



Nova Scotia
Environmental Network
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

Eco Connections Newsletter May 2016

Welcome!

Below you will find **events** (starting on page 2), **jobs postings** (page 7), **opportunities** (page 12), and **news** (page 17). *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>

Email: nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

Membership: Membership Matters!

NSEN would like to thank **Margaree Environmental Association** and **David Henry** for renewing their membership, joining NSEN as a new member respectively.

Member feature:

Margaree Environmental Association is interested in the protection of the Margaree Lake Ainslie watershed area and beyond, challenging the Port Hawkesbury biomass plant, opposing oil and gas development, mitigating the destruction of the Inverness protected beach, resisting the expansion of the Margaree airport, promoting sustainable forestry practices and resource development, lobbying municipal, provincial and federal governments.

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 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

Environmental and Sustainability Education Caucus: Like the Caucus on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/Environmental-and-Sustainability-Education-Caucus-ESEC-215913805454788 ! Once you click the page, you can hit "like" and then it will allow you to 1) post to the page, if you want to share upcoming events/info/etc, and 2) see everything that's posted to the page in your newsfeed.

The purpose of the Facebook page is to further the ESEC's primary mission of raising the profile of environmental education in NS, increasing communication and connecting environmental educators.

See some of the members of the ESE Caucus here: <https://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/esec/>

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

Upcoming Member Events & Events of Interest

May

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.

Mikmaki Water Walk 2016 will start with the Shubenacadie River Water Walk in Sipeknèkatik District of Mikmaki on May 14, 2016 - May 21, 2016 - 9:00am - 5:00p daily. We will begin with ceremony for the water, at the mouth of the Shubenacadie River in Maitland at 9:00am at the River Runners river rafting lodge next to Dawson Dowell Park at 8681 Route 215, Maitland, NS. We will be completing the Shubie River Water walk on May 21st, at 4pm at the Shubenacadie Grand Lake at Oakfield Park. We will be stopping in Shubie at Indian School Road for a talking circle and sharing, and for water ceremony at Fort Ellis, where the Salt Brine waste discharge site is on the Shubie River estuary. Molly Peters has been given a 350 yr old copper pail for the Water Walk that we will carry for this Sacred Water walk. We will need a core group of women committed to carry the water and an Eagle staff carrier, someone to drive support vehicle and a communications person to post activities. Tshirts are being sold to raise funds for this walk and help with the next Water Walk in Mikmaki.

Everyone is welcome to join in the Mikmaki water walk whenever you can during the walk.

<https://www.facebook.com/Mikmakiwaterwalk2016/>

Friends of Redtail Society (FRS) continues its commitment to getting to know the neighbouring Public lands by spending time there involved in various activities. Garbage collection has begun and will continue throughout the month. We anticipate the ongoing photo documentation of the various areas designated for commercial thinning and clearcutting by Port Hawksbury Paper as well as compiling notes on the flora and fauna that reside there. May is a great time to observe the many resident bird pairs who at this time are marking territories, building nests and brooding their young.

A guided walk to connect with the land and its residents is planned for **Saturday, May 14, starting at 10:00 in the morning**. Rain date, the following day, same time. See directions to the meeting place below.

Please join us. Bring binoculars if you have them and if you would like to linger after the walk, a lunch and chair. Billy MacDonald, FRS Board member, continues to camp out on the Public land next to the Porter Road and welcomes anyone wanting to visit until the end of May. The Porter Road which provides access to both FRS land and the Public land is off the Elmfield Road (a left turn off Hwy 256 West, about 6 km from Scotsburn Post Office); take the next right after the MacBeth Road, cross the bridge and head up the hill until you see *May Days* sign.

2016 Annapolis River Canoe Race, Saturday May 14

Registration: 9:30-10:30 AM, Riverside Park, Middleton

Start: 11:00 AM Riverside Park, Middleton; **End:** Lawrencetown Exhibition

Recreational canoe & kayak classes, solo & tandem marathon canoe classes; Registration \$15.00/person.

BBQ ticket included with registration or available for purchase at the exhibition grounds; Limited boats available to borrow at no cost, please call in advance.

For more information or pre-registration contact the CARP office:

[\(902\)-532-7533](tel:902-532-7533) katiemclean@annapolisriver.ca

FIELD LEADER - HIKING COURSES SPRING & FALL

Four Field Leader - Hiking Courses will be offered as follows: **May 14-15** in Antigonish; **June 9-10** in Sydney; **October 15-16** in Wolfville; and November 5-6 in Halifax. Participants learn to become confident hiking leaders and earn Outdoor Council of Canada (OCC) national certification. The course is offered through Hike Nova Scotia in partnership with the OCC and supported by the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage. Learn more and register at <http://tiny.cc/43vxay>.

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.

World Fish Migration Day, Saturday May 21

Location: Moose River, Clementsport Rd. Clementsport, Annapolis County- At the old dam site (look for signage). Free outdoor event for all ages.

The World Fish Migration Day (WFMD) is a one day global-local event to create awareness on the importance of open rivers and migratory fish. Over 1000 organizations around the globe are involved, help us put Nova Scotia on the map!

Guest speakers:

Andy Sharpe, East Coast Aquatics, Clementsport Dam Restoration Project

Darren Reid, Parks Canada- Freshwater recovery at Kejimikujik National Park

Displays and activities:

NSLC Adopt-A-Stream, fish habitat restoration techniques

Benthic invertebrate sampling activity

Touch tank & native fish display

Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute

Striped Bass Research Team- fish tagging demo

Bear River First Nation

BBQ and refreshments for purchase on site.

For information contact katiemclean@annapolisriver.ca (902)-532-7533, or visit www.annapolisriver.ca

World Turtle Day, Group Visual Surveys, throughout May

Monday May 23, 2016 is World Turtle Day. World Turtle Day is annual day of awareness that provides opportunity to bring attention to, and increase knowledge of and respect for, turtles and tortoises, and encourage human actions to help them survive and thrive.

Clean Annapolis River Project is looking for groups to register for visual surveys throughout May, in celebration of World Turtle Day. Survey locations can be arranged between Lawrencetown (Annapolis County) and Aylesford (Kings County).

Visual surveys involve searching areas of known or suspected habitat in order to identify and record as many individual turtles as possible. The more eyes on the ground the better the chances of success!

