



Nova Scotia  
Environmental Network  
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

## **Eco Connections Newsletter November 2016**

### **Welcome!**

Below you will find **events** (starting on page 2), **jobs postings** (page 5), lots of **opportunities** to have your voice heard (page 10), and **news** (page 21). *Eco Connections* is published on a monthly basis around the middle of each month. To have your submissions included or to receive the *Eco Connections* directly, email: [nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com).

### **Get in touch!**

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork](http://www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork)

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

Email: [nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com)

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

We look forward to new and renewing members' input on issues of importance to you. We know that NSEN can be a conduit and resource hub for your concerns and an opportunity to communicate with others in order to create the political will for a healthier environment in Nova Scotia. Please feel free to write to the newsletter in these regards.

### **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://nsenvironmentalnetwork.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: [nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com).

Specifically we're looking for those interested in being:

- Note taker
- Membership Coordinator
- Fundraiser

### **NSEN CAUCUSES**

#### **Climate Change Caucus:**

If you would like to get involved in helping to shape Canada's response to climate change, join NSEN's Climate Caucus. We want to get started on this important work now to be ready for the roll out of initiatives expected this fall. Province-wide

representation is needed if we are to be successful in meeting our climate commitments. Teleconference is available to facilitate participation from all regions. Contact Heather Johannesen: [heatherj@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:heatherj@ns.sympatico.ca) to sign up! Check out NSEN's Climate Caucus webpage: <https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/climate-change>

#### **Water Caucus:**

**The next NSEN Water Caucus meeting will be in January or February 2017.** Be in touch for more info: Amy Buckland-Nicks: [amy@coastalaction.org](mailto:amy@coastalaction.org) and Kelly Schnare [kellyb@sierraclub.ca](mailto:kellyb@sierraclub.ca). Check out [www.ourlivingwaters.ca](http://www.ourlivingwaters.ca) if you/your organisation may be interested in joining a network across Canada for people protecting and conserving freshwater bodies!

#### **Environmental and Sustainability Education Caucus:**

Like the Caucus on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/Environmental-and-Sustainability-Education-Caucus-ESEC-215913805454788](https://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 more of the members of the ESE Caucus here: <https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/esec/>

The next meeting will be at The Deanery on **Friday November 25th from 10:00 - 12:30**. As a reminder, the meeting will take place from 10:00 - 12:00, followed by a tour of the Deanery from 12:00 - 12:30. There will also be time after lunch if folks would like to explore the many walking trails around the Deanery's space. Kim is looking into lunch options, so we'll let you know as soon as that's decided. If anyone has trouble finding a ride, please consult the carpool document: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RSsv90WZmmeGvD3fcV9wp6hINr5CAv\\_av5mLWvYnQNU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RSsv90WZmmeGvD3fcV9wp6hINr5CAv_av5mLWvYnQNU/edit?usp=sharing)

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

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

##### *November*

**ATTENTION NORDIC POLE WALKERS:** If you are interested in walking with a group you are invited to attend the first Nordic Pole group walk on Wednesday, November 16th at 1:00 pm. Meet at the top of Westridge Drive in Clayton Park for a 30-40 minute walk along the Linear Trail. This will be a weekly walk on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Sharon Gibson will be the walk leader. Look forward to seeing you next Wednesday.

#### **AN EVENING WITH TWO OF NOVA SCOTIA'S MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ORIGINATORS**

Aiming for Net Zero Speaker Series

Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 pm

H-19 Auditorium, Dalhousie School of Architecture

5410 Spring Garden Road, Halifax

Please join the Ecology Action Centre's Built Environment Committee for a discussion on setting new goals for the built environment, with Bill Lahey and Marty Janowitz. Bill Lahey is the Chair of the Board of Directors of Efficiency One. He was recently named as the new President of Kings College, and is a former Deputy Minister, Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour. Marty Janowitz is the Chair of the Nova Scotia Round Table on Environment and Sustainable Prosperity. Marty is the Vice President and Discipline Leader, Sustainable Development Stantec, And the former Executive Director, Clean Nova Scotia, and former President, Nova Scotia Nature Trust. They each have vast experience, and together play leading roles in some of Nova Scotia's and Canada's most significant environmental policy, regulatory and planning processes.

We hope to learn what role the EGSP Act may play to establish improved requirements to reach net zero in all buildings in Nova Scotia, and the impact that such goals will have over the next five years and into the future.

More info: <https://ecologyaction.ca/press-release/aiming-net-zero-speaker-series>

#### **Preparing for Consultations on Political Activities by Charities**

##### **Information Session for Charities on CRA Consultation and Submission Process**

Thursday, November 17th, 2016

9:30 am - 12:00 noon

To help Atlantic Canadian charities respond to federal government consultations on political activity by charities, the

Ecology Action Centre, the Community Sector Council of Nova Scotia, Sierra Club Canada Atlantic Chapter, and Dalhousie's College of Sustainability, are organizing a webinar from 9:30 – 12:00\* on Thursday, November 17th at 5793 University Ave., Collaborative Health Education Building, Room 150.

Webinar participation details will follow later this week.

Speakers will include Richard Bridge, Charity Lawyer, and Tim Gray, Executive Director with Environmental Defence. The seminar will include a question and answer session, and provide context to help your organization make a submission to the online consultations. (Deadline for CRA submissions is November 25th, see links below)

You can read more about the Canada Revenue Agency review mandate here and the consultation process here. The CRA is organizing sessions in six Canadian cities including Halifax; no dates yet. We are hoping that there will be good participation by NS charities in the Halifax session. For some more background: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/charities-push-back-against-liberals-on-political-audits-1.3490988>

We hope that you will join us! Please indicate if you would like to participate in this information session by emailing [gabby@ecologyaction.ca](mailto:gabby@ecologyaction.ca) before Tuesday, November 15th.

### **Notice of Meeting for Council of Community Organizations(COCO)**

The November Meeting of the Council of Community Organizations(COCO) will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at the Lakeside Community Centre, 1492 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Lakeside.

Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Rails to Trails will be the host group. Catherine Klefenz will Chair the meeting.

Anyone can attend a COCO Meeting. Please join us to hear updates from community groups and residents about environment and planning issues and other events going on in our communities in the Hwy 103/333 loop.

All are Welcome!

For further information please contact Beth McGee at: [jemcgee@eastlink.ca](mailto:jemcgee@eastlink.ca)

### **A clear-cut question: Is biomass sustainable?**

Fri. Nov. 18 7-9pm. Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St.

Bob Bancroft – Forest Biologist and woodlot owner

Richard Pearson – Bridgewater Renewable Energy Works

Mary Jane Rodger – Medway Community Forest Co-op

Panel event organised by the South Shore Chapter of the Council of Canadians [southshore.coc@gmail.com](mailto:southshore.coc@gmail.com)

Saturday, November 19th 8:30

### **Birding Cool Sir Sandford Fleming Park – Frog Pond and Dingle**

Leader: Andy de Champlain

Email: [andy\\_de\\_champlain@yahoo.ca](mailto:andy_de_champlain@yahoo.ca)

Meet at Frog Pond Parking Lot off Purcell's Cove Road by the sign / trail entrance. We'll walk around the Frog Pond clockwise, noting and counting the hardy commoners and trying to find more evasive species. We'll take a quickish meander into the trail across the road from the Parking Lot, then head down to The Dingle to check the shore, and possibly also wander around the Jollymore neighbourhood. Bring warm, grippy footwear and warm clothes. We'll be done well before lunch, but a bottle of water's always good to have, and have breakfast and/or bring a granola bar in any case. If the weather's crazy, we'll go the next day, Sunday the 20th (monitor this event page; if we change dates, I'll say so here)

### **BIRDWATCHING: WINTER BIRDS TAYLOR HEAD PROVINCIAL PARK**

Sunday, November 20 Time: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Meet at the kiosk at the last parking lot.

Level of difficulty – Difficult

This will be a leisurely walk to the Headland Trail. Expect to see lots of Eiders, Grebes, Scoters, Dovekies, Guillemots, Mergansers, Harlequin Ducks, Long-tailed Ducks, and Purple Sandpipers. Depending on weather conditions lunch may be eaten at the Headland.

Bring waterproof boots, warm clothing, snacks and lunch, and a hot drink.

This should be a good warm-up to the Christmas Bird Count.

Bring your binoculars.

