



Nova Scotia
Environmental Network
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

Eco Connections Newsletter March 2017

Welcome!

Below you will find **events** (starting on page 2), various **jobs postings** (page 8), lots of **opportunities** to have your voice heard (page 11), and **news** (page 20). *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.

Get in touch!

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork

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

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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>.

Thanks for renewing your membership, Nature Nova Scotia! <http://naturens.ca>

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.

Specifically we're looking for those interested in being:

- Fundraiser

NSEN CAUCUSES

Water Caucus:

The next NSEN Water Caucus meeting will be: **Thursday April 6th, 11am- 12:30pm via conference call**. Be in touch for more info: Amy Buckland-Nicks: amy@coastalaction.org and Kelly Schnare kellyb@sierraclub.ca.

Environmental and Sustainability Education Caucus:

The next NSEN ESWECA Caucus meeting will be early April. Be in touch with Karen for further details:

karenmckendry@eastlink.ca

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

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

Upcoming Member Events & Events of Interest

March

Multiple Alton Gas Events:

1. Alton Gas, Site C, and UNDRIP – panel discussion

March 21, 6:30PM, Saint Mary's University (Burke Building)

What would resource extraction and development in Canada look like if the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was implemented in Canada? This panel attempts to answer that question.

We'll hear from local experts and advocates about what UNDRIP is, how it has been contravened by projects like the Site C dam in BC and the Alton Gas project in Nova Scotia, and processes developed by Indigenous communities to give, or withhold, consent. Panelists will discuss the topic in broad terms as well as offer specific insights to ongoing projects and resistance movements.

Speakers will give opening remarks, and then discuss the topic more fluidly, followed by questions from the crowd.

SPEAKERS:

PATTI DOYLE-BEDWELL - Dalhousie University

NAIOMI METALLIC - Dalhousie University

ROGER LEWIS - Nova Scotia Museum

The Burke Building is wheelchair accessible and can be reached by public transit. It is on the Inglis Street side of SMU campus.

This event will be livestreamed. Instructions on accessing the livestream coming soon and will be available on the Facebook event.

Volunteer opportunity: help run the live stream! No experience required. Must be available from 6-8:30PM on March 21.

2. Protectors: cross movement resistance Against Alton Gas – panel discussion

March 27, 6:30PM, Dalhousie University (McInnes Room, SUB)

On March 27th join protectors Dorene Bernard, Jim Maloney, and Dale Poulette to learn about their struggle to protect the water, climate, Indigenous rights, and environmental rights by stopping the Alton Gas Project. Meet these three and other local activists to learn how you can support the fight against Alton Gas.

Mi'kmaq and non-Indigenous communities near the Shubenacadie River have been organizing resistance to the planned Alton Gas project for several years. This project would create massive underground natural gas storage caverns, see hundreds of thousands of tonnes of salt dumped into the Shubenacadie River in a matter of months, and would risk water contamination, methane leaks, and expansion of the [fossil fuel industry in Atlantic Canada](#).

The project was given the go ahead by the McNeil government despite a lack of consultation, multiple failures by the company, and clear and united opposition by the affected communities. When confronted with their failure to gain consent for this project by the Sipekne'katik Band Council, the McNeil Government declared the Sipekne'katik Mi'kmaq a "conquered people", so their consent was not required for the project to go forward. A court decision on January 28th ruled otherwise, and has opened the way for Mi'kmaq and settler community members from across this province to speak out about protecting our rivers.

The Protectors speaking tour focuses on how Alton Gas is a crisis at the intersection of movements to protect water, exercise Indigenous rights and culture, end further fossil fuel development, and strengthen public participation in environmental decision making.

The panel will feature:

Dorene Bernard - Grassroots Grandmother, water protector, Mi'kma'ki water walk organizer

Jim Maloney - Sipekne'katik district war chief

Dale Poulette - Water protector, Treaty Truckhouse organizer

Event schedule:

6:30 - light meal hosted by the Loaded Ladle

7:00 - panel discussion begins

8:30 - mingle and meet the protectors and local activists

This event will be livestreamed. The link will be available on the Facebook event soon.

Volunteer opportunity: help run the live stream! Must be available from 6:30-8:30 on March 27. No experience required.

Volunteer opportunity: help the Loaded Ladle prepare food. Must be available from 4-6 on March 27th. Email

volunteer@loadedladle.com.

3. Spring Break Against Capitalism featuring SWAGR – info session + poster making

March 29th, 7PM, Living Room Theatre, 2353 Agricola Street

What is Alton Gas? Why are land defenders and allies trying to stop the project? How can you help? Find out! Join Solidarity With the Alton Gas Resistance (SWAGR) for a short presentation about the project and why it is such a catastrophically bad idea for the land, water, people, and climate. Stick around for snacks, informal conversation and strategizing, and print-making. You'll leave with new knowledge about this ongoing struggle, new ways to support it, new friends to work with, and a poster.

We'll make posters for attendees to take home, and extra posters will be used as a fundraiser for the Grassroots Grandmothers.

Co presented with the Radical Imagination project.

Please share these events widely, and let me know if you have any questions!