To learn more or register a group contact: Katie McLean,

Species at Risk Project Leader/Outreach Coordinator

Clean Annapolis River Project, katiemclean@annapolisriver.ca, (902)-532-7533

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

WILD Connect Leadership Course May 27-29, Truro

The WILD Connect Leadership Course will be held from May 27 to 29 at Gittens Lodge in Truro. Attendees

participate in experiential outdoor activities and become certified in Canadian Wildlife Federation Project WILD and in Outdoor Council of Canada (OCC) Field Leader (Hiking). Suitable for school teachers and non-formal youth educators, the cost is \$125. It is offered through Hike NS in partnership with the NS Chapter of the OCC and supported by the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage. <http://tiny.cc/x5cyay>

June and onward...

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

RE-CONNECTING WITH NATURE WORKSHOPS IN JUNE

Five Re-Connecting with Nature workshops will take place as follows: June 3 in Liverpool; June 8 in Wolfville; June 11 in Halifax; June 15 in Pictou County; and June 17 in Sydney. Participants learn to lead and share an appreciation and understanding of nature with children and youth. The workshop is offered through Hike Nova Scotia in partnership with the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage with support from Acadia University. Learn more and register at <http://tiny.cc/d5vxay>.

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!](#)

What: Atlantic Council for International Cooperation Annual Symposium. Looking Back, Moving Forward: Celebrating 40 Years of International Cooperation in the Atlantic Region.

In celebration of the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation's 40th anniversary, we invite you to join us at our 2016 Symposium & AGM, "Looking Back, Moving Forward."

The 2016 Symposium will bring together international cooperation practitioners, youth, civil society leaders, issue-specific experts, advocates and academics to strengthen individual and collective capacity, and increase dialogue on making connections between the issues and the actions necessary to create a sustainable future, both locally and globally, consistent with the recently adopted [Sustainable Development Goals](#). The Symposium will create a learning environment through a combination of keynote speakers, who will highlight social justice issues and ways forward, and participant engagement in member-organized workshops.

Where: 923 Robie St., Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS

When: 7pm Thurs. June 9th to 12:30pm Sat. June 11th

More details here: www.acicsymposium.org

Dialogue for Peaceful Change

June 19-24, 2016

Sunday 5:30 pm to Friday 1:00 pm

Dialogue for Peaceful Change (DPC) is an international program that has brought together the best methodologies from around the world in community based conflict mediation, providing effective tools and strategies for analyzing and addressing conflicts.

This is a program applicable to conflicts and disputes in communities, families and organizations moving beyond traditional mediative methods, focusing on conflict content, culture and spirituality.

The experiential processes allow practice of the stages of conflict mediation and to apply the tools of "meditative behavior" in a realistic context. Participants receive international accreditation as DPC Facilitators upon completion.

Program Cost: \$852 (Registration, tuition, meals, accommodation and international accreditation fee)

For more information [click here](#)

June 24-26: The Woods Around Us, Backyard Forestry. Join Jamie Simpson for a hands-on exploration of our forests. Which trees grow where, and why? How do forests change over time? What can we do to increase wildlife habitat in our backyards? What is old-growth forest? Which trees are good to cut for firewood? Come away from the weekend knowing how to identify our trees and common forest plants, a better understanding of how our forests tick, and how to think about working with your own forest. Jamie is a professional forester with a background in forest ecology and author of two books on our eastern forests, "Restoring the Acadian Forest: A guide to forest stewardship for woodland owners in Eastern Canada," and "Journeys Through Eastern Old-Growth Forests." Enrollment limited to 14 participants.

Email HLC@eastlink.ca for more information on workshops or to register.

July 8-10 (Full three days, two nights.) Milling and building: From logs to lumber to finished shed in three days. This new and unique workshop combines our popular **Introduction to the Portable Bandsaw Mill** with **Basic Carpentry** as participants plan for and mill out framing, roof, and siding for a storage shed. Thinking of buying a portable bandsaw mill or already own a mill and could use a refresher course on how to achieve better results? This workshop provides plenty of discussion and hands-on chance to familiarize yourself with a mill, its operation and maintenance. Taught by returning instructor Ian Dingwall, full-time sawyer. Three days, Friday morning to Sunday afternoon. Limited to 10 participants.

Email HLC@eastlink.ca for more information on workshops or to register.

July 29-31: Chainsaw Skills and Safety, Women Only. A hands-on course with instructor Patrick Allan teaching bucking, directional felling, safe use, and maintenance. Participants come away with knowledge and practice to safely and competently use a saw. Learn the saw from the inside out, safe use, sharpening the chain, proper maintenance, how to buck wood, and the dos and don'ts of working both with downed and standing wood. Sunday participants learn to fell trees, working in a woodlot at the Harrison Lewis Centre. Workshop limited to eight participants.

Email HLC@eastlink.ca for more information on workshops or to register.

August 19-21: Chainsaw Skills and Safety, Open Course. A hands-on course with instructor Patrick Allan teaching bucking, directional felling, safe use, and maintenance. Participants come away with knowledge and practice to safely and competently use a saw. Learn the saw from the inside out, safe use, sharpening the chain, proper maintenance, how to buck wood, and the dos and don'ts of working both with downed and standing wood. Sunday participants learn to fell trees, working in a woodlot at the Harrison Lewis Centre. Workshop limited to eight participants.

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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>

CARP's Annapolis River Festival, July 16

Jubilee Park, Bridgetown, Annapolis County

This daylong event is a celebration of the environmental, historical, cultural, and recreational values of the Annapolis River. Highlights include Dragon Boat races, a variety of canoe races (sprint, paddle-portage, obstacle course), guided historical/natural heritage boat tours, "Ribs on the River" smoked rib competition, "Pork in the Park" food tent with local craft beer and wine, canoe exhibit with live demonstrations, kids' games, and live music.