There is no rain date because we're pretty much prepared for any kind of weather in these parts. Bird enthusiasts of all levels are welcome at all our events – who knows, maybe we'll learn something from you?

Leaders:

Jim Cameron 902-885-2970

Warren Parsons 902-772-2207

Saturday November 26th, 8:30 am

**Point Pleasant Park Beginners' Bird Walk**

Leader: Andy de Champlain

Email: andy\_de\_champlain@yahoo.ca

Meet at Lower Parking Lot at Point Pleasant Park by the Canteen / Black Rock Beach by 8:30am. We'll walk along the water scanning for birds on the water, and then turn into the forest paths looking for forest birds. We'll be done well before lunch, but a bottle of water's always good to have, and have breakfast and/or bring a granola bar in any case. No rain date; if the weather seems crazy check this event page (on Facebook) to see if it's cancelled, or email me the night before.

An incredible opportunity for those passionate about sustainability and wanting to make a difference in their community is coming to Atlantic Canada.

**IMPACT! Youth Sustainability Leadership Program will be in Moncton this fall! We encourage young leaders from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, PEI, and all Atlantic regions to apply: please help us spread the word about this opportunity.**

Region: Moncton, NB (Including Atlantic Canada)

Workshop Date: November 25 - 27, 2016

Application Deadline: October 30, 2016

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.impactyouthsustainability.ca/training>

Developing sustainability leaders

This program supports young leaders to catapult their sustainability ideas forward. Participants deepen sustainability understanding, build leadership skills, and develop or advance meaningful sustainability projects and social enterprises to address the environmental, social, and economic challenges facing our world today

An experience you'll never forget: apply today

Passionate, motivated, university/college students or recent grads, aged 19-30, are invited to apply. The program includes:

- 3 days of in-person training & networking events
- 4 months of mentorship, coaching, co-working space & helpful tools
- Exclusive seed funding opportunities

The workshop will be delivered bilingually with facilitation in both French and English. Participants will be encouraged to speak the language of their choice in the session as well as encouraged to practice their French or English if they wish.

Thanks to generous funders and partners, the highly-subsidized cost to participate is a \$100 commitment fee, and entrance fee bursaries are available to ensure this fee is not a barrier.

So what are you waiting for? The time for action is now.

**Changemakers wanted: spread the word**

Please help us reach the current and emerging young leaders in your network.

Here are some suggested social media messages:

Twitter: Ideas for a better community in #Moncton area? Incredible opportunity this fall: training, funding, coaching -Apply @ <http://bit.ly/2crlq1L>

Facebook/LinkedIn: Incredible opportunity for young leaders in #Atlantic Canada: Gain training, network, tools, mentorship & funding to lead sustainability projects and social enterprises. Apply by Oct 30 @ <http://bit.ly/2crlq1L>

If you are interested in exploring opportunities to collaborate with us, please contact me today.

We're also running a session in Vancouver, BC from November 19 - 20. Please help us spread the word to your contacts in BC! <http://www.naturalstep.ca/impact/vancouver>

IMPACT! is an initiative of The Co-operators and The Natural Step Canada, delivered with support from Futurpreneur Canada, Social Delta, and more.

Thanks for helping us make a difference in the community!

Amanda Hachey

Facilitator

[ahachey@naturalstep.ca](mailto:ahachey@naturalstep.ca)

**NAVIGATION MAPS & COMPASS COURSE**

Sydney Nov. 19-20

Halifax Dec. 3-4

The Navigation Maps & Compass course will be offered in Sydney on November 19 and 20 and in Halifax on December 3 and 4. Participants receive Outdoor Council of Canada (OCC) national certification in Navigation Maps and in Navigation

Compass. The cost is \$100 (\$90 for current paid Hike NS members). The course is offered through Hike Nova Scotia in partnership with the OCC and supported by the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage. For more information, go to <http://www.hikenovascotia.ca/projects/leadership-hiking-course/>.

**Special screening of: Nature Play, Take Childhood Back. Thursday November 24th, 6:30pm - 9:00pm**

Join the Shambhala School and The Young Naturalists Club for the free screening of the award winning film "Nature Play, Take Childhood Back", a documentary that compares the high stakes testing and stressful environments of US schools with the Nordic North, which opens the door to the playful path of playing outside. <http://www.natureplayfilm.com/thefilm>  
Suitable for viewing ages 8+

At 6:30pm, half an hour prior to the film there will be an expo featuring clubs, groups and organizations that offer outdoor and nature play, as well as nature and environmental education opportunities in the Halifax area.

The screening is free but please visit Eventbrite to secure a ticket

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/nature-play-take-childhood-back-documentary-tickets-28774481248?aff=efbevent>

*December and onward...*

**Sunday December 4 2016 – Beginners Birders Walk: Dartmouth**

Leaders: Tony Millard Phone: 902-440-2725 Email: [tonympsh@gmail.com](mailto:tonympsh@gmail.com) and Angie Millard Email: [angiemillard@gmail.com](mailto:angiemillard@gmail.com)

Meet at 9:00am at the lower parking lot of Birch Cove Park in Dartmouth (at the end of Oakdale Crescent off Crichton Avenue). We will walk through Birch Cove Park before walking over to Sullivan's Pond, looking for a variety of species. Trip should last 2-3 hours approx. We will travel approx 2 kms on gravel ground, that is hilly in parts. Call ahead if raining. No storm date for this trip. We look forward to meeting you there and checking out these hidden gems in the "City of Lakes"

**CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, SPRY BAY**

Thursday, December 15. Time: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm.

Meet at the Spry Bay Community Hall (opens at 7:30 a.m.)

Level of difficulty – Difficult

The Nova Scotia Sheet Harbour (NSSH) Christmas Bird Count is one of about 25 around the province. The count area extends in a circle around Taylor Head Park and from Tangier to Sober Island. All the trails in the park are covered in this survey. Birders are organized into groups from two to four and given designated areas to count.

If you have a bird feeder, you're also encouraged to send in your count.

Birders will meet after the count, to sum up the day's count and have a delicious meal at the Spry Bay Community Hall.

These counts are sponsored by the National Audubon Society, Bird Studies of Canada, NS Bird Society and the Friends of Taylor Head Provincial Park Society.

Contact:

Jim Cameron 902-885-2970

Warren Parsons 902-772-2207

**Saturday January 14, 2017 – Sewer Stroll I – Halifax/Dartmouth**

Area, HRM

Contact: Carol Klar

Email: [cklar@bellaliant.net](mailto:cklar@bellaliant.net)

Phone: 902-443-3385.

This will be a joint field trip with the Halifax Field Naturalists. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot of McCormack's Beach Provincial Park, just past Boondocks Restaurant in Eastern Passage. We'll look for rare birds and regular winter visitors.

Dress for cold weather and bring a lunch. Plan to carpool as much as possible. Storm date: Sunday January 15.

*Job Postings:*

**ORGANIC FARMING OPPORTUNITY**

<http://FoodWork.ca/953763>

Position: Organic Farm Paid Interns (4 positions)

Type: full-time weekly base salary plus room and board, more (see below)

Farm: Abundant Acres <http://abundant-acres.com>

Location: Centre Burlington, Hants County, Nova Scotia

Are you committed to a career in agriculture? Are you looking for a chance to build farming skills while saving up some

money? If so, we would like to talk with you.

About the farm: We grow organic vegetables for a 175 family CSA, a busy farmer's market stall and several wholesale accounts including Dalhousie University. Our farm is on 90 acres of fields, forest, and salt marsh on the banks of a tidal river near the Bay of Fundy. We are constantly experimenting with new crops and production systems. In 2017, we plan to grow six acres of vegetables. We also keep free range laying hens for eggs and graze a small herd of cattle. Our farm is too complex to manage by ourselves, so we ask each employee to manage one of our four production systems. These are 1. seedling and production greenhouses, 2. short season crops on permanent beds, 3. mechanically cultivated row crops, and 4. plasticulture crops. To see how the farm crew worked last year, please see our blog post about it, or the article written by Dakota Varen on the Grow A Farmer blog.

The team so far:

- Jen Greenberg is in charge of animals, fruit, finances and customer relations.
- David Greenberg leads vegetable production. He spends a lot of time on maintenance of equipment and infrastructure, and coming up with new ideas.
- Marshall Zuern is returning for his fourth season with us. He is our field production manager, responsible for managing harvests, wholesale orders and training a new person to do the job he did so well last year: Growing 1.5 acres of high value, short season crops on permanent raised beds.