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World Water Day Screening of "Water on the Table"

Date: March 22, 2017, 7 - 9 PM

Venue: Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St. Mahone Bay

The award-winning Canadian documentary "Water on the Table" was produced by Liz Marshall and has been described as "visually sumptuous and poetic." It celebrates water as Canada's most precious natural resource, questioning whether it should be treated as a commercial good or a human right (like air). The film and following discussion will provide opportunities to explore how the water-bottling industry affects our watersheds and groundwater, and, with the memory of last summer's drought, what we might do to ensure water security.

Some fun activities are planned for the evening as well. Everyone will be invited to explore personal daily use of water and to take part in a water-tasting survey. There will be displays with information about the human right to water; the lack of access to clean, safe water in many First Nations communities in Canada; and, the current campaign to boycott Nestlé.

Free Admission. Donations accepted to help cover event costs.

For more information, contact the South Shore Chapter of the Council of Canadians at southshore.coc@gmail.com

Share FB event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/180978345729526/>

Fundamentals of Graphic Facilitation - Join graphic facilitator Darren C Brown for this participatory workshop introducing techniques, tools and tips of graphic facilitation. Through co-learning, laughter and challenging skill drills, you will deepen your understanding and practice of integrating simple graphics at key points of the experiential learning cycle to facilitate participatory learning. Regardless of facilitation experience or artistic talent, this workshop is for anyone facilitating learning in schools, colleges, public service agencies or community change initiatives. Meals, accommodations, and all supplies included (take home design kits valued at \$30) Fee: \$475

Where: The Deanery, 751 West Ship Harbour Road, Lower Ship Harbour, NS

When: March 31st to April 2nd

To register contact us at [902.845.1888](tel:902.845.1888) or thedeaneryproject@gmail.com by Tues. March 21

For more information, <https://www.facebook.com/events/256460081476517/>

The **PASSIVE SOLAR CONSTRUCTION COURSE** will be held at **Nova Scotia Institute of Technology, Leeds St., Halifax**, Room 303 on Saturday, March 25, from 9AM to 5PM, with a one hour lunch break from 1AM to 2PM. A minimum of twelve attendees is required for the course to happen,

This course is intended for those wishing to design and build a PASSIVE SOLAR HOME with an air recirculated heat storage slab.

1 PASSIVE SOLAR BASICS

2 GROUND INSULATION instead of frost walls

3 HEAT STORAGE SLAB construction techniques and details

4 AIR RECIRCULATION and FILTRATION SYSTEM design and components

5 SYSTEM BALANCING and CONTROLS

The fee: \$50 students, \$60 single, \$80 couples with construction detail sheets, system sketches and components, and a CD of the course visuals. Registration and info at [902-852-3789](tel:902-852-3789) & solardon.ns@gmail.com

The Art of Hosting—A new and ancient movement

An Engage conversation with Toke Moeller & Tim Merry

Live from Mahone Bay

Monday, March 27, 12:00-1:00 pm

Toke Moeller lives in Denmark and is co-founder of the Art of Hosting, a type of engagement that allows all kinds of people to “step up” and create the change they want to see. The Art of Hosting is now active on every continent worldwide.

Tim Merry, also a senior Art of Hosting practitioner, is active in Now Lunenburg County and many other change projects throughout Nova Scotia and internationally.

Please listen in as Toke and Tim explore questions like these:

What is the Art of Hosting and what difference does it make? What makes it both radical and common-sense at the same time?

The Art of Hosting doesn't have a central office or paid staff, and yet it has quickly spread and become its own movement.

What can we learn from this as we try to accelerate change in Nova Scotia?

How is the Art of Hosting enabling young people to become leaders within their communities?

The webinar will include opportunities for Q&A. We will be using Zoom, an easy-to-use computer platform similar to Skype.

There will also be a phone-in option. [Register now!](#)

Engage Nova Scotia

<http://www.engagenovascotia.ca/>

The Canadian International Council is pleased to invite you and your network to a special screening of the film **The Age of Consequences**.

This award-winning documentary investigates the impact of climate change on increased resource scarcity, migration, and global conflict. The film will be followed by a discussion led By Dr. Anders Hayden, Dalhousie University.

This screening is free and open to the public. Full details are outlined below and attached in PDF and JPEG format.

The Age of Consequences

Film screening and discussion

Wednesday March 29, 2017, 6:00pm

Halifax Central Library | Paul Oregon Hall | [5440 Spring Garden Road](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1767628640220343??ti=ia>

Movie trailer: <https://vimeo.com/189104269>

Dalhousie College of Sustainability schedule is here:

<<https://www.dal.ca/faculty/sustainability/news-and-events/ess-lecture-series-schedule.html>>

Winter 2017 Term: ESS Lecture Series

Unless otherwise noted, all lectures begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday nights in Ondaatje Hall, 6135 University Avenue, Marion McCain Arts & Social Sciences building.

All welcome. Free of charge. Limited seating -- please arrive early.

23 March. *Hosting Conversations that Matter: Leadership for Collaboration*

Toke Moeller, Co-Founder and CEO, Interchange, Copenhagen, Denmark

Toke Moeller has been a pioneer in the fields of sustainable entrepreneurship, participatory leadership, educational renewal and social responsibility since the early 1970s. He is the co-founder and CEO of [InterChange](#) in Denmark—a training and consulting company with a focus on organizing, designing, hosting and facilitating conferences that offer collaborative learning and deep dialogues.