For more information: www.annapolisriver.ca/riverfest or find us on Facebook "CARP's Annapolis River Festival"

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:

Clean Foundation is recruiting for the Summer Student Intern positions for the Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps. Please pass this along - it's a great opportunity for youth wanting to work in the environmental sector! <http://clean.ns.ca/employment/>

SUMMER STUDENT POSITIONS

<http://GoodWork.ca/996643>

Friends of McNabs Island

Summer Students Job Description 2016

McNabs Island Summer Interpreters

Position: Park Interpreters

Type: summer job / summer student position

Organization: Friends of McNabs Island

Location: McNabs Island, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Friends of McNabs Island Society is hiring TWO university students again this summer (35 hrs/week for 12 weeks) to start work JUNE 1. The pay range is \$12.50-14.50/hr depending on experience. The students must be under 30, registered as full-time students and returning to school full-time in the fall.

The job duties are varied and would be suitable for students from several disciplines including environmental science, biology, horticulture, business, tourism, public relations, planning, recreation, education, graphic arts, history or archaeology. Both students must be excellent written and oral communicators, work well with children, and able to work as a team. Both students must be physically fit and love being outdoors, even in the

rain and cold. They must be willing to work weekends on McNabs Island. When not on the island, the students will work out of a small office in Dartmouth close to the ferry. Some of the job duties include:

- providing guided tours for McNabs Island visitors including youth groups,
- doing island maintenance work such as garbage/recyclable cleanup, trail and garden maintenance,
- promoting McNabs Island as an outdoor classroom and nature park,
- marketing our Discover McNabs Island book and brochures/maps,
- researching and writing stories about McNabs Island
- updating our McNabs Island Kit for Schools, brochures, display, and social media.

Jobs posted until May 20 or until filled. Please send resume, cover letter and references in ONE "WORD" format document and include your name in the file name i.e. jackorjilljones.doc and email to:

info@mcnabsisland.ca

Helping the Friends of McNabs Island is a unique summer student experience like no other job you will ever have!

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<http://FoodWork.ca/964643>

Position: Long-term Fellows (including Software Engineer, Data Scientist, Financial Institution Relationship Fellow, Agronomist)

Type: full-time 12 month fellowships with training, airfare & expenses, honorarium more (see posting details)

Organization: Engineers without Borders

Location: Nairobi, Kenya, Africa

The Opportunity:

Engineers without Borders is seeking to find talented, motivated leaders to work with one of our ventures, FarmDrive in Keyna. FarmDrive is a tech-driven social enterprise committed to improving the livelihoods of smallholder farmers in Africa by using new technology to increase availability of capital. Four different positions are currently being recruited for, including Software Engineer, Data Scientist, Financial Institution Relationship Fellow, and Agronomist. The job descriptions for these positions are all available on our website at:

<https://www.ewb.ca/careers>

The EWB Fellows Program:

Now in its 15th year, the EWB Fellows Program exists to develop a cadre of Systems Change Leaders by equipping them with the opportunities, competencies and skills needed to build a more thriving and sustainable world. Every year we recruit 25-30 outstanding people for the 12-month Fellowship, placing successful candidates in one of our early-stage Ventures located throughout Sub Saharan Africa.

Benefits of the EWB Fellowship:

People are attracted to Engineers Without Borders because of the personal and professional benefits that come from working within a learning organization, and to become part of a dynamic network you join for life. Many of Canada's top employers recognize Engineers Without Borders as a source for highly skilled and motivated young leaders. EWB alumni have gone on to be successful in many different career paths.

Your application must be completed by Tuesday, May 24th at 4pm EST, however applications will be reviewed, and interviews scheduled on a rolling basis, so please submit your application as soon as possible. Application instructions are available in the job descriptions posted on our website at: <https://www.ewb.ca/careers>

Please direct any questions or concerns to Devon Matthews at: recruitment@ewb.ca

Please note: You must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or landed immigrant in order to apply.

INTERNSHIP POSITIONS

<http://GoodWork.ca/945543>

Position: ACIC IYIP International Internship Applications Are Now Open

Type: internships with living allowance, more (details)

Organization: The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC)

Locations: Atlantic Canada and Bhutan, Bolivia, Ghana, Gambia, Haiti, Jamaica, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda

ACIC works with its Canadian member organizations and their international partners to offer interns valuable experience both overseas as well as in Canada. Interns will work in the areas of securing the future of children and youth, stimulating sustainable economic growth, and increasing food security. Through this experience, interns develop skills and experience that will assist them in securing employment as well as enabling them to make connections and develop relationships with many Canadian development practitioners.

Internships are eight months in duration, with six months spent in host partner organization countries: Bhutan, Bolivia, Ghana, Gambia, Haiti, Jamaica, Kenya, South Africa and Uganda. Interns also work in Canada for up to two months with an ACIC member organization both prior to their departure overseas and upon their return.

See the full list of available positions, eligibility requirements, timeline, and application form here:

<http://www.acic-caci.org/internships>

Deadline for applications: 5PM AST, June 5th 2016.

FACULTY POSITION

<http://GoodWork.ca/991543>

Faculty - Energy Sustainability Engineering Technology Program

Education, Environment

Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) - Annapolis Valley Campus

Middleton, Nova Scotia

School of Trades and Technology

Continuing Full-Time Position: Commencing approximately June 6, 2016

Salary range: \$57,509 to \$85,105 annually

Application deadline is midnight, May 12, 2016

Competition No. 2016-108

What you'll be doing...

As a member of the School of Trades and Technology faculty team, you will deliver curriculum (both theoretical and applied) to students within the Energy Sustainability Engineering Technology (ESET) Program. You will also develop curriculum, develop and maintain course materials, evaluate student performance, facilitate student placements and conduct other related faculty duties. You will provide leadership with respect to shop/lab safety and development. You will also work with Research Scientists and the campus community to continue the transformation of campus buildings and grounds into models of energy conservation and sustainability. Our Piliikan House and campus buildings will provide you and your students opportunities to explore sustainability in both commercial and residential environments. You will be a mentor to students as they embark on their future career.

What we're looking for...

A collaborative, team player who takes personal accountability to deliver on what is expected in their role and who strives for excellence every day. Committed to life-long learning, occupational currency and a belief in NSCC's mission, they bring a learning-centered perspective to everything they do. They think broadly, celebrate diversity of thought, and respect the uniqueness of individuals. They flourish in a dynamic, changing and sometimes ambiguous environment by keeping informed and connected within their role and the College. Is this you?