The position is from mid-April until mid-November. We offer a base salary of \$300 per week, plus room and board. We also offer workman's comp, and a paid one week vacation mid summer. At the end of the season, you will be eligible for EI. Higher pay is possible for applicants with extensive farming experience. Year round employment with room and board is a possibility.

Apply by email to: Jen Greenberg, [jenredfox@gmail.com](mailto:jenredfox@gmail.com). Please send a letter of intent, resume, and three references.

Position will be posted until hiring is complete. If this interests you, don't delay getting in touch!

Questions? Call David Greenberg [902-757-1640](tel:902-757-1640) or email [davidgreenberg71@gmail.com](mailto:davidgreenberg71@gmail.com)

### **Wanted – caretakers for our rural property on North shore of NS for 2017**

Position: Organic Farm Caretakers

Type: work-stay / volunteer / self-employment

Organization: Windy Mountain Road Farm

Location: North Shore, Nova Scotia, Canada (live-in)

Are you in a situation where you are wanting to live the rural farming (or similar) life but are unable to afford to purchase or lease land?

We have an amazing opportunity for interested person(s), ideally suited to a couple or two single people. We are seeking caretakers for our farm while we volunteer overseas. We are located between Pictou & Tatamagouche. We are offering a place to stay for free while we are away in exchange for taking care of our chickens, dogs, cats and our place. We have a modest 2 bedroom home, wood stove heat, solar power for most of our electrical needs, several small greenhouses and other infrastructure. We have 2 asparagus beds that one person can maintain (weeding!!), with one bed that can be harvested and produce sold in order to garner some income.

We are offering folks the chance to try their hand at market gardening/small scale farming (using non-agribusiness methods, so essentially organic methods) for the 2017 season. We have the land & equipment that would be needed. You will need your own vehicle. The only costs to be covered by caretakers would be their food & utilities (phone & internet, electricity, some propane for cooking, some wood for woodstove). We are looking for folks who are seeking to live a self-sufficient, environmentally sustainable lifestyle. You must demonstrate your familiarity and thus interest in permaculture, transition town and preppers. Some experience with farm animals and simply a love of animals is required. Experience with woodstove heat is also necessary. References will be required as well as a security deposit. Unfortunately you can't have your own pets as we are a full house with our own and this is non-negotiable. Only serious inquiries please.

Contact Wilma at [wwolfvan@yahoo.com](mailto:wwolfvan@yahoo.com) and provide your phone number in order for me to contact you.

### **WORK EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

<http://GoodWork.ca/982763>

#### **Opportunity: International Forestry Work Exchange Program**

Type: student work exchange bursary award programme

Organization: Canadian Institute of Forestry

Locations: United Kingdom (for Canadian applicants) // Canada (for UK applicants)

Job Description:

The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF/IFC) is the national voice of forest practitioners. The Institute's mission is to provide national leadership in forestry, promote competence among forestry professionals, and

foster public awareness of Canadian and international forestry issues.

Work Term: Summer - June to August 2017

The Prince of Wales Forest Leadership Award recognizes students and recent graduates who have actively engaged in forestry or natural resource management and have demonstrated a passion for the environment and a desire to solve complex problems. A total of two award-winners, from Canada, will take part in the international forestry work exchange program during the summer of 2017.

Participating students/recent graduates will work at meaningful employment in their partner country, which will offer a broad range of interdisciplinary forestry experience in policy, planning and field work.

Potential work experiences could include: aiding in harvest prescriptions, high value conservation area determination, harvest block and road layout, silviculture-related data collection, modelling and analysis, science and research support, urban forestry management, tree planting and nursery husbandry, or gaining a better understanding of how forestry NGOs and government work.

Award-winners will receive a bursary of CAD \$12,000 total (CAD \$6,000 from TD Bank and CAD \$6,000 from employers).

Participants will cover their own expenses, including flights, accommodation, local transportation, food, insurance and incidentals. In addition, participants will be asked to maintain a blog during the exchange and produce an article after the program finishes.

Qualification Criteria

Canadian Applicants

Must be a Canadian citizen age 30 or under; be studying or recently graduated from a Canadian post- secondary institution and able to travel to the United Kingdom.

Students:

- Students who have spent at least 3 years in an accredited university forestry/natural resources management program, i.e. 3rd or 4th year students
- Students in a Master degree program in Forestry
- Students in a college forestry/natural resources technical program (must have finished one year)

Recent Graduates:

- Immediately following graduation from an accredited university forestry/natural resources management program
- Immediately following graduation from a Master degree in forestry
- Immediately following graduation from a college forestry/natural resources technical program

Important:

Canadian applicants must be members of the Canadian Institute of Forestry – Institut forestier du Canada to participate.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted in a single document via email by 11:59pm EST on December 31st, 2016. Applications must include each of the following:

- Personal essay
- Transcript(s)
- Curriculum Vitae (Résumé)
- Application Form
- Three Letters of Recommendation

For more information on the Prince of Wales Forest Leadership Award, click [here](#).

Please submit completed applications to:

Virginia Hudson

Email: [vhudson@cif-ifc.org](mailto:vhudson@cif-ifc.org)

Phone: 1 (604) 224 -3221 ext. 5351

**Type: four- and six-month placements / paid internships**

**Organization: United Nations Association in Canada**

Locations: various cities across Canada

The power of youth to shape and transform the world is clear. Canadian youth benefit from their diversity advantage, education, and energy. Canada's government has acted to restore our place on environmental stewardship and climate action — what our youth don't have is work. High rates of un- and underemployment results in short and long-term economic damage, lowered self-confidence and squanders the significant investment young people, their families, schools and government have made.

UNA-Canada has responded with Canada Green Corps (CGC). This innovative results-focused initiative will strategically fulfill government commitments to provide new opportunities for youth and showcase national leadership on climate action.

UNA-Canada, a respected and successful youth serving and training & deploying national organization proposes to ladder

up from 20 years of success and from the GOC's Youth Employment Strategy to create CGC that will:

- Bridge talented un- or underemployed youth to meaningful employment through work-integrated learning and disciplined support.
- Strategic six-month placements working with government, private sector, First Nations, institutions, universities and other partner organizations to ignite Canada's green economy.
- Partner organizations will receive a wage subsidy to host CGC participants during their six-month employment.
- Peer-to-peer knowledge and skills transfer through "Innovation Teams" consisting of CGC participants across Canada and UNA-Canada's international UN interns.
- Contribute to Canada's commitments on climate & environment (UNFCCC & SDGs).
- Innovate through youth-to-youth micro-investment in clean tech and community projects; building a culture of innovation and accelerating a clean energy future.

#### About

CGC is UNA-Canada's innovative new youth employment programme designed to bridge talented, yet un-and underemployed, Canadian youth to meaningful employment to ignite Canada's green economy. CGC participants will undertake four or six-month work-integrated learning placements with various companies, governments, associations, universities and civil society organizations across Canada, but particularly our cities of focus: Vancouver, Whitehorse, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax. CGC participants may assist their employer organizations and communities in reducing their environmental footprint and increasing sustainability. Additionally, CGC participants may engage their communities over the course of their placements. CGC participants may also identify and address environmental "quick wins" in their communities and workplaces.

#### Eligibility

To be part of the CGC, youth must be:

- between the ages of 18 and 30 (inclusive) at the time of intake/selection;
- Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or persons who have been granted refugee status in Canada;
- legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations;
- not in receipt of Employment Insurance (EI) benefits;
- Unemployed or underemployed.

\*Note: Underemployment exists when employed persons are A) working part-time, or B) working in a field that does not utilize their academic qualifications, thus, not attaining their full employment level.

CGC is securing a wide variety of employers at the moment. Correspondingly, UNA-Canada encourages applicants with diverse academic backgrounds and professional aspirations to apply. Applicants should at a minimum have completed high school, but applicants with college, CEGEP, diploma, bachelor, masters and PhD qualifications to apply.

Eligible partner organizations include:

- not-for-profit organizations;
- municipal governments;
- provincial and territorial governments, institutions, agencies and Crown Corporations.
- Aboriginal organizations (including band councils, tribal councils and self-government entities); and,
- for-profit organizations.