His primary focus is on personal and societal renewal and convening conversations in order to collectively and strategically find wiser and sustainable solutions to problems that matter at this time. He is co-creator of the Art of Hosting participatory leadership approach that uses personal practice and collaborative innovation to address complex and systemic issues and a co-founder of The Flow Game.

30 March. *Living Lightly on the Earth: Building an Ark for Prince Edward Island*

Steven Mannell, Architect, Director of the Dalhousie College of Sustainability, Halifax, NS

Steven Mannell has been the director of Dalhousie's College of Sustainability since its launch in 2009 and is an accomplished architect and a passionate environmentalist. Steve has a Bachelor in Environmental Studies and a Bachelor of Architecture,

both from the University of Waterloo and co-teaches the first year Introduction to Sustainability (SUST 1000) and Honours Thesis (SUST 4800) courses each year.

The Ark, in Spry Point PEI, was a UN Habitat's Canadian Urban Demonstration Project, built to explore self-sufficient housing in the wake of the 1970's energy crisis. Heated by the sun and powered by the wind, this short-lived example of ecological architecture and social living sparked discussions about living in harmony with the environment. This year, to celebrate the Ark's 40th anniversary, Steve curated the exhibit at the [Confederation Centre Art Gallery](#) in Charlottetown PEI exploring the design and impact of the Ark. (On display until April 2017).

Read about the project in [Canadian Architect](#)

Friday, March 24th, please join us for an SoE seminar with Dr. Ingrid Waldron.

There's Something in the Water: Environmental Racism & the Politics of Waste in Mi'kmaw & African Nova Scotian Communities

12:30 in Atrium Building Room AT 216

Light lunch provided. All are welcome!

Join and share the Facebook event! <https://www.facebook.com/events/773317769488564/>

To Unplug or Plug In

presented by Justin Hougham and Steve Kerlin

Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:30pm EST

[Register Here](#)

While the right mobile digital technologies can do much to enhance environmental education, it is important to take time to review and select both the technology and the apps that will work best for your educational situation. Our two presenters will walk you through the steps, and thereby avoid the common pitfalls.

Ethics and the Deep Blue Sea: How Transparent is the Communication of Ocean Science?

Do ocean scientists have an ethical obligation to be transparent in the communication of information? s What challenges limit the ability of scientists to be transparent when communicating with policy makers or the general public? s How should the general public hold ocean scientists accountable?

Dr. Letitia Meynell, Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, Dalhousie University

7:00–8:30pm

March 29, 2017

CCEPA, 630 Francklyn Street, Halifax

President's Lodge - Atlantic School of Theology Campus

Light refreshments

Space is limited – Registration Required – admin@ccepa.ca or 902-428-1416

Join and share the [FACEBOOK EVENT](#)

GROUNDWORK: ART OF SKILLFUL COLLABORATION FOR MEANINGFUL IMPACT

March 28-29, 2017 // Halifax, NS // For more & to register: www.artofhostingns.ca/groundwork.html

This 2-day introduction explores the nature of organizing and collaborating. It uncovers the foundations of powerful collaboration by exploring a practice through which we cultivate the conditions that support people to self-organize and do their best work together.

A System Shift? The Changing World Context and Implications for Canadian Civil Society

When: March 28, 2:00 - 3:00 pm AST

Where: online webinar

Register here: <http://bit.ly/2nerNQU>

In the era of Globalization, increased trade and connections, the world is suddenly contracting. Rising nationalism has left many struggling to hold on to the vestiges of a progressive agenda in the wake of Brexit and the 2016 US election. At the same time, the world is faced with an intensifying refugee and migrant crisis, the threat of climate change and rhetoric undermining civil and human rights. This combination of challenges has led to a sense of confusion and hopelessness about how to respond.

Are we facing a new global system? What impact will this shift have on Canadian Civil Society?

Within Canada, the picture is potentially more hopeful. The Trudeau government has committed to a "feminist lens," the Sustainable Development Goals and a multilateral approach. There has been significant citizen mobilization in response to a

variety of issues, including support for refugees and women's rights. However, without a clear direction and goal, there is a danger of Canadian activism and engagement fizzling out. So, how to reconnect with a sense of hopefulness? What can we, as Canadian Civil Society, do to unify and reorient towards the realization of a progressive agenda and fostering global cooperation?

April and onward...

Time to Depave Paradise? *presented by Alix Taylor*

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:30pm EST

[Register Here](#)

There is a new movement afoot in communities across North America. Communities are coming together to remove unwanted pavement and creating vibrant green spaces. The hands-on depaving process captures the hearts and energy of volunteers who work together to make schoolyards and neighbourhoods more livable and resilient. In her presentation, Alix will tell us more about the depave movement, and indicate what one needs to get involved in this important greening initiative.

In addition to these wonderful webinars, we have two Fall 2017 webinars (Best Practices in School Gardens and Eco-System Monitoring) which are open for registration. For more information visit our [Upcoming Webinars](#) page.

All webinars are free to attend live, and for 30 days following

To view the archive of over 65 webinars you must be a Green Teacher [subscriber](#).

Besides receiving the next four issues, subscribers now enjoy full access to all past webinars, and 350 magazine articles and activities, which have been cataloged according to topic and age level.

