based on 5 key principles. The groups represent labour, anti-poverty, environmental, and social justice communities across the province. Their open letter to Premier McNeil and Finance Minister Delorey is attached and below.

OPEN LETTER:

Anti-Poverty, Fair Economy, Labour and Environmental Advocates Agree on Five Key Principles for a made-in-Nova Scotia Carbon Pricing System

Premier McNeil and Finance Minister Delorey,

The dramatic social and economic costs of a changing climate are well-documented, requiring an immediate and multi-pronged strategy on the part of governments to meet the challenges faced today, which will continue to intensify for future generations. Canada's commitment to the Paris target of limiting average global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius means we need to increase the ambition of our provincial climate plan.

Nova Scotia's investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy, combined with the province's legislated caps on greenhouse gas emissions, have set our electricity sector on the right course.

Work remains in addressing carbon pollution from other sources, like transportation. At the same time, it is clear that energy affordability is a top concern for Nova Scotians especially for those living on low and moderate incomes.

Done right, a made-in-Nova Scotia approach to carbon pricing can help us target the sources of pollution our current laws are missing, while also giving us new financial resources we can use to help vulnerable people and invest in our communities.

Carbon pricing is the new norm in Canada with five provinces, representing almost 90% of the country's population, committed to a carbon tax or cap and trade system. The federal government is clear about its intentions to work with provinces as they design carbon pricing policies. Clearly some form of carbon pricing is coming to Nova Scotia.

Now is the moment to take advantage of political momentum and relatively low oil prices to design a carbon pricing system tailored to Nova Scotia's particular circumstances and needs. Failure to do so may result in hasty adoption later, amid increasing pressure from the Federal government and nearby jurisdictions with their own systems. Nova Scotia can choose to lead the way in our region, or we will be forced to follow.

We, the undersigned, urge Nova Scotia government to use carbon pricing as a tool to take us where we need to go as a province.

Nova Scotia needs to begin a conversation about how carbon pricing can work for us. We understand that there are a variety of approaches our province might take to putting a price on carbon pollution.

We offer the following five principles as key elements of any approach we ultimately develop for a Nova Scotia carbon price:

Effective: the price should start at a level in line with other Canadian systems and increase at regular, predictable intervals to a level that is high enough to serve as a disincentive to environmentally harmful activities and an incentive for shifts to cleaner technologies. Keeping in line with other jurisdictions does mean that the price alone will not be high enough to reduce emissions to the level necessary and, therefore, the revenue from the price must be used to support a just and equitable transition to a low carbon economy.

Fair: government must compensate low- to middle-income households so that modest income households can afford higher prices and low income households are more energy secure than they are at present. Therefore, for low income households this compensation must cover more than the extra costs associated with a carbon price and compensation must increase as the price increases. Carbon pricing should also not adversely affect the public sector so that services are not cut or restricted to accommodate higher costs because that will disproportionately affect low income households.

In addition, part of the revenue generated from a carbon price should be used to support Nova Scotia's low-carbon transition, with a portion allocated to projects and initiatives that support the social and economic development of low-income communities and households, in conjunction with low-carbon initiatives.

Transparent: design and implement a price that is easy to understand by Nova Scotians including the impact on the environment, the economy, and their own household. The government should enshrine these principles in law and legislate requirements about exactly how revenue will be used.

Efficient: as much as possible, make use of existing regulatory infrastructure to administer a carbon pricing system to ensure that the system is low cost to implement and operate.

Economically Sustainable: ensure that the price fosters a low-carbon economic transition, which does not have an adverse impact on workers or the economy (both rural and urban), by coupling the introduction of a carbon price with public investment to generate green job opportunities.

Ultimately, a carbon price is only one essential piece in a suite of policies within a broader climate change prevention and mitigation framework. If implemented using these five principles, carbon pricing, alongside complementary regulations and standards, promises a wealth of co-benefits for Nova Scotians: reduced illness and morbidity; lower provincial healthcare costs; reduced energy poverty; decreased overall household spending as energy efficiency and access to renewables improves; and the growth of green-sector jobs to support a low-carbon transition, allowing more Nova Scotians to stay here.

The Nova Scotia government should immediately create a multi-sectoral working group on this issue, including environmental, anti-poverty and fair economy groups.

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