Please apply at:

<http://unac.org/unac-projects/canada-green-corps/>

Closing date: Nov. 25

#### **Position: Consultant - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

Organization: Dunsky Energy Consulting

Location: anywhere in North America

Dunsky Energy Consulting (<http://www.dunsky.com>) is a mission-driven consulting firm specialized in sustainable energy strategies. We help our clients – primarily North American energy utilities, governments, private firms and non-profits – build a more sustainable future by assessing market-wide energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities; by designing programs, policies and strategies to accelerate their adoption; and by evaluating (and improving) performance.

YOU

You are smart, committed, personable, and experienced. Our ideal candidate brings:

- directly relevant experience in energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, plans or evaluation;
- superior (English) writing and presentation skills;
- strong analytical skills;
- strong interpersonal skills and ability to work with clients and in a team;
- project management experience;



- a background in sustainable transportation policy, programs and technologies is an asset;
- bilingualism (French & English) is an asset; and
- a strong desire to contribute to a better world.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

At Dunsky, our Consultants (generally 5-10 years of experience) and Senior Consultants (10-20+ years of experience) contribute to projects for clients across Canada and the U.S., and advise key decision-makers and influencers on sustainable energy strategies. They lead teams to carry-out projects, contribute to project deliverables, manage client relationships, and assist with business development.

#### WHY DUNSKY

- Engage in work that aligns with your values: As a mission-driven firm and a registered “B Corp”, our work is driven by our commitment to sustainability and equitable team work.
- Be part of the on-going energy revolution: We believe strongly that the future will be built on finding and accelerating market adoption of sustainable energy solutions. Our team makes it a priority to be part of the leading edge, prioritizing the emerging technologies and innovative approaches that will get us there.
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#### BENEFITS

As a mission-driven firm, Dunsky defines its success by meeting our triple bottom line objectives: economic, social and environmental. In keeping with these values, we are committed to offer our team professional development and learning opportunities, and ensuring each person gains experience in a diversity of projects.

We offer a range of employee benefits including flexible hours, summer schedules, annual bonuses, group health and dental insurance, discounts on public transit, and more. Our office is located in a LEED™ Platinum building, in the heart of Montreal, designed as a test bed for sustainable technologies and practices.

#### HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates are invited to send their C.V., cover letter and relevant writing samples (if available) to [jointheteam@dunsky.com](mailto:jointheteam@dunsky.com). In the body of your email, please indicate your desired salary range, a possible start date, your preferred location (Montreal or other), as well as where you heard about this posting. We would also ask that you clearly indicate whether you are applying for the Consultant or Senior Consultant position in the subject line of your email. Applications will be considered until the position has been filled.

#### **Position: Consultant, Sustainable Transportation and Energy**

Organization: Dunsky Energy Consulting

Location: anywhere in Canada or USA

Dunsky Energy Consulting ([www.dunsky.com](http://www.dunsky.com)) is a mission-driven consulting firm specialized in sustainable energy strategies. We help our clients – primarily North American energy utilities, governments, private firms and non-profits – build a more sustainable future by assessing market-wide energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities; by designing programs, policies and strategies to accelerate their adoption; and by evaluating (and improving) performance. Our sustainable mobility practice focuses on bringing these same approaches to the transportation sector.

#### YOU

You are smart, committed, personable, experienced, and comfortably bilingual. You bring experience in sustainable transportation while also being able to contribute to our energy efficiency practice.

Our ideal candidate brings:

- a background in sustainable transportation policy and programs;
- a background in sustainable transportation technologies (EVs, shared mobility, etc.) is an asset;
- a background in energy efficiency programs and policies is an asset;
- strong interpersonal skills and ability to work with clients and in a team;
- superior writing and presentation skills;
- strong analytical skills;
- project management experience;
- fully bilingual (French & English); and
- a strong desire to contribute to a better world.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

At Dunsky, our Consultants (generally 5-10 years of experience) and Senior Consultants (10-20+ years of experience) contribute to projects for clients across Canada and the U.S., and advise key decision-makers and influencers on sustainable energy strategies. They lead teams to carry-out projects, contribute to project deliverables, manage client relationships,

and assist with business development. As a transportation expert, the successful candidate will play an important role in seeking new opportunities and in supporting clients in this area.

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### *Environmental Opportunities:*

A note from Peggy Cameron:

**Please complete this federal Department of Environment survey on Environmental Assessment.**

<http://eareview-examenee.ca/choicebook/>

Apart from responding about what the role of the Nuclear Safety Commission and the National Energy Board should be in the environmental assessment and project approvals process the survey is an excellent opportunity to...

1. recommend that climate change & reduction of greenhouse gas emissions be the top consideration for all reviews, &
2. ask that the \$1 million funding for the Canadian Environmental Network be reinstated. This non-profit umbrella organization, parent of provincial groups such as the Nova Scotia Environmental Network (NSEN), facilitates cooperation and networking among environment groups and environmentally themed civil-society, social-justice non-governmental organizations across Canada and internationally. Its funding was cut under the Harper government but not reinstated by Trudeau. NSEN is especially crucial to our region for keeping citizens informed.

Please be direct in your comments-

If greenhouse gas emissions aren't reduced there is no economy.

If Boards aren't impartial they aren't credible.

If citizens aren't informed, they can't participate. Or is that the plan?

### **Call for Proposals is Open! SEE Change Environmental Learning Conference**

Do you have ideas or work to share on how innovative learning inspires connection to nature, more sustainable lifestyles, resilient communities and/or a life-giving planet? You are invited to propose a workshop or presentation proposal for the SEE Change conference in May 2017. The conference is a partnership of the Canadian Network for Environmental Education, the Canadian Network for Ocean Educators, and the Nova Scotia Environmental Network Education Caucus. Check out the workshop streams, conference keynotes and the Call for Proposals at <http://eecom.org/2017-conference> . Divert Nova Scotia is a major sponsor.

There will be a wide range of sessions, all the way from hands-on and outdoors, to community-based, to round table, to research and policy. The conference is hosted by Acadia University in Wolfville. More than 30 educators from across the region and the country have been working for a year to organize a mind-blowing conference. We hope to see you there!

**A campaign supported by CASLE (Canadians for A Safe Learning Environment): From CHPS NEWS: STUDENTS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Carter and Olivia Ries, ages 15 and 14 respectively started One More Generation (OMG) when they were still in elementary school. Their passion for educating fellow students has taken them around the world. One More Generation has worked on protecting rhinos to sea turtles and teaching children the importance of recycling and not polluting the planet.

Carter and Olivia have now set their sights on one of the most ubiquitous pollutants that no one thinks about - disposable plastic straws. Americans use an estimated 500 million plastic straws every single day. That is like 1.6 straws for every man, woman and child living in this country every single day. If you were to take an entire day's worth of plastic straws we use in one day, it would fill up over 127 school buses. Another way to illustrate the problem is to think about all those straws, end on end, they would stretch around the world 2.5 times, each day.

Schools and students are encourage to get involved! The organization asks that you give up using a straw for 30-days and help others in your school and families to give them up too! To learn more about OneLessStraw or to take the pledge, visit: [www.onelessstraw.org](http://www.onelessstraw.org).

**Research Legacy Scholarships**

School for Resource and Environmental Studies  
Dalhousie University

The School for Resource and Environmental Studies (SRES) at Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS is pleased to once again offer scholarships for highly qualified students interested in the Master of Environmental Studies (MES) program. Eligible students would pursue research in one of the five topic areas described below.

The name of our Research Legacy Scholarship program acknowledges the source of funds being used to support this initiative earned through 40 years of research excellence at SRES, and highlights the aspired for impact of the resulting research.

These scholarships are valued at \$18,000 per year<sup>1</sup> for two years and are unencumbered – recipients are not required to undertake any TA or RA work as a condition of taking up these scholarships.

Interested students should contact the SRES professor associated with the project(s) they are interested in as soon as possible, but ideally by December 5, 2016 and definitely before January 9, 2017. Though five potential project topics are on offer, only TWO new scholarships will be funded to start in the fall of 2017.