Workplace Initiatives Session and Skills Online Learning Lab

This 10-community workshop features an overview of the Province of Nova Scotia's Workplace Initiatives Program to assist organizations to be competitive employers and build on the skills we need to succeed in the workplace. We'll then shift into a learning lab to focus specifically on the multitude of online training programs offered through Skills Online – an online training platform that provides access to thousands of courses all at no cost to you (via the Department of Labour and Advanced Education).

When: Wednesday, April 12th from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm March

Where: Alderney Gate Library - Maxine Tynes Room

Details and to register: <https://skillonlinehalifax.eventbrite.ca>

Atlantic Green Expo will take place in Charlottetown from April 21- 23 at the UPEI School of Sustainable Design Engineering. The first of its kind in Atlantic Canada, the Atlantic Green Expo is an initiative of PEI-based company E365, in partnership with the UPEI Climate Lab, the School of Sustainable Design Engineering, ECO PEI and Sierra Club. We are seeking exhibitors to join us as we help companies and organizations connect with the public through the topic of sustainable living. The purpose of the Expo is to provide Atlantic Canadians with an opportunity to educate themselves about the importance of green living and our collective need to address global climate change. We aim to stimulate this growing industry by introducing consumers and businesses to innovative products and services, and to the vendors who supply them. A key component of the expo is the participation of non-profit groups like Nova Scotia Environmental Network that have a focus on environmentalism and eco-conscious practices. Atlantic Green Expo provides a great opportunity for you to connect with the public and business sector to promote your organization and/or any projects you are currently working on.

www.atlanticgreenexpo.com

NS Hiking Summit April 28-30, Tatamagouche

Hike Nova Scotia invites individuals and groups with an interest in hiking, walking and snowshoeing to the sixth annual Nova Scotia Hiking Summit from Friday, April 28 to Sunday, April 30 in Tatamagouche. The summit is a celebration of hiking culture, including best practices, stories, networking opportunities and hikes. It is hosted by Hike NS, the Cobequid Eco-Trails Society and the Municipality of Colchester. The event is supported by the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

There is limited space, so please register early to secure your spot. Registration is \$30 for paid Hike NS members and \$40 for non-members (who get a membership with their registration). Registration includes: access to hike events and socials; access to Saturday sessions; Saturday morning and afternoon coffee/snack breaks; Saturday lunch. There are optional suppers at an additional cost. Registration does not include accommodation or other meals – you must arrange them on your own. The deadline for registration is April 24, 2017. Learn more and register online at

www.hikenovascotia.ca/projects/hiking-summit/.

The Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) is pleased to invite your organization to participate in Canada's largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics— Science Odyssey / l'Odysée des sciences.

With particular emphasis on Canadian youth, the event will feature 10 days of discovery and innovation from May 12-21, 2017 to foster an understanding of how science, technology and innovation shape our daily lives.

In 2016, Science Odyssey mobilized close to 400 organizations that hosted over 600 activities in more than 200 locations across the country. The event aims to connect Canadians with researchers, scientists, government, academia, community organizations, museums and science centres through engaging, fun and inspiring experiences.

Hundreds of Science Odyssey events will again take place all across Canada in 2017. NSERC is interested in partnering with organizations that currently deliver a range of science and engineering outreach activities.

To facilitate cross-promotion of activities, NSERC will develop and share marketing materials with partners. Social media will be employed in addition to traditional public relations.

Science Odyssey partnership is an excellent opportunity to further engage and attract your target audience to your local events. We invite your organization to bring forward activities that you may already have planned during this time period or, if possible, to align the dates of your upcoming events with the dates of Science Odyssey.

For additional information, please contact scienceodyssey@nserc-crsng.gc.ca. We would be most pleased to include your organization as a Science Odyssey 2017 partner.

Thank you.

Margaret Kennedy

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Who? Unpacked - Zero Waste Store

What? As a zero waste store, we stock package-free food, home, and body products that are affordable and local.

Where & When? Pop-up shops begin in May 2017 at farmer's markets and events in HRM.

Why? Much of our landfill waste is packaging and single-use items like straws and plastic cutlery. The cost of a product's packaging is up to 15% of its purchase price. Unpacked's goal is to encourage customers to divert household waste while accessing healthy and affordable local products. Good for your health, your budget, and the planet.

Connect with us!

www.unpackedhalifax.com for our email list

[facebook.com/unpackedhalifax](https://www.facebook.com/unpackedhalifax)

@unpackedhalifax on Twitter and Instagram

Art of Hosting

The training will happen May 26-28 right here, in the Wolfville & Grand Pré area.

Please visit our website for some initial information: <http://aohvalley.weebly.com/>

More info will follow very soon - to stay up to date, consider joining the mailing list for the training via the website.

[N.S. Celebration of Nature 2017](#)

Nature Conference, Field Trips, Nature N.S. Annual General Meeting

Place: [Milford House](#)

Time: May 26-28

[More Details Here Later](#)

Hybrid, multi-site course on ecosystem approaches to health

May-June 2017

Are you preoccupied by complex issues influencing the health of ecosystems, communities, humans and/or animals?