You have:

Minimum qualifications:

- You have a relevant degree in Mechanical/Environmental Engineering, Construction Management, Energy Management, Alternate Energy, or Sustainability, combined with a minimum of five years of directly related experience in the energy industry, ideally on a multi-disciplinary team. Your experience may include both residential and commercial/industrial settings.
- You have experience in the areas of WHMIS, 5S+S, and Occupational Health and Safety.
- You possess some/all of the following related computer skills Windows 10, Microsoft Office, RETScreen AutoCAD, HOT2000, eQuest/CAN-QUEST and a thorough knowledge of Internet and e-mail technology.
- You are able demonstrate the use of MS Excel at an advanced level for data analysis and manipulation.
- Familiarity with Learning Management Systems, including Desire2Learn would be an asset.

- Ideally, you possess a background in construction management, high-performance building systems & design and energy management.
- You are a skilled communicator with a commitment to excellence in teaching and learning.
- You are passionate about the energy field and have a vision for future energy related projects, research and partnerships and have knowledge in the area of renewable energy.
- You are a LEED® Accredited Professional with the Canadian Green Building Council (or are eligible for accreditation).
- You are innovative, detail oriented and committed to life-long learning.
- You are familiar with the concepts of portfolio education. Your desire and enthusiasm to teach students with diverse backgrounds and knowledge, along with your superb presentation, interpersonal and team building skills make you an ideal candidate.

As a condition of employment, Faculty and Professional Support employees at NSCC must complete NSCC's Community College Education Diploma Program (CCEDP). CCEDP is a two-year diploma that provides a foundation in adult education principles. CCEDP is a significant investment of NSCC in the learning and development of new employees. To achieve regular status; all probationary, full or part-time Faculty and Professional Support employees of the College must successfully complete CCEDP within their probationary period. Term full-time Faculty who are employed for twelve or more months are also required to participate in CCEDP.

What you'll experience at NSCC...

You'll change lives. You'll join committed individuals as we work to build Nova Scotia's economy and improve quality of life through education and innovation. As an NSCC employee, you'll be part of that change.

You'll find a place to grow. With a lot of opportunity for professional development and collaborative projects, you'll continue to grow and learn throughout your career.

You'll find a place to thrive. Doing meaningful and challenging work in a publically accountable and respectful working and learning environment that is diverse, safe and inclusive. You'll have the freedom to enable innovation, improvement and excellence.

You'll celebrate the uniqueness of individuals. Our college welcomes diversity in both its student body and its employees, and we take every opportunity to become more inclusive. We encourage applications from qualified candidates from all diverse communities including but not limited to aboriginal persons, racially visible persons, people with disabilities and women in non-traditional roles. Applicants from these communities wishing to self-identify may do so by completing an online questionnaire with your application.

NSCC offers a competitive compensation and comprehensive benefits package. As a learning-centred organization, we provide opportunities for every NSCC employee to be a life-long learner.

Candidates selected for interviews will be expected to provide at least three recent, relevant references. The successful candidate will be expected to provide official transcripts to show proof of academic achievements. To apply for College jobs, simply click on the Apply Now Online button. To serve you better, NSCC has a user-friendly on-line application process in partnership with Career Beacon. First time users will complete a basic registration and receive a username and password via email (NOTE: email may appear in "Junk Mail" folder depending upon your mail management configuration). You will then have the option of uploading your existing resume(s) and cover letter(s) in seconds or creating them on-the-spot in the "editor". For more information about working at the College, please visit us at http://www.nsc.ca/about_nsc/jobs_at_nsc/

JOB POSTING

<http://GoodWork.ca/970543>

Position: Research Assistant

Department: Science

Organization: Oceana Canada

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Term: one year contract from July 4, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Oceana Canada, an independent charity established to restore Canadian oceans to be as rich, healthy, and abundant as they once were, is proud to be affiliated with the international family of Oceana organizations.

Oceana Canada works with civil society, academics, fishermen, and government to return Canada's formerly vibrant oceans to health. We engage in fact-based campaigns designed to preserve the bounty of the sea as a source for wild-caught fish, as well as to preserve the marine ecosystem for our own and future generations. Oceana Canada seeks a Research Assistant to play a critical role in support of the success of its campaigns. The position, reporting to the Director of Science, will be responsible for providing research support for marine conservation campaign topics in fisheries science, oceans management and related policies.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide research support related to fisheries and marine conservation to inform and support the goals and strategies of Oceana Canada's campaigns.
- Assist with the preparation of research materials and logistic support for Oceana's Science Symposium and Expedition.
- Gather information through literature searches, government reports & communications and others sources, and synthesize for science and communication purposes.
- Write, edit, and prepare reports & summary documents with meticulous attention to detail.
- Perform additional duties as needed and assigned by the Science Director or Fisheries Scientist.
- Must have the ability to handle many tasks simultaneously in a dynamic work environment with speed, accuracy, initiative and with a positive attitude.
- Must maintain strict confidentiality in working with sensitive information and possess excellent judgment in handling communications and representing Oceana Canada in a professional manner.

Requirements:

- A University degree in a relevant discipline.
- Excellent writing, editing, communication and research skills.
- Knowledge of marine ecosystems and organisms.
- Organized working style with attention to detail.
- The successful candidate must be available for full-time work in Canada.

Assets:

- Proficiency in ArcGIS.
- Knowledge of Canadian fisheries.
- Knowledge of Canadian fishery policy and management.

Oceana Canada is an equal opportunity employer. All offers of employment are conditional upon the successful completion of reference checks and a criminal background check.

While we thank all candidates for their interest, only those short-listed will be contacted.

TO APPLY:

Please send your resume and cover letter, including your hourly wage expectations, to:

hr@oceana.ca by 5pm on May 13th 2016.

JOB POSTING

<http://GoodWork.ca/985443>

Position: Customer Advisor

Organization: Thinkwell Shift

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Thinkwell Shift ("Shift") is a resource conservation company that specializes in behaviour change. We create strategies that encourage people to make lasting changes in their daily lives to conserve resources such as water, energy and waste. In order to facilitate behaviour change, we connect with customers using various tactics to guide their path. Shift is looking a customer service orientated individual who is looking for a challenge, and the possibility to grow with the company.

This position is comprised of many elements, including:

- interacting with customers on the phone and in person on a daily basis;
- guiding the customers path to help them reduce their resource use in a manner that's right for them;
- working in a team or on your own;
- installing efficient products in customers' homes, including light bulbs, shower heads, faucet aerators, and

tank and pipe wrap;

- follow established health and safety protocol;
- collect and record information; and,
- file electronic reports daily.