**Eligible research project ideas for 2017 are:**

1. Social and Environmental Issues Related to Harbour Divestiture in Canada Contact: Prof. Tony Walker (trwalker@dal.ca)
2. How Can We Learn to Love the Renewable Energy Landscapes of the Anthropocene? Contact: Prof. Kate Sherren (kate.sherren@dal.ca)
3. Landscape Ecology Meets Road Ecology Contact: Prof. Karen Beazley (karen.beazley@dal.ca)
4. The Living Among the Dead: Prospects for Better Tree Populations in Halifax Cemeteries Contact: Prof. Peter Duinker (peter.duinker@dal.ca)
5. Understanding the Scale and Sources of Bait Inputs to Global Fisheries Contact: Prof. Peter Tyedmers (peter.tyedmers@dal.ca)
6. Hands Off My Wind Turbine: What is the Nature of 'Community Energy'? Contact: Prof. Michelle Adams (adamsm@dal.ca)

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<sup>1</sup> We will work with Legacy Scholarship recipients to pursue additional external scholarships. Should additional scholarship support be secured, Legacy Scholarship funds will be used to top up to a maximum of \$24,000 per year for years in which additional funds are secured.

**The David Suzuki Foundation is offering three \$50,000 research fellowships to support young scholars in Canada.** Among the student fellowships, is one to support Indigenous science and knowledge. We're specifically looking for a young Indigenous Scholar to lead a project on Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Climate Change. Details are available on the David Suzuki Fellowships website: <http://ow.ly/7gUy305L5Na>

**Call for Nominations of Canadian Experts – Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors, Contributing Authors, Review Editors and Expert Reviewers for IPCC Methodology Report**

Deadline: November 23, 2016

This is a call for nominations of Canadian scientists and experts to be considered for participation as Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs), Lead Authors (LAs), Contributing Authors, Review Editors and Expert Reviewers of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) 2019 Methodology Report. The report is prepared by the IPCC Task Force on National

Greenhouse Gas Inventories and aims to refine the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories. The outline, scope, work plan and instructions to authors of the Methodology Report are available here.

CLAs and LAs will attend four author meetings in 2017-18 (two per year). These authors will assemble and critically assess relevant scientific and technical literature; draft text, equations, tables and decision trees; and consider and respond to review comments on their own time. Review Editors ensure all review comments are considered by the authors; their time commitment is less than that for CLAs or LAs, but includes attendance at two author meetings in 2018. Contributing Authors are normally not required to attend any meetings but are cited as authors in the published report. Authors may be asked to attend another meeting in 2018 as well as the IPCC Plenary in May 2019, when the report will be considered for approval.

**NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS:** If you wish to be nominated for contribution to the 2019 Methodology Report, please complete the attached nomination form and return it to [ec.giec-ipcc.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.giec-ipcc.ec@canada.ca) by 5:00pm pacific standard time on November 23, 2016. Please use the following format to name files: LastName\_FirstInitial.xls

**SELECTION PROCESS:** All nominations received are reviewed by a Government of Canada committee of scientific experts. Nominations will be assessed and submitted to the IPCC by the IPCC Focal Point for Canada. Restrictions on the number of Canadian nominees may be imposed based on nominees' qualifications, as well as financial or other considerations. The IPCC Secretariat for Canada will inform successful candidates of their nomination status. Individuals selected to partake in the scoping meeting will be notified directly by the IPCC. The Government of Canada may provide financial assistance for the travel expenses of selected experts.

**IPCC SELECTION CRITERIA:** The IPCC will select authors to reflect the range of scientific and technical expertise required to produce the Methodological Report; geographical representation; a mixture of experts with and without previous experience in IPCC; and gender balance.

**BACKGROUND:** IPCC writing and review process is described in the "Procedures for the Preparation, Review, Acceptance, Adoption, Approval and Publication of IPCC Reports" which can be viewed here. The tasks and responsibilities for CLA's, LA's, and Review Editors are specified in Annex 1.

For further information, please contact:

IPCC Secretariat for Canada  
Science & Technology Branch  
Environment and Climate Change Canada  
Government of Canada  
200 Sacré-Coeur Blvd, 11th Floor  
Gatineau QC K1A 0H3  
[ec.giec-ipcc.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.giec-ipcc.ec@canada.ca)

### **Call for Nominations of Canadian Experts – Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead authors, and Review Editors for IPCC Special Report on 1.5°C**

Deadline: November 25, 2016

This is a call for nominations of Canadian experts to be considered as Coordinating Lead Authors (CLA's), Lead Authors (LA's), and Review Editors for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways. The outline of this Special Report can be found here.

CLA's and LA's are responsible for drafting and revising chapters of the Special Report, taking into account comments submitted during the expert review and review by governments. A subgroup of authors will also contribute to drafting, revising and finalizing the Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of this Special Report.

CLA's and LA's will be expected to attend four Lead Author meetings between 2017 and 2018 and possibly other chapter drafting meetings. Most chapter drafting meetings will be conducted through web conferences. CLA's and selected LA's may be required to attend Sessions of the IPCC and its Working Groups during 2018 to assist in finalizing the SPM. Review Editors are required to attend two Lead Author meetings between 2017 and 2018.

**NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS:** If you wish to be nominated for participation as CLA, LA, and Review Editors, please complete the attached nomination form and return it along with your Curriculum Vitae (max. 4 pages) to [ec.giec-ipcc.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.giec-ipcc.ec@canada.ca) by 5 pm pacific standard time on November 25, 2016. Please use the following format to name files: LastName\_FirstInitial.xls.

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the scoping meeting will be notified directly by the IPCC. The Government of Canada will provide financial assistance for the travel expenses of selected experts.

IPCC SELECTION CRITERIA: The composition of the group of authors for each chapter will aim to reflect a range of scientific, technical and socio-economic expertise; geographical representation; a mixture of experts with and without previous experience in IPCC; and gender balance.

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An important milestone of the “[Open for Justice](#)” campaign, which many of you have been supporting, is happening today, and we invite you to share this momentous event wide and large!

The Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability [released today](#) (November 2, 2016) detailed model legislation, **The Global Leadership in Business and Human Rights Act: An act to create an independent human rights ombudsperson for the international extractive sector**, providing the Canadian government with a blueprint for how to create an effective human rights ombudsperson for the overseas operations of Canadian extractive companies.

To date over 100,000 Canadians and 50 Canadian organizations have added their voice to the call for an ombudsperson. Most Canadian political parties, including the Liberal Party of Canada, New Democratic Party of Canada, Green Party and Bloc Quebecois, have committed to create an independent human rights ombudsperson for the extractive sector.

Today’s model legislation provides the roadmap to do so swiftly and effectively because when it comes to human rights abuse, unlawful and unethical practices, and destruction of livelihoods and environmental degradation, talk is not enough. PLEASE JOIN US in promoting the model legislation by engaging your own network!

**HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP SPREAD THE WORD:**

**1) USE SAMPLE TWEETS**

[@cafreeland](#) Talk is not enough. Canada needs an ombudsperson to investigate extractive sector human rights abuses #open4justice. [insert link]

[@cafreeland](#) Support this model legislation for an ombudsperson to investigate complaints of #humanrights abuses by Canadian companies #open4justice [insert link]

[@cafreeland](#) Contact your MP to ask for an extractive sector ombudsperson. Here is model legislation. We need your support to make Canada #open4justice. [insert link]

[@cafreeland](#) Canada must be #open4justice. Announcing model legislation for an extractive sector ombudsperson. [insert link]

[@cafreeland](#) Canada needs an extractive sector ombudsperson to ensure remedy for victims of corporate #humanrights abuses. #open4justice [insert link]

Announcing the launch of our model legislation for corporate accountability. #open4justice Check it out here [insert link]

Hashtags to consider/swap in retweets... : #open4justice; #affairedejustice; #mininginjustice; #stopcorporateabuse; #mining, #cdnpoli

**2) POST ON FACEBOOK**

When it comes to human rights abuses, talk is not enough. Today the Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability released detailed model legislation that provides the Canadian government with a blueprint for how to create an effective human rights ombudsperson for the overseas operations of Canadian extractive companies. Call and write your MP today to demand immediate action. #open4justice

**For Twitter and Facebook, use the images attached!**

**3)** Invite your members and supporter to **WRITE A LETTER to MPs and Senators** in order to advocate for the proposed legislation

**4)** [VISIT CNCA WEBSITE](#) for more information on model legislation

**Creative Industries Fund:** Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage is now accepting applications for a new \$2 million Creative Industries Fund. This fund has been designed, in consultation with stakeholders, to invest in the growth of

the creative industries. Businesses, not-for-profits, social enterprises and sector associations operating in the creative sectors are eligible for funding. For more information click [HERE](#).

On September 19, 2016, the Government of Canada posted **seven draft policies on the Species at Risk Public Registry** ([sararegistry.gc.ca](http://sararegistry.gc.ca)). These policies listed below support the predictable, clear and consistent implementation of the *Species at Risk Act*. As an individual, community, or organization which may be directly affected by these policies, we wanted to notify you of the opportunity to provide input.