Discover innovative and dynamic approaches for better understanding the multiple factors which influence health – ecosystem approaches to health – with an experienced, pan-Canadian team. During this intensive course you will learn methods for carrying out research and interventions on issues at the confluence of health, the environment and society. This part online, part face-to-face graduate level course on ecosystem approaches to health is being offered at four sites: INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier, University of Guelph, University of Northern British Columbia and University of Toronto. About half of the time (8-9 sessions) will be conducted as simultaneous webinars and about half of the time (face to face time plus field trips) will be locally run sessions. This course is available to graduate students from all disciplines and also to professionals interested in these themes. We offer a rigorous, hands-on pedagogical approach, illustrated through a case study, focused on “the role of universities in their watersheds.” For those interested in taking the course, please contact us at copeh-can@uqam.ca.

Nova Scotia Community Sector Conference

An exciting opportunity for the Community Sector to come together and celebrate our unique impact on our communities and identify resourceful and innovative ways to move forward together!

Where: Membertou, Cape Breton

When: June 6 & 7, 2017

For more information, contact information@csc-ns.ca

Invest In Your Business. Invest In A Graduate (Nova Scotia) *Available to companies of 100 employees or less, start-ups, non-profits and social enterprises.* Would you like some financial help with the next person you hire? The province’s Graduate to Opportunity program helps small businesses hire recent university and college graduates by providing salary support. Find out more [HERE](#), or call [902.424.6000](tel:902.424.6000).

(Canada-wide) **Canada Summer Jobs Program** Canada Summer Jobs provides funding to help employers create summer job opportunities for students. It is designed to focus on local priorities, while helping both students and their communities.

Canada Summer Jobs:

- provides work experiences for students
- supports organizations, including those that provide important community services; and
- recognizes that local circumstances, community needs and priorities vary widely

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#)

Job Postings:

Position: Quality Assurance Specialist/Plant Manager <http://FoodWork.ca/934483>

Organization: Afashionado Fishmongers

Location: Millbrook, near Truro, Nova Scotia

Afashionado Fishmongers is a community-minded provider of fresh and fresh-frozen seafood dedicated to bringing low-impact fishing traditions back to the plates of consumers. We strive to build and maintain close relationships with those who catch our fish, and work hard to help foster a fair, transparent, traceable, and sustainable exchange of seafood in the Maritimes!

We are currently recruiting a Quality Assurance and Plant Manager to join the team for our operations in Millbrook, NS.

Job title

Quality Assurance Specialist, Plant Manager

Job Location

Millbrook, NS

Start Date

Start date will be April 1st 2017, earlier start time may be considered depending on training required

Position: Undercover Investigator (Animal Cruelty) — multiple positions <https://GoodWork.ca/911383>

Type: volunteer opportunity

Organization: Mercy For Animals

Locations: Canada - nationwide travel

Position: At Sea Observer <http://FoodWork.ca/941483>

Organization: Atlantic Catch Data Ltd.

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Atlantic Catch Data is looking to hire and train people for immediate employment as an At Sea Observer to service the areas listed below. Persons who reside in or near these communities who would like to work in the commercial fisheries, please apply for this position.

Areas Required:

Pubnico, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Halifax, Eastern Shore

Cape Breton - Sydney, Glace Bay, Louisbourg

Job Description:

- Work on board commercial fishing vessels
- Collect scientific data and monitor fishing activities

Term: Seasonal Employment. Will be very busy during the in-season fishing months.

Position: Door-To-Door Canvasser, Membership Recruitment Team <https://GoodWork.ca/979883>

Organization: Ecology Action Centre

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Ecology Action Centre one of the most active and outspoken environmental charities in Atlantic Canada is seeking students or recent graduates to help strengthen our movement by canvassing for new members of our Centre.

This is your chance to dip your toes into the charitable sector, to learn about the ecology of our province, gain meaningful employment to help build your career and a chance to cultivate lifelong valuable skills in communications and fundraising. Membership canvassing is an incredibly important position at the Ecology Action Centre and is valued as such. Canvassers travel door-to-door to different communities in our province and invite new membership to our organization. Hours are Monday to Friday, 3 – 9pm with some flexibility as required.

We offer:

- \$15-\$17.50 per hour, 30-35 hours per week.
- A diverse supportive team who genuinely care about developing your skills and career.
- Opportunities to advance into a variety of positions at the Ecology Action Centre
- Being a part of organization that is local, impacts your life and the environment which sustains us all.
- Access to contract and benefits

Join an organization that values diversity and respect for community development and the protection of our natural environment. We hope to hear from you today!

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter, resume and two references to:

dana@ecologyaction.ca

We thank all applicants for their time and interest, however only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

The Ecology Action Centre is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from individuals in traditionally marginalized groups such as: racialized people, Indigenous people, lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender and queer people, and persons with disabilities. We encourage applicants to self-identify in their cover letter or application if they are a member of a marginalized community. Diversity is a stated value of the Ecology Action Centre. Moreover, diversity in the EAC community is a strength that we seek to cultivate. It is the responsibility of every employee of EAC to foster a culture that embraces and promotes diversity.