Shift is looking for individuals for part time work in Halifax, with hours that may range from 7am-8pm M-F, and 9am-5pm on Saturdays. This contract is for 6 months with the potential of renewal.

Hourly Rate: \$15-17/hr (depending on experience) + car and phone allowances

Personal Qualities

We're looking for someone with as many of the following qualities as possible:

- strong customer service background with an understanding of communications, environmental education and/or behaviour change;
- personable, positive and professional demeanor;
- able to follow protocol, but has ability to make responsible changes as needed;
- experience working independently;
- passionate about customer service, behaviour change and the environment;
- comfortable with changing roles, and able to innovate or find improvements;
- attentive to detail;
- interested in growing with a new company;
- very comfortable with standard office technology including Microsoft Office (Word/Excel) and access to a smartphone and the internet;
- has a car (required for each shift), and a clean driving record;
- physically fit (will be required to be one your feet most of the day; able to carry boxes up to 30lbs; go up and down ladders and stairs all day);
- handy, or comfortable with minor home repairs (changing light bulbs, changing showerheads, etc) – experience not required, training provided.
- Clean background check is mandatory (Provided by Shift).

Those interested in applying, please email a cover letter and resume to: olga@thinkwellresearch.ca

Feel free to check out our website at <http://www.thinkwellshift.ca>.

Environmental Opportunities:

Wood turtle land stewards- if you own or manage land that provides habitat for wood turtles, a species at risk, we will work with you to develop a stewardship plan in order to mitigate negative impacts to this species and its habitat

Wood turtle nest survey & monitoring volunteers- June is nesting month for wood turtles. CARP wants to identify and protect as many nest sites as possible. All covered nests require monitoring during the potential emergence window. Sites range between Lawrencetown and Aylesford.

Free Home Upgrades for Your Clients and Participants

Help your program participants save money on heating bills this winter, be healthier and feel more comfortable in their homes year-round – find out if they are eligible for HomeWarming. HomeWarming offers a free home energy assessments and energy efficiency upgrades to income-qualified homeowners. For more information and application forms, visit www.HomeWarming.ca. If you would like to have materials to promote

<http://homewarming.ca/>, get in touch with Michael at mmackay@clean.ns.ca.

<http://us13.campaign-archive2.com/?u=341e0657f0089d68cf0a0ccf1&id=f73bd43d4c>

Many of you may already be aware that The Shaw Group has teamed up with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) in relation to a new proposal to protect a significant portion of the Backlands for “**Halifax’s finest urban nature experience**”.

On Tuesday, April 26, a presentation was made to Halifax Regional Council, proposing “**a mutually beneficial, three-way partnership for the protection of the Williams-Colpitt Lake site**” – nearly 162 hectares of wilderness

lands currently owned by The Shaw Group, which is the parent company of Clayton Developments.

For more information about the proposal:

See maps outlining the proposed area for acquisition and other details in the [presentation slides](#), available online in PDF format.

Watch an [archived video](#) of the April 26 Council proceedings; click on **agenda item 12.3.1** – Nature Conservancy of Canada and The Shaw Group Limited re Potential Acquisition of Purcell’s Cove Lands, which will take you directly to the presentation and the Council debate that followed.

Community input crucial by May 15

This is certainly wonderful news and we can be cautiously optimistic. However, there is much work to be done – urgently. Council has requested a staff report and a positive recommendation is very important. There are many competing interests for municipal funds. Significant funds from community members and beyond will also be an essential ingredient.

What can you do now to help make this happen? Please sign on to the **Halifax Green Network Plan** webpage at www.halifax.ca/halifaxgreennetwork/ and provide your input in two ways:

On the *new* [Online Map Tool](#), identify your favourite spots on Williams and Colpitt Lakes and elsewhere in the Backlands. What are your favourite recreational activities? Why is this place so special to you? Tell them; now’s your best chance!

Please complete the [online survey](#). Municipal staff needs to receive your input to find out why the Backlands are a public priority for inclusion in the city’s future greenbelt.

Please note, the **input deadline is May 15** for both the survey and the map tool. There has been very little public input to date at this stage of the public engagement process – please add your voice, it will make a difference!

2016 Awards of Excellence in Environmental Education

Nominations close May 20

[Click here for more information and to submit a nomination.](#)

The Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication (EECOM) Awards of Excellence recognize individuals and organizations who have collectively influenced hundreds of thousands of Canadian citizens, and helped implement one of EECOM’s key goals – to advance environmental learning, ensuring Canadians are environmentally literate, engaging in environmental stewardship and contributing to a healthy future.

We encourage you to give a deserving colleague or organization a great gift and nominate them for an award! All awards will be announced at the [2016 EECOM National Conference](#) held at the International Peace Garden in Manitoba on August 25th - 28th.

[Click here for more information and to submit a nomination.](#)

Are you ready to stand up for climate action that works for us?

[Click here to join the People’s Climate Plan.](#)

We have a plan to organize locally in our communities and across the country to demand an ambitious climate strategy that’s built around three fundamental principles:

Keeping the majority of Canada’s fossil fuels in the ground

Building a 100% renewable energy economy by 2050

Committing to justice for Indigenous peoples, workers and climate impacted communities.

Any national climate strategy must reflect these ambitious values if we want Canada wants to respect the global commitments it is making on the world stage.

We’ll do it in three stages:

First, we’ll organize our local communities to demand that our Members of Parliament hold fair and inclusive climate consultations in their ridings.

Next, we’ll speak up together the government consultations in our local communities. In ridings where MPs refuse to hold consultations, we’ll hold our own.

Then, this Fall, we’ll mobilize en-masse right as the government unveils its national climate strategy, to send one last message on where the people stand.

We can make a just, and ambitious climate action a reality. It's up to us.

[Sign up to speak up for the People's Climate Plan!](#)

You can tweet about the People's Climate Plan using the hashtag #People'sClimatePlan or #CANClimateAction
We know that when we stand together, we make big things happen. Pledge to stand together.

Hi all,

This fall, Canada's Premiers and the federal government will meet to create a national climate strategy, with input from country-wide public consultations. On Friday, the Trudeau government released their consultation plan for the national climate strategy with tools and resources to support local town halls.