**We would welcome any comments you may have and are particularly interested in your response to the following:**

Do you find the policies clear and understandable?

Do you have any concerns or recommendations regarding these policies?

The seven draft policies include:

1. Policy on Critical Habitat Protection on Non-federal Lands
2. Policy on Protecting Critical Habitat with Conservation Agreements under Section 11 of the *Species at Risk Act*
3. Policy on Survival and Recovery
4. Policy Regarding the Identification of Anthropogenic Structures as Critical Habitat under the *Species at Risk Act*
5. Approach to the Identification of Critical Habitat under the *Species at Risk Act* when Habitat Loss and Degradation is not Believed to be a Significant Threat to the Survival or Recovery of the Species
6. *Species at Risk Act* Permitting Policy
7. Listing policy for Terrestrial Species at Risk

You are invited to submit your feedback to the Species at Risk Public Registry at the following address: [ec.registrelep-sararegistry.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.registrelep-sararegistry.ec@canada.ca) by **November 18, 2016**.

For your information, related to the seven draft policies, the Government of Canada also posted the following final documents:

1. Range Plan Guidance for Woodland Caribou, Boreal Population (Final)
2. The *Species at Risk Act* Policy Principles (Final)

Should you have any questions regarding these materials, please contact us at the e-mail address provided above.

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your input.

Yours sincerely,

**Species at Risk Secretariat**

Environment and Climate Change Canada / Government of Canada

[ec.secretariatdesep-sarsecretariat.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.secretariatdesep-sarsecretariat.ec@canada.ca)

Hello Solar Friends,

The communications committee of Solar Nova Scotia is now deep into the process of putting together the necessary content for the new Solar NS website. We could use the help and support of our membership with this endeavor.

We are looking for images of Solar Energy. Ones that you can freely give us the rights to use in the landing image/carousel of the web site or the general web site for that matter. We need them by November 26. Further, we are looking for images that cover the full spectrum of Solar Energy such that the following is covered:

- Passive Solar
- Solar Thermal
  - Hot air
  - Hot water
- Solar Electricity (PV)
- Concentrated
- Other

Please send images directly to me at [guppy@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:guppy@ns.sympatico.ca)

Thanks

Ian Guppy

Solar NS Board Member

Solar NS Communications Committee

**Important information for Habitat Stewardship Program proposals in Atlantic Canada**

Regional Priorities

Application Process

Expressions of Interest letters are optional and should be submitted to [David.Fishman@canada.ca](mailto:David.Fishman@canada.ca). The deadline for Expressions of Interest is Friday, November 18th, 2016 by 11:59 pm AST, however early submissions are strongly encouraged. Please use the Expression of Interest online template.

Please refer to the HSP Application Guidelines for information on how to complete an Expression of Interest, how to submit a proposal, and other details on project eligibility. Separate guidelines are provided for the SAR and the Prevention funding stream.

For applicants that do not wish to submit an Expression of Interest, the following information must be sent to [David.Fishman@canada.ca](mailto:David.Fishman@canada.ca) in order to initialize their accounts with the online application system:

Proponent name  
Primary contact  
Phone number  
Email  
Funding stream  
Project title

The submission deadline for HSP proposals through the online application system is Friday, December 9th, 2016 by 11:59 pm AST.

For additional information, please contact:

Program Stream / Regions	Contact
HSP – SAR (NB & NS)	Sheri Faulkner-Jackson Email: <a href="mailto:Sheri.Faulkner@canada.ca">Sheri.Faulkner@canada.ca</a> Telephone: 506-364-5198
HSP – SAR (NL & PEI)	Karine Duffy Email: <a href="mailto:Karine.Duffy@canada.ca">Karine.Duffy@canada.ca</a>
HSP – Prevention (all regions)	Telephone: 506-364-5186

For more details and application information, please visit: <http://ec.gc.ca/hsp-pih/default.asp?lang=En&n=59BF488F-1>.

Thank you for your interest in the Habitat Stewardship Program.

### **Important information for National Wetland Conservation Fund proposals in Atlantic Canada**

#### Application Process

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Please refer to the 2017-2018 NWCF Application Guidelines for information on how to complete an Expression of Interest (as well as the template), how to submit a proposal, and other details on project eligibility.

For applicants that do not wish to submit an Expression of Interest, completed applications must be submitted to [David.Fishman@canada.ca](mailto:David.Fishman@canada.ca) no later than Friday, December 9th, 2016. The application form can be downloaded online here. The submission deadline for NWCF proposals is Friday, December 9th, 2016 by 11:59 pm AST.

For additional information, please contact:

Sydney Worthman  
Atlantic Region Coordinator - National Wetland Conservation Fund  
[Sydney.Worthman@canada.ca](mailto:Sydney.Worthman@canada.ca) / Tel: +1-709-772-4221

For more details and application information, please visit: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/tho-wlo/default.asp?lang=En&n=154E73AC-1>.

Thank you for your interest in the National Wetland Conservation Fund.

Hello,

**I am writing to inform you that on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, a proposal to amend Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA), was published in part I of the *Canada Gazette* for 15 terrestrial species found in Central and Eastern Canada: [www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2016/2016-10-22/html/reg1-eng.body.html](http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2016/2016-10-22/html/reg1-eng.body.html)**

This marks the beginning of a 30-day public comment period during which you can share your comments on the proposal either by responding to this email, writing to [ec.enviroinfo.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.enviroinfo.ec@canada.ca) or calling [1 800 668-6767](tel:18006686767). The public comment period will end on Monday, November 21, 2016.

The Minister of the Environment will take into consideration comments and any additional information received following this publication and make a listing recommendation for each species to the Governor in Council. The Governor in Council

will then make the final decision on whether to accept the assessments of these species and to amend Schedule 1 accordingly, not to add species to Schedule 1 or to refer the matter back to the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) for further information or to review.

The species included in the proposal are the following:

Legal Population Name	Scientific Name	Proposal	Range
<b>Amphibians</b>			
Salamander, Northern Dusky	<i>Desmognathus fuscus</i>	New listing as endangered	Ontario
Jefferson, Salamander	<i>Ambystoma jeffersonianum</i>	Up-listing from threatened to endangered	Ontario
Salamander, Spring (Adirondack/ Appalachian population)	<i>Gyrinophilus porphyriticus</i>	Addition of Adirondack/ Appalachian population and modification of designation from special concern to threatened	Quebec
Salamander, Spring (Carolinian population)	<i>Gyrinophilus porphyriticus</i>	Addition of Carolinian population and modification of designation from special concern to extirpated	Ontario
<b>Arthropods</b>			
Beetle, American Burying	<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>	New listing as extirpated	Ontario, Quebec
Emerald, Hine's	<i>Somatochlora hineana</i>	New listing as endangered	Ontario
Beetle, Hungerford's Crawling Water	<i>Brychius hungerfordi</i>	New listing as endangered	Ontario
Clubtail, Skillet	<i>Gomphus ventricosus</i>	New listing as endangered	New-Brunswick
<b>Lichens</b>			
Lichen, Blue Felt	<i>Degelia plumbea</i>	New listing as special concern	New-Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador
<b>Plants</b>			
Baccharis, Eastern	<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	New listing as threatened	Nova Scotia
Iris, Dwarf Lake	<i>Iris lacustris</i>	Down-listing from threatened to special concern	Ontario
Goldencrest	<i>Lophiola aurea</i>	Down-listing from threatened to special concern	Nova Scotia
Thistle, Pitcher's	<i>Cirsium pitcheri</i>	Down-listing from endangered to special concern	Ontario
Twayblade, Purple	<i>Liparis liliifolia</i>	Down-listing from endangered to threatened	Ontario, Quebec
<b>Reptiles</b>			
Gartersnake, Butler's	<i>Thamnophis butleri</i>	Up-listing from threatened to endangered	Ontario

Right now, Canada is reviewing some of its most important environmental laws – starting with the law that governs how environmental assessments are conducted for new projects like pipelines and dams.