Title: Maintenance Staff <https://GoodWork.ca/948883>

Organization: Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort & Retreat Centre

Location: Cabot Shores, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia (some on-site housing)

Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort is an eco-friendly resort located on Cape Breton Island with unique accommodations such as yurts, geodesic domes, family sized cabins, lodge rooms and more. With 55 acres of serene natural landscape on the famous Cabot Trail on Cape Breton Island, Cabot Shores is a mix of outdoor adventure, relaxation, and cultural and wellness exploration. www.cabotshores.com

Maintenance Staff job description:

- Maintenance of grounds (lawn mowing, trail maintenance and more)
- Small repairs
- Maintenance and cleaning of hot tubs
- Garbage & Recycling
- Knowledge of use of hand tools
- Moving furniture and other large objects
- Assisting with building projects, paint jobs

- Wood cutting, splitting, stacking, safe use of chain saw desired
- Good verbal communication skills
- Willing to work outdoors regardless of weather
- Organized, self-directed
- Maintain an organized tools and shop area
- Ability to diagnose maintenance problems and be able to fix or refer to appropriate trades person (carpenter, electrician, plumber)

Salary: Starts at \$12/hour. Some onsite housing is available.

Start date: Mid-June 2017,

End date: Mid-October (may be part time in September & October)

To apply:

Send resume and 2 references to:

Barbara@cabotshores.com

Title: Guest Services/Front Desk <https://GoodWork.ca/938883>

Organization: Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort & Retreat Centre

Location: Cabot Shores, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort and Retreat Centre is looking for Guest Services/Front Desk staff. We are an eco-friendly resort located on the Atlantic coast of Cape Breton Island. Visit our website at <http://www.cabotshores.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/cabotshores> to learn more about us.

Description:

The GUEST SERVICES/FRONT DESK area is a hub for our guests, staff and visitors and requires detail-oriented and diligent staff to run it. This central part of Cabot Shores is involved with all guest relations, hospitality, and communication around amenities such as local hikes, Cape Breton Cultural events, reservations in our bistro, tours, etc. It is a busy, fast-paced environment and tasks and responsibilities may vary from day to day.

Essential Qualifications

Abilities:

- Have or develop excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Administrative - manages all incoming inquiries through telephone, website and travel sites
- Guest relations - including registration, orientation and payment, tourism information and general guiding; booking tours and providing information on on-site and local activities
- Act as Liaison - Interfaces with various resort departments (Kitchen, dining room, housekeeping, grounds/maintenance)
- Ability to work under pressure, to multi-task, to prioritize tasks, to take initiative,
- Pay attention to detail and fully completing tasks, be willing to learn and be coachable
- Have personal integrity

Knowledge (Either needs to know or be able to learn easily):

- Experience with computers and basic Microsoft software.
- Knowledge of Wordpress, social media and graphic design experience is desired.
- This role is both social and administrative
- Knowledge of local Cape Breton Island cultural events and outdoor activities
- Knowledge of French language is helpful

Rate of Pay: Starting at \$11

Start date: Mid-June 2017

End date: Mid-October (may be part time in September & October)

Some Staff Housing and access to kitchen are available onsite.

How to Apply:

Send cover letter, resume, and 2 references; we will send skills inventory and other materials. We will conduct interview via skype with suitable applicants.

barbara@cabotshores.com

Position: Consultant - Energy Efficiency & Demand-Side Resources <https://GoodWork.ca/988083>

Organization: Dunsky Energy Consulting

Location: anywhere in North America

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates are invited to send their C.V., cover letter and relevant writing samples (if available) to:

jointheteam@dunsky.com

In the body of your email, please indicate your desired salary range, a possible start date, as well as where you heard about this posting. Applications will be considered until the position has been filled.

Position: Engagement and Philanthropy Facilitator <https://GoodWork.ca/926083>

Organization: Nova Scotia Nature Trust

Location: Dartmouth, Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia

Position Requirements:

The position will involve travel throughout the province and both evening and weekend work. It will also involve some 'field' travel involving visiting Nature Trust protected areas, travelling by boat, hiking or paddling. The candidate must have a valid driver's license.

Compensation:

Commensurate with experience. We offer health benefits, retirement savings benefits and potential for flex-time.

Application Process:

Please send cover letter, resume and list of 3 references to:

Christina Nunn, Office and Volunteer Coordinator

Nova Scotia Nature Trust

PO Box 284 Station Main, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3Y3

Email: office@nsnt.ca

Start Date:

As soon as possible. The search committee will begin to consider potential candidates immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Due to the anticipated volume of applications, we will only be contacting shortlisted candidates. We do greatly appreciate your interest in the work of the Nature Trust! We encourage you to explore our volunteer program as we have many opportunities you might enjoy.

Environmental Opportunities:

After 25 successful years improving school environmental health, long- time NSEN member and education caucus member, **CASLE (Canadians for A Safe Learning Environment), will be closing within the year.** Essentially, CEO Karen Robinson needs to retire, and efforts to replace her are more difficult than was thought. Rather than quietly disappearing, the Board decided it is important to let people know. Otherwise, leaving will create an unrecognized void - some may believe we are still doing our share of this work.

Nova Scotia is a have-not province yet has managed to save so much illness and personal and provincial expense by addressing school indoor air quality (IAQ) problems. It can lead the way as an example for all provinces. CASLE has been so grateful to be part of these changes, to have the trust of government after government as this Province proceeded to create, maintain and repair healthier schools over the years, and protect Mother Earth in the process.