This link gives more information about the effort to make these town halls have an impact on climate policy:
<http://peoplesclimate.ca/#signupPCp>

In Halifax, I (Hannah Mills) am taking on a lead position making sure that our town hall happens and is well attended with a call for urgent action.

At this point, Andy Fillmore has not set a date for our consultation, which makes it difficult to spread the word about the event.

I encourage you, if you're in the Halifax riding, to contact him via. phone (613 - 995 - 7614) or email:

Andy.Fillmore@parl.gc.ca

You can also send a tweet or facebook message if that's more your style. Feel free to use #PeoplesClimatePlan

Thanks - here's a link with more information: <http://peoplesclimate.ca/#signupPCp>

Dalhousie University Graduate Student Projects - Call for Partner Organizations

Every fall Dalhousie University's Faculty of Management offers an innovative graduate class called Management Without Borders (MWB). Each year students are asked to work on group projects with partner organizations across Nova Scotia. This exercise provides students with the chance to apply the theory / skills they learn in class to real-world challenges. For partner organizations this is an excellent opportunity to have creative, bright and determined graduate students take on a project that would benefit your organization.

Jenny Baechler, course coordinator for Management Without Borders, is currently recruiting organizations that would be interested in partnering on these annual student projects.

As MWB students are all in graduate management programs the course aims to provide them with projects that will give them the opportunity to develop and hone technical management skills and/or explore topics at a level appropriate for graduate students. Each project team is composed of students from a diverse set of programs (business administration, information and library studies, public administration, and resource / environmental management); consequently, appropriate projects are those that require the mobilization of multiple skill sets and benefit from multiple perspectives. A list of potential project topics includes (but is not limited to):

- program evaluation
- policy recommendations
- marketing & communications plans
- feasibility assessments of future programs, initiatives or business ventures
- general research, synthesis and recommendations
- workshop development
- usability assessment of online resources

Projects begin on the first day of class, September 6, and must be wrapped up by December 9, 2016. In order for projects to be included in the 2016 MWB course, initial project ideas and/or expressions of interest by partner organizations must be submitted to Jenny via email (jenny.baechler@dal.ca) no later than **Thursday, June 30.**

Wild Mountain Farm is a small family-run livestock farm located on the North Mountain, near Canning. We produce naturally healthy grass-fed and pasture-raised beef, lamb, pork, and eggs.

In October 2015 we launched The LocalGoodNS Food Delivery. It is a home delivery service for bringing local foods from our farm and other Annapolis Valley Farms to your home. In addition to our quality hormone and

antibiotic free meats, we also offer organically grown fruit and veggies, local mushrooms, amazing slow-rise breads, gluten-free prepared meals, honey and maple syrup, and even locally roasted fair trade coffee!
This is how we work...

- Weekly order deadlines are Mondays at 1 pm for deliveries on Thursdays to homes in Halifax, Dartmouth, and surrounding communities from Windsor to Sackville, Fall River, Bedford, to Tantallon and all in between.
- There are no long term commitments. You order only when you wish to.
- We have no delivery fee but we do have a minimum order size of \$100.
- You pay online when you place your order, using credit card, PayPal, or E-transfers.
- You do not have to be home to receive the delivery. You can just leave a cooler on your deck and we'll leave your order there (10 am to 8 pm Thursday).

It's really that simple and convenient. Visit our website and see if you want to try a delivery this week!

Thanks so much! ~ Lance and Kathleen Bishop www.wildmountainfarm.ca

For the first time, **Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) Canada will have lobbyists from Atlantic Canada--Nova Scotia** specifically (Andy Blair and Joanne Light, volunteers with the not for profit CCL Halifax) who will attend the JUNE 5-8 lobbying days with MPs on Parliament Hill. They will meet with as many Nova Scotian MPs as respond to their request. Over the last six months they have travelled around Nova Scotia meeting with all the MPs except for Rodger Cuzner and Mark Eyking promoting a fair price on carbon and support for the transition to a low carbon economy. They have been doing this work on a volunteer basis using their own funds for four years. If you believe in their work to slow global warming and can donate to help defray costs for this trip please send your cheque or m.o. to Joanne Light 6339 Young Street, Halifax, N.S. B3L 2A2 For the legitimacy of this appeal please email Cathy Orlando c.o cathy@citizensclimate.org or visit the CCL Canada website. To join CCL Halifax or start your own CCL group in your community, please contact Joanne Light Group Leader Citizens' Climate Lobby Halifax *Creating the political will for a more liveable world* [902-429-1571](tel:902-429-1571) 6339 Young Street, Halifax, N.S. B3L2A2

-Le français suit-

Can't find the right words? Let me help. I am offering writing, editing and translating services for NGOs at an affordable price, as a way to gain experience and help finance my studies in Journalism in the fall of 2016. Please see the attached poster for details.

Les mots vous échappent? Laissez-moi vous aider. J'offre des services de rédaction, de révision et de traduction pour les ONG, à un Prix abordable. Ce sera une façon pour moi d'obtenir davantage d'expérience et d'aider à financer mes études en journalisme à l'automne 2016.

Veuillez voir l'affiche ci-joint pour plus de détails

Thanks/Merci

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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.

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:

April 2016 Newsletter of the **Halifax North West Trails Association** is available here: [HNWTA April 2016](#)

"Scientists are beginning to find evidence that being in nature has a profound impact on our brains and our behavior, helping us to reduce anxiety, brooding, and stress, and to increase our attention capacity, creativity, and ability to connect with other people."

<http://www.yesmagazine.org/planet/we-know-nature-makes-us-happier-now-science-says-it-makes-us-kinder-too-20160312>

Misunderstanding the Leap, critics fall flat

<http://rabble.ca/blogs/bloggers/christophermajka/2016/04/misunderstanding-leap-critics-fall-flat>

The Leap Manifesto presents a transformative political vision to address the defining social, economic, political, and environmental issues of our times. Why have some critics failed to understand it?

<http://www.blog.andrewyounger.ca/2016/04/if-you-thought-fracking-had-been-banned.html>

April 15, 2016

If You Thought Fracking Had Been Banned In Nova Scotia, You'd Be Wrong

To listen to the Atlantic Institute of Market Studies, the leader of either opposition party, many people in the oil and gas industry, the Chronicle Herald, or even most environmentalists, you'd think that fracking for oil and gas in Nova Scotia is banned. It isn't. Surprised? Don't be. Unless you read the proclamations website you'd never know. Sure a bill passed back on November 14 2014, but it was never proclaimed. Without proclamation a bill isn't law.