The independent Panel appointed to review Canada's environmental assessment processes [launched its public engagement strategy](#) last month. **Until December, you have a chance to have your say.**

**This review is an important opportunity for all Canadians to weigh in on environmental assessment processes and how decisions should be made.**

The panel started its cross-country public engagement tour in September, with stops in 19 communities from coast to coast. **Check out the details about [public workshops](#) and [public hearings](#) to see when the Panel will be visiting a community near you.**

Can't make it to an in-person engagement event? [You can still have your say online.](#) **Tell the federal government what you think matters most in strengthening environmental assessments – such as meaningful public participation, a climate test**



**and nation-to-nation dialogue with Indigenous peoples.**

**[Have your say now to ensure stronger environmental decision-making in Canada!](#)**

You can find more information about the review and discussion themes [here](#).

This review marks a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Canada to enact a leading-edge environmental law for nature, communities and democracy. We hope you'll be a part of it!

Thank you,

West Coast Environmental Law, Ecojustice, Environmental Defence and Ecology Action Centre

P.S. To learn more about how Canada can enact a next-generation environmental assessment law, read [West Coast Environmental Law's recommendations on environmental assessment reform](#) – based on the collective wisdom of over 30 of Canada's leading experts on the subject.

**This is to advise that on November 2, 2016, Dexter Construction Company Limited registered the Loch Katrine Quarry Expansion Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.**

The purpose of the proposed project is to expand their existing 3.94 hectares quarry at 140 Highway 316, Loch Katrine, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia. The expanded quarry will occupy a maximum of approximately 27.3 hectares (including the existing quarry footprint), with an expected project life of up to 40 years. The quarry will support continued extraction and production of aggregate of up to 50,000 tonnes/year, for use primarily in the road and local construction industry. The proposed project activities include blasting, crushing, washing and stockpiling of aggregate, occasional operation of a portable asphalt plant, as well as associated trucking activities on an as required basis.

On November 2, 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 **December 2, 2016**, to be considered in this environmental assessment.

**Comments are requested to be provided via e-mail if possible.**

On or before December 22, 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,

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**This is to advise that on November 2, 2016, Envirosoil Ltd. registered the Envirosoil Facility – Addition of Stabilization and Solidification Technology (2016) Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.**

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to manage materials contaminated with metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and/or salts at Envirosoil's existing soil treatment facility at 48 Quarrystone Drive (adjacent to 927 Rocky Lake Drive), Bedford, Halifax Regional Municipality. The undertaking will expand the existing operations, to include Stabilization and Solidification (SS) Technology to manage 30,000 to 70,000 tonnes of the contaminated materials per year. The existing facility will also be expanded to include a disposal area, approximately 2 km southeast of the facility, to dispose of the SS processed materials.

On November 2, 2016, all project information including the Registration Document will be available on Nova Scotia Environment website at <http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/>.

Please note that comments must be provided no later than **December 2, 2016** to be considered in this environmental assessment. **Comments are requested to be provided via e-mail if possible.**

On or before December 22, 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.

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This is to advise that on October 19, 2016, East Hants Municipality registered the Elmsdale Business Park Development for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to expand the existing Elmsdale Business Park to increase local commercial property holdings. The proposed undertaking will take place in Elmsdale, Municipality of East Hants, Nova Scotia. The commencement date of the proposed project is Winter 2017.

Public comments must be provided by November 18, 2016 to be considered in this environmental assessment.

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

Thank you

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Got some beef to air?

Got some news to share?

Got some questions? Got some ideas? Got some plans?

**This Friday evening, every Friday evening, is the Solar Nova Scotia Sup'n'Share!**

We're there at 5:00 sharp, have supper and catch up.

When: Every Friday evening, 5:00pm

Where: Lion's Head Tavern, 3081 Robie St. Ask the waiter to point out our table.

Seeya there!

**Take Action Now to Protect Blue Whales and The Gulf of St. Lawrence!**

It's like a bad dream that you can't wake up from. **The company that has wanted to drill in the Gulf of St. Lawrence for nine years, the same company responsible for seismic testing while the endangered blue whale was migrating, wants a new license.**

**This in spite of numerous calls for a moratorium** on all oil and gas development in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and an historic statement from the Chiefs of the Mi'q̄mawei Mawiōmi calling for a 12-year moratorium on oil and gas in The Gulf.

**We need to wake up from this nightmare.** It is up to the federal Minister of Natural Resources, Bill Carr and the Newfoundland and Labrador Natural Resources Minister Siobhan Coady to make this stop, and they will receive your comments and letters until October 17th in response to this request for a new license.

The Gulf of St. Lawrence is **one of the most precious marine ecosystems we have.** Given the federal government's commitment to better environmental regulation and protection of our oceans, **it's time to declare the Gulf of St. Lawrence off limits to oil and gas and to start making good on promises.**

**[Please send your letter today!](#)**

Thank you for taking action.

Gretchen Fitzgerald - National Program Director

My name is Nicole LeBrun and I am current enrolled in the **Environmental Engineering program at the NSCC Waterfront campus.** As a class we are asked to do an applied research project that will take place over the course of the year. As part of the project we are encouraged to reach out to local community organisations or larger organisation in the hope that they will be currently working on a project that we students can help with and also use as our applied research project. I was

wondering if you, or anyone at the local level was working on a project regarding environmental conservation, restoration, engineering or any other environmental work.

Thank you very much for your time.

Nicole LeBrun

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### **Stop spraying glyphosate in Nova Scotia**

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StopSprayingNS/>
- <http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/get-involved/petitions/>
- [https://www.change.org/p/let-s-tell-our-environment-minister-and-premier-that-it-is-not-ok-to-spray-our-woodlands-with-glyphosate-ever?recruiter=63316987&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_campaign=share\\_facebook\\_responsive&utm\\_term=des-lg-share\\_petition-no\\_msg&fb\\_ref=Default](https://www.change.org/p/let-s-tell-our-environment-minister-and-premier-that-it-is-not-ok-to-spray-our-woodlands-with-glyphosate-ever?recruiter=63316987&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=share_facebook_responsive&utm_term=des-lg-share_petition-no_msg&fb_ref=Default)

ACOA has issued a **Call to Action** inviting Atlantic Canadian companies, communities and non-profit organizations to develop proposals for projects that promote clean growth through clean technology. The Agency has **earmarked \$20 million** for clean technology projects in 2016-17. Applications should be submitted on or before **March 31, 2017**.

Please share with clients who may be interested. I will also follow-up with the ACOA Area Account Manager to see if she can pop in to give an overview of the program to Dartmouth staff as part of our Speaker/Info Series.

### **Objectives of ACOA's Clean Technology Initiative**

- To encourage Atlantic Canadian businesses, communities and non-profit organizations to access ACOA programs to develop clean technology products, services or processes;
- To help companies adapt and adopt clean technology that make their work processes more efficient and less costly;
- To help **communities and non-profit organizations become more eco-friendly through the adoption or adaptation of clean technologies in community facilities;**
- To help **non-profit organizations such as institutions of higher learning conduct research and development on clean technology products, services and processes;**
- To promote clean growth as a way to grow the economy of Atlantic Canada; and
- To diversify the region's economy, open up new markets and generate good jobs for Atlantic Canadians.

*What types of projects will ACOA consider assisting?*

ACOA will consider assisting various types of projects, including those proposed by:

- businesses in the clean technology sector that wish to start up or expand through the development or upgrade of newer, cleaner technologies; organizations from other sectors looking to develop, adapt or adopt products, services or processes that promote clean growth; **organizations that wish to implement more clean processes; and communities and non-profit organizations looking to become more eco-friendly through the adoption or adaptation of clean technologies in their facilities.**

<http://www.acoa-apeca.gc.ca/eng/ImLookingFor/ProgramInformation/Pages/Clean-Technology-Initiative.aspx>

**Watch for Wildlife (W4W)** NS is a new wildlife vehicle collision prevention program that encourages and enables Nova Scotians and visitors to the province to drive with an awareness of wildlife on roads, and do what they can to prevent collisions with wildlife. It is also about providing drivers contact numbers and information about how to respond in case a collision does happen.

If you want a magnet or sticker to put on your car so you can be a reminder to others as you drive to Watch for Wildlife, please get in touch.

Please see our website: [www.watchforwildlife.ca](http://www.watchforwildlife.ca)

And follow or like us if you do at:

Facebook [www.facebook.com/watchforwildlifens/](https://www.facebook.com/watchforwildlifens/)

Twitter @watch4wildlife

**Sign up to receive newsletters on school environment and health issues from CASLE.** Send your request to [info@casle.ca](mailto:info@casle.ca)

In this month's newsletter:

1. Research has now shown there is no doubt that Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) affects learning and well-being.