There is still so much to do across Canada. Some areas are achieving more than others. There are schools and portable classrooms with multitudes of indoor air quality problems that can affect health and learning ability. There are still schools that use buckets to catch leaks during rain. (Indoor mould grows fast, and can cause health problems.) We know of a school in a prairie province that has a carpeted gymnasium. That is astounding enough, even if it were not 2017. Not only are ongoing serious rug burns a health issue, teachers and students report symptoms in the Fall that don't go away until school ends in the Spring. Carpets, air quality, cleanliness, and effects on health have been long known. More than that, we learned that the carpet was installed because the asbestos tiles were breaking up. This is not a good barrier. Who will help schools like this?

Your organization may sometime find itself in a position to help. Karen will remain a resource for the time being as Healthy Schools Chair on the board of the Environmental Health Association of Nova Scotia – another long-term NSEN member.

CASLE's informative website will be available as an archive at www.casle.ca.

1. **CASLE is offering Healthy Schools Day in Canada - Journée des écoles saines du Canada to someone or an organization in hopes of seeing it continue. If your group sees the benefit of assuming the Day and its website, CASLE has funds to offer to assist at least your first year. <http://healthyschoolday.ca/>**

This year the day, April 4, 2017, will likely be minimally celebrated, but next year it could soar. This Day has such potential to have great effect for so little effort. Please contact Karen if you have any questions at all, and with no assumption that the questions indicate any commitment. Karen.robinson@casle.ca

Thank you NSEN and member groups for your support over the years. It has been a pleasure to be associated with you. We hope that through the website the work of CASLE will continue to be useful as long as the need is there. More than that, we hope that students and staffs everywhere spend their days in healthy school environments.

There is so much to celebrate. CASLE will host a celebratory event in the Fall, so stay tuned. Karen will present her final talk for CASLE at the EECOM conference in May. See you there!

Hi there,

I'm writing to let you know about '**MODIFIED**' a film by my friend Aube Giroux, a young Nova Scotian director, who asks why GMO food isn't labeled in Canada and the US. And finds the answers.

Please consider helping Aube finish her BRILLIANT and Brave film - after 10 years of work she's almost there.

I've known about Aube's film but I just learned about the Indiegogo campaign.

There's only one day left so if you can't help out, please help spread the word.

Let's make 'Modified' happen.

Thanks!-Peggy

(either link should work - maybe you'll recognize Aube!)

igg.me/at/modifiedthefilm/

<https://igg.me/p/modified-food/ema/16216855>

On Saturday, March 11, 2017, a proposal to amend Schedule 1 of the **Species at Risk Act (SARA)**, was published in part I of the *Canada Gazette* for 11 migratory birds: <http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-03-11/html/reg1-eng.php>.

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.LEPreglementations-SARAregrulations.ec@canada.ca or calling [1 800 668-6767](tel:18006686767). The public comment period will end on Monday, April 10, 2017.

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	Current Status	Proposed Status	Range
Species proposed for addition to Schedule 1 of SARA				
Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	None	Threatened	Canada-wide
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	None	Threatened	Canada-wide
Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	None	Threatened	All provinces
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	None	Threatened	Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia
Eastern Wood-pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	None	Special Concern	Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia
Grasshopper Sparrow, <i>pratensis</i> subspecies	<i>Ammodramus savannarum pratensis</i>	None	Special Concern	Ontario, Quebec
Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>	None	Special Concern	British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba
Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	None	Threatened	Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia
Species proposed for reclassification in Schedule 1 of SARA				
Cerulean Warbler	<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	Special concern	Endangered	Ontario, Quebec
Yellow-breasted Chat <i>virens</i> subspecies	<i>Icteria virens virens</i>	Special concern	Endangered	Ontario
Species proposed to be removed from Schedule 1 of SARA				
Hooded Warbler	<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	Threatened	Not at Risk	Ontario

This is to advise that on March 7, 2017, Arlington Heights C&D Limited registered the Asbestos Waste Disposal Facility Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

The purpose of the Project is for the expansion and continued operation of an existing asbestos disposal facility located at 1481 Arlington Road West, Annapolis County. The existing asbestos disposal facility is 2.06 ha and the proposed expansion area would occupy an additional 4.19 ha, for a total area of 6.25 ha. Construction of the proposed expanded asbestos disposal facility is scheduled to begin on May 1, 2017.

On March 7, 2017, 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 **April 6, 2017** to be considered in this environmental assessment. **Comments are requested to be provided via e-mail if possible.**

On or before April 26, 2017 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,

Candace Quinn

Environmental Assessment Officer
Environmental Assessment Branch
Nova Scotia Environment
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Suite 2085
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My name is Kathy Jenkins from Transform Events and we are organizing the Atlantic Green Expo which will take place in Charlottetown from April 21- 23 at the UPEI School of Sustainable Design Engineering. The first of its kind in Atlantic Canada, the Atlantic Green Expo is an initiative of PEI-based company E365, in partnership with the UPEI Climate Lab, the School of Sustainable Design Engineering, ECO PEI and Sierra Club. We are seeking exhibitors to join us as we help companies and organizations connect with the public through the topic of sustainable living.