Screen Capture from Provincial Government Proclamation Status

I was Minister of Energy and introduced Bill 6 as an amendment to the Petroleum Resources Act. Its intent was to place a moratorium on high volume fracking until and unless there was a time issues such as the Duty to Consult with First Nations, resource mapping, disposal of fracking wastewater, and defining and achieving community consent had been achieved.

But that bill is not law. Further, best I can tell, none of those issues are even being discussed or worked on (at least not publicly as promised). I spoke to contacts in both the Department of Energy this morning and the Legislative Counsel's office, and indeed, the moratorium is NOT the law of the land. Bill 6 was based on a commitment of trust, and it hasn't been followed through with.

The government might suggest the regulations are not done and so they have not proclaimed the bill. There are a many issues with this argument. First, even if that were true it still means the bill hasn't been proclaimed and

isn't law. Second, it doesn't appear the bill needs to have the regulations in place to be proclaimed, at least in part. Third, and perhaps most important, the regulations were supposed to be posted for 30 days of public comment in late January 2015. Nova Scotians are still waiting.

While I have to be careful not to cross the line of cabinet confidentiality, I can say that when I was minister I'd never have even brought the bill forward, or made a commitment about when regulations would be done without the support and agreement of staff, and without being fully confident that staff had presented 90% of what the regulations would entail. So you can guess there was little left to finish to have draft regulations out in time.

When I introduced the bill, I tabled definitions from other jurisdictions for High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing which were similar to what was to be proposed for regulations in Nova Scotia. There are a lot in scholarly articles and legislation (not none as some have tried to suggest) There was and remains no reason for the delay to bring forward regulations and no excuse not to have proclaimed the bill. Industry deserves the information.

Environmental organizations deserve the information. Nova Scotians deserve the information.

Whether you agree with fracking or not, the fact the bill has not been proclaimed and regulations are over a year overdue should be of deep concern. Energy discussions have to be done on the basis of trust with all parties. Without a gun to the head. Challenges with projects such as pipelines and the Alton Gas project have resulted in part because of lack of open discussion sufficiently in advance of projects. Knowing this, it has to make you wonder what the current priorities are in the Department of Energy.

Despite claims by some that if Nova Scotia allowed fracking there would suddenly be lots of jobs and oil and gas would flow everywhere, that doesn't seem likely. In the current economic climate exploration programs are being scaled back, onshore exploration in areas which have previously shown little success are not top priorities. Even the Wheeler Report commissioned by the province suggested that under best case scenario if gas was found, it would be decades for the industry to take hold. But that also makes it the right time to have the discussions with communities and all stakeholders to decide the future on these issues. It's the right time to address the requirements to meet the Duty to Consult with First Nations. It's the right time to determine what constitutes Community Consent. Communities deserve to know if we are even talking about something real. The Department of Energy promised to produce a detailed atlas and yet nothing has been heard. Many of the areas of interest for exploration conflict with significant and important agricultural areas (some of which could not be subject to fugitive air emissions). There is little agreement with stakeholders about how those conflicts would be resolved.

To date, something like 169 conventional and unconventional wells have been drilled in Nova Scotia, some of them fracked. All failed to find commercial quantities of oil and gas. The sole exception is East Coast Energy's Coal Gas Methane project (which does not involve fracking) in the Stellarton area which is currently progressing. So maybe this is a debate about nothing, but it still means the province must follow through on it's commitments to both sides in this debate.

How can we ever expect industry, environmentalists, First Nations, and the many other stakeholders to work together if the commitments by government are not lived up to.

Bill 6 was a promise. It was a promise that regulations and proclamation would come quickly, and there would be a period of public comment. With over 60% of Nova Scotians against fracking and only about a quarter in favour at the time of the bill, it made sense to take the pressure out of the situation and step back, whether that ended up being permanently or just temporarily.

The resources (if they exist) belong to Nova Scotians so Nova Scotians need to make the decisions. Without even proclaiming the law, the trust that bill was based on, and one of the key elements of social license, has already been broken.

For those that want to frack the law isn't the law at this point, and there seems to be no legal moratorium in place in Nova Scotia (it had been argued that the previous policy moratorium of the NDP was also not legally enforceable).

News release

Halifax MP to introduce private members' motion proposing greenhouse gas emissions analyses of government's infrastructure projects

4 May 2016, Halifax NS

Andy Fillmore, Member of Parliament for Halifax, will introduce a private members' motion in the House of Commons on Thursday that will increase evidence-based decision making in infrastructure spending and foster environmental responsibility in government.

The motion proposes greenhouse gas emissions analyses be undertaken for infrastructure proposals seeking federal funding. It further proposes that funding priority be given, where appropriate, to infrastructure proposals that help to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

"As one of Canada's primary coastal cities, Halifax stands on the front lines in the battle against climate change. The impact of greenhouse gas emissions, if not curbed, will have serious repercussions for Halifax, for Nova Scotia, and for the communities that we love," Mr. Fillmore said.

"Having GHG emissions analyses completed on infrastructure proposals will allow government to make informed decisions when making funding choices, and it will help us track progress toward our GHG reduction goals," said Mr. Fillmore. "It will foster a culture of environmental consciousness in government – one where environmental costs and consequences are front of mind in all of its decision making."

"This government is going to be building bridges, roads, community centres," continued Mr. Fillmore. "We need to ensure we are accounting for their environmental impact, and consider building infrastructure with particular methods and materials that will mitigate the impacts of climate change."

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<http://thechronicleherald.ca/metro/1360856-update-elizabeth-may-urges-atlantic-region-to-set-aggressive-climate-targets>

UPDATE: Elizabeth May urges Atlantic region to set aggressive climate targets

THE CHRONICLE HERALD

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Green Party leader, Elizabeth May, smiles prior a campaign announcement in Halifax in September, 2015.

(STAFF/File)

Green Party leader, Elizabeth May, smiles prior a campaign announcement in Halifax in September, 2015.