<http://www.chgeharvard.org/resource/impact-green-buildings-cognitive-function>

2. Nova Scotia remains in the forefront of regions that address indoor environment quality issues actively. CASLE and the government departments have been collaborating for two decades to create and maintain healthy schools.

3. The US Environmental Protection Agency is continuing its series of on-line courses in school environmental health:

[https://www.epa.gov/iaq-schools/iaq-knowledge-action-professional-training-webinar-series?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://www.epa.gov/iaq-schools/iaq-knowledge-action-professional-training-webinar-series?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

4. Canadians for A Safe Learning Environment (CASLE) website [www.casle.ca](http://www.casle.ca) in its new format is accessible to tablets and phones, and contains updated practical information on a wide range of topics relevant to healthy schools and healthy school children. Please circulate the web address widely.

**Free online non-profit resources** from Dalhousie University - sample policies and governance guides such as chairing board meetings and board self-evaluation. Check it out [HERE](#).

News release from the **Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia** (CPONS): CPONS is urging Nova Scotians, and anyone else who supports our concerns, to endorse our campaign by simply sending an affirmative statement to [southshore.cpons@gmail.com](mailto:southshore.cpons@gmail.com); printing the petition (found [here](#) under ACTIONS), collecting signatures, and mailing it to us; and/or liking our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ProtectOffshoreNS>. Also welcome is a letter of support which can also be sent to [southshore.cpons@gmail.com](mailto:southshore.cpons@gmail.com).

Hello,

I am writing to you today to encourage your organization and its members to **take advantage of wage subsidies** of up to \$15,000 for interns in environmental and clean technology fields. The wage subsidies are available from the [Environmental Youth Corps \(EYC\) Internship Program](#) and the [Clean Tech Internship Program](#) which are supported by Environment and Climate Change Canada's *Science Horizons*. To be eligible, interns must be recent graduates in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). These programs support the creation of new green jobs for youth, to help young Canadians gain valuable work experience, learn about our natural environment and contribute to economic growth in environmental sectors.

I encourage you to share this information at your convenience. Furthermore, I invite you to visit the embedded links for more information and to apply.

Regards,

Geoff

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#### **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](http://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](mailto:mmackay@clean.ns.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](mailto: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

Do you have shredded sneakers, torn trousers or holy socks ready for trashing? **Since 2013, all worn or unusable textiles and fabrics of any material and in any condition (except chemically contaminated) can be reused/ recycled. Collection sites are all over HRM and Nova Scotia.** AFTeR began in 2013 as a group of six organizations that collect used clothing to fund social causes such as helping children at risk, combatting disease, and supporting marginalized citizens and those

facing crisis. This is accomplished with the added benefit of keeping the textile materials out of our landfills. AFTeR member charities are experts in the collection and repurposing of used textiles and footwear. <http://afterwear.ca/wp/donate/>

### **Environmental News:**

**Halifax North West Trails November 2016 Newsletter** is now available on our web site [here](#).

### **FUNDY TIDINGS The Quarterly Newsletter of the Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership (BoFEP)**

November 2016 ~ Autumn Issue: [http://www.bofep.org/wpbofep/?page\\_id=416](http://www.bofep.org/wpbofep/?page_id=416)

### **Paris climate change agreement enters into force**

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/nov/04/paris-climate-change-agreement-enters-into-force>

### **Opinion: Why are Canada's environmental groups going along with weak climate targets?**

By Nick Fillmore in Opinion, Energy, Politics | November 1st 2016

<http://www.nationalobserver.com/2016/11/01/opinion/opinion-why-are-canadas-environmental-groups-going-along-weak-climate-targets>

### **Government operations to run on green power by 2025: environment minister**

Catherine McKenna, Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, speaks at the CanWEA conference in Calgary, Alta., Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016. (THE CANADIAN PRESS / Jeff McIntosh) <http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/government-operations-to-run-on-green-power-by-2025-environment-minister-1.3143210>

The **Coastal Update** has been published monthly since 1997 by the Atlantic Coastal Zone Information Steering Committee (ACZISC). Readers may review the archived issues of the Coastal Update at the COINAtlantic website's newsletter section:

<http://coinatlantic.ca/index.php/aczisc-coastal-update-e-newsletter>

The Summer / Fall 2016 Edition of the Journal **MAWQATMUTI'KW** (We All Live Together) is now available. This issue includes the articles "History of Lake Utopia

Resource Study", "Aboriginal Peoples Use of Resources" and "**American Lobster Settlement Update**". The journal is published jointly by IKANAWTIKET Environmental Incorporated and the Maritime Aboriginal Aquatic Resources Secretariat - <http://www.ikanawtiket.ca/#MAWQATMUTIKW>

### **October 2016 UPDATE on the CAMPAIGN to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia**

#### **A project of the South Shore Chapter of the Council of Canadians**

The Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia (CPONS) has been busy this summer! If you would like to volunteer for any of our upcoming or ongoing activities, contact us at [southshore.cpons@gmail.com](mailto:southshore.cpons@gmail.com)

Remember that we need your help and endorsements to make this Campaign a success! Please work with us to build awareness about the federal review of environmental assessments and regulatory processes, as well as the need to totally reform or replace the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board. "While governments grant permits for resource development, only communities can grant permission." Let our collective voice be heard!

#### **Federal Review of Environmental and Regulatory Process**

Marilyn Keddy, Marion Moore, and Charlene Morton prepared and presented to the Expert Panel as part of the Halifax hearings Oct 3, 2016 for the Federal Review of Environmental and Regulatory Process. They drew heavily on the principles and pillars of "next generation" environmental assessment, introduced by environmental assessment experts and strategists at the Federal Environmental Assessment Reform Summit (May 2016, Ottawa), a forum organized by West Coast Environmental Law. <http://wcel.org/EASummit>

Help us remind the federal government of their 2015 election promise that "while governments grant permits for resource development, only communities can grant permission." and that we have not granted permission for the drilling that is now taking place! You can submit your thoughts on reform EA in Canada by going online before December 18, 2016

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/conservation/assessments/environmental-reviews.html>

#### **Petition and Outreach at South Shore Farmers Markets**

We have asked The Honourable Mark Furey, our MLA for Lunenburg West, to present our petition (see below) to the NS Legislature mid or late November. Can you help to gather signatures? Download your copy of the petition at

<https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/resources/>

We set up display and information tables at several South Shore markets this summer and early fall to raise awareness about CPONS and to gather signatures on our petition. We were hosted by Chester, Liverpool, Hubbards, Lunenburg, West  
[Publicity, Press Releases, and Social Media](#)

**Endorsements:** Simply send us a note at [southshore.cpons@gmail.com](mailto:southshore.cpons@gmail.com) saying “I endorse this campaign.” Politicians count numbers!

**Publicity:** Do you know any local or international celebrities who care about the ocean? Famous oceanographers? Help us find some ‘big names’ to endorse our campaign.

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/ProtectOffshoreNS/> We try to keep our FB page up to date with current information and links to related articles. Please ‘like’ our page, make a comment, and, better still, share it.

#### [Important developments](#)

**Another licence to Shell** In August the CNSOPB granted Shell a licence for exploratory drilling for a second well off the southwestern coast.

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/business/1388024-shell-gets-go-ahead-for-second-offshore-n.s.-well>

**Checking out the latest oil-spill technology:** Three CPONS supporters drove down August 19 2016 to the Sable Fish Plant on Cape Sable Island to see a demonstration for cleaning oil spills using a small prototype. The Clean Ocean Action Committee and the Nova Scotian Company, Extreme Spill Technology (EST), with the assistance of Dr. Farid Taheri, Professor, Department of Civil and Resource Engineering, Dalhousie University, organized several demonstrations over two days. This offshore oil spill cleanup technology, initially developed at Dalhousie University, is now being commercialized by a Nova Scotia company, Extreme Spill Technology Inc.

#### [Alliances and Allies](#)

Peace and Friendship Alliance (NS)

Ecology Action Centre

Clean Oceans Action Committee (COAC)

Greenpeace Canada

Save the Bay of Fundy

Save our Seas and Shores <http://saveourseasandshores.ca>

Wolfville Advocates for Progressive Politics (WAPP)

Maritime Fisherman’s Union (Local 9)

And more . . .

**Contact us and endorse us at** [southshore.cpons@gmail.com](mailto:southshore.cpons@gmail.com)

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



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

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

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