(STAFF/File)

Elizabeth May and the Green Party of N.S. and Canada are calling on the province and its Atlantic neighbours to set stronger climate targets and aggressively grow renewable energy.

Federal Green Party leader May, who was in Halifax Saturday to attend the launch of the N.S. Greens' leadership race, also condemned the planned reopening of the Donkin mine.

"Nova Scotians, like all Canadians, could be leading the country in embracing the 21st-century economy, where clean tech jobs and renewable energy drives growth," said May, who was joined by interim N.S. Green leader Brynn Nheiley and independent MLA Andrew Younger .

She further called on neighbouring provinces to work together by investing in renewable energy infrastructure and building a decentralized power network.

"Embracing 21st-century renewable energy will keep Nova Scotians employed for generations to come," said May.

Younger is tabling a bill in the legislature on Monday calling on Nova Scotia to take full advantage of last year's Paris Agreement on tackling climate change.

His bill calls for greenhouse gas emission reduction targets to be set, for a maximizing of employment in green industries, and an estimate of costs and savings for Nova Scotians, among other items.

"Nova Scotia is better positioned than many jurisdictions to take advantage of jobs in the green energy sector," said Younger.

As the Nova Scotia Nature Trust nears completion of its landmark **100 Wild Islands** conservation campaign, exciting news may be coming. Tonight, Councillor David Hendsbee is asking Halifax for \$300,000 to bring the Nature Trust's \$7 million fundraising campaign to the finish line. The globally significant 100 Wild Islands Coastal Wilderness, located entirely within Halifax boundaries, will provide irreplaceable environmental, recreational and economic benefits for the City and the Province.

Nature Trust Executive Director, Bonnie Sutherland, is delighted to see Council considering support. "We would love to see Halifax join the federal and provincial governments who already have stepped up generously to help protect the **100 Wild Islands**. Many Halifax residents, individuals and organizations from across Nova Scotia and beyond, have enthusiastically jumped on board to bring the 100 Wild Islands dream to reality."

Councillor Hendsbee's \$300,000 request to fellow Councillors comes with unprecedented leveraging and benefits for the city. The Nature Trust's major campaign champion and supporter, Halifax native Paul Gauthier, is contributing over \$3.5 million to the \$7 million campaign. He will match the city's contribution dollar for dollar, doubling the impact of the City's investment to \$600,000. For a small contribution, Halifax gains over \$15 million in coastal island wilderness, protected entirely through efforts of the Nature Trust and the Province of Nova Scotia.

Sutherland is optimistic city Councillors will support the initiative based on the incredible benefits the 100 Wild Islands bring to the City and its residents. "When the 100 Wild Islands campaign is complete, Halifax will be the only capital city in Canada with such an incredible, globally significant natural treasure within its borders!"

Halifax will be home to what has been described as Nova Scotia's most significant yet least-known natural treasure. Nestled between Clam Harbour Beach and Taylor Head, just over an hour from downtown, the 100 Wild Islands is a vast, wild archipelago of beautiful, unspoiled coastal islands. It is home to pristine white sandy beaches and idyllic clear blue lagoons, dramatic headlands and cliffs, and ecologically rich wetlands and even rainforest. Once complete, the 100 Wild Islands coastal wilderness will stretch 30km along the coast, encompassing over 280 islands, hundreds of kilometres of shoreline, 430 acres of wetlands, and rich diversity of wildlife.

Beyond the obvious environmental and nature conservation benefits, the protected lands make a significant contribution to city's Green Network Plan, and to goals of providing its residents with a unique place to live and recreate. The islands are a wilderness paradise for intrepid paddlers and sailors and have been treasured by the eastern shore community for generations.

Sutherland added, "The 100 Wild islands also provide unprecedented opportunities for ecotourism and rural economic development along the Eastern Shore, and emerging opportunities for world-class scientific research and education, in keeping with the Municipality's Economic Growth Plan and the One Nova Scotia vision."

The Nature Trust would like to thank the supporters of the 100 Wild Islands campaign and encourages all Nova Scotians to be a part of the incredible 100 Wild Islands story. Reach out to your councillor and tell them your reason why the 100 Wild Islands should be protected today.

For spectacular photos, videos and stories about the 100 Wild Islands and opportunities to support the campaign, visit www.100wildislands.ca.

Grand opening of Lakeview Trail opens up Long Lake Provincial Park

APRIL 22 (Halifax, NS) – Today (Earth Day), more Haligonians and visitors will be able to access the beauty and adventure of Long Lake Provincial Park, thanks to new Lakeview Trail. Trail entrance and parking lot are located at Northwest Arm Drive and Cowie Hill Road, across from Long Lake Village subdivision.

Long Lake Village developers Polycorp and Atlantic Developments built the new trail, which is almost 5 km long, to welcome walkers, bikers, and strollers. The new trail links many of the rugged footpaths that run through the northeast portion of Long Lake Provincial Park. The new trail and parking lot are a Polycorp and Atlantic Developments initiative, featuring parking for 60 vehicles, benches, washroom facilities, garbage cans and doggie bags.

"Long Lake Provincial Park is beautiful greenspace in the middle of our city, but it's been largely inaccessible," says David Graham, President of Atlantic Developments. He adds: "Peter Polley recognized a wonderful

opportunity to provide access to the park, through a private-public partnership. We are happy to have built the parking lot and trail and to contribute to making this park more accessible to everyone."

Lakeview Trail is longer than the outside loop of Point Pleasant Park. Long Lake Provincial Park covers over 2,000 hectares, or 5,000 acres, which is five times the size of New York City's Central Park. A team of dedicated local volunteers has formed the Long Lake Provincial Park Association, which will manage and maintain trail operations.

A ribbon cutting will take place at 1:30 pm at the Lakeview trailhead, and will oversee the start of a community run with the Cunard Junior High track team.

Long Lake Village is a newly developed neighbourhood of townhouses, single family homes and soon to be Condos, founded on the theme of "Play". It will be a community where people of all fitness levels can walk, run, bike, swim, kayak, canoe, paddle board, windsurf, play on a modern playground set, and utilize the Hadley Crescent playing field for picnics and games. Ideal for young families, expect to see the occasional street hockey game on Hadley Crescent, named after Hadley MacDonald, grandfather of Atlantic Developments' President, David Graham.

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Trail photos available here, event photos will be added following the event.

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