The purpose of the Expo is to provide Atlantic Canadians with an opportunity to educate themselves about the importance of green living and our collective need to address global climate change. We aim to stimulate this growing industry by introducing consumers and businesses to innovative products and services, and to the vendors who supply them. A key component of the expo is the participation of non-profit groups like Nova Scotia Environmental Network that have a focus on environmentalism and eco-conscious practices. Atlantic Green Expo provides a great opportunity for you to connect with the public and business sector to promote your organization and/or any projects you are currently working on. Non-profit organizations qualify for a special exhibitor rate of \$100 for the two and a half day event. This provides you with a 10'x10' booth and the name of your organization with logo and website link displayed on the Atlantic Green Expo website. Please visit our website at www.atlanticgreenexpo.com for more information and access to our exhibitor application form. Make sure to click on the link for nonprofit organizations when applying. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about Atlantic Green Expo.

Thank you for your time,

Kathy Jenkins

kathy@transformevents.ca

[902-940-0521](tel:902-940-0521)

Re: Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) Controlled Wood Risk Assessment – Stakeholder Consultation

Zimmfor Management Services Ltd. is a leader in providing consulting services to the resource management sector, with a focus on certification services related to forest management and chain of custody for wood and wood fibre products. In support of our client base, Zimmfor has prepared an FSC Controlled Wood Risk Assessment (RA), according to the requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood (CW) Standard (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-0). FSC Controlled Wood supports the use of the FSC Mixed products and established the minimum level of legal, environmental and social requirements for non-certified fibre that can be mixed in with FSC certified fibre.

Consistent with the FSC CW Standard, and related Directives from FSC, we are making the RA available for stakeholder consultation.

If you feel that there are additional stakeholders (e.g., members of your organization) that may wish to review the RA and provide feedback, we encourage you to forward this notice to them.

Stakeholder Review

The stakeholder consultation is open for six weeks, from March 3, 2017 to April 15, 2017.

The Risk Assessment can be found at: <https://zimmfor.egnyte.com/dl/x9XGVkkuB2>

Should you desire to make alternate arrangements to review the RA, please feel free to email, fax or write a request to do so and we will make every effort to accommodate your request.

Providing Feedback

Comments must be provided in writing, and to assist us with ensuring a structured and balanced process, we ask that you use the Comment Form (next page) provided and submit to:

E-mail: fsc.ra.2017@zimmfor.com ; or Zimmfor Management Services Ltd.

562 Colwyn Street, Campbell River, BC V9W 2W9, Canada

Fax: (250) 287-9165

All comments will be reviewed by Zimmfor staff and addressed in a public report soon after the end of the consultation period.

Sincerely,

Zimmfor Management Services Ltd.

Hello:

Please let us know if there are any of the substances open for public comment about which you would like to have a webinar:

Liquefied Petroleum Gases (LPGs)

The final screening assessment for liquefied petroleum gases was published. A proposed risk management approach document for liquefied petroleum gases was also published for a 60-day public comment period ending on April 26, 2017.

www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/petrole/group-4/index-eng.php

4-Vinylcyclohexane (4-VCH)

The draft screening assessment for 4-vinylcyclohexane (4-VCH) was published for a 60-day public comment period ending on April 26, 2017. (-VCH is primarily used in the manufacture of products, such as flame retardants, plastic/rubber materials and adhesives.)

www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/cmp3-pgpc3/4vch-4ech-eng.php

Arthrobacter globiformis strain ATCC 8010 and Cellulomonas biazotea strain ATCC 486 (Priority C micro-organisms)

The draft screening assessments for Arthrobacter globiformis strain ATCC 8010 and Cellulomonas biazotea strain ATCC 486 (Priority C micro-organisms) were published for a 60-day public comment period ending on April 19, 2017.

www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/micro/prioritc-eng.php

Natural Gas Condensates

A proposed Order adding natural gas condensates to Schedule 1 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 was published for a 60-day public comment period ending April 19, 2017.

www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/petrole/group-4/index-eng.php

2-MBS (benzenesulfonamide, 2-methyl-)

The draft screening assessment for 2-MBS was published for a 60-day public comment period ending on April 12, 2017.

(Used in the manufacture of pigments, plastic materials and adhesives. It may also be found in nail polish, and can be formed in small amounts during the manufacture of saccharine, a food additive.)

www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/cmp3-pgpc3/2mbs-eng.php

Amendment

Please note the Federal Environmental Quality Guidelines for bisphenol A, hexavalent chromium, perfluorooctane sulfonate and triclosan were published for a 60-day public comment period ending on April 12, 2017.

www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/fact-fait/feqg-recommand-eng.php#a6

Trichoderma reesei strain ATCC 74252

The draft screening assessment Trichoderma reesei strain ATCC 74252 (Priority B micro-organism) was published for a 60-day public comment period ending on April 5, 2017.

www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/micro/prioritb-eng.php

Sulfurized lard oil

The draft screening assessment for sulfurized lard oil was published for a 60-day public comment period ending on April 5, 2017.

(Used industrially in lubricants and greases.)

www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/fact-fait/glace-bref/sulfurized-oil-huiles-sulfurees-eng.php

NMP and NEP

The draft screening assessment for NMP and NEP was published for a 60-day public comment period ending on April 5, 2017.

(used in industrial applications, as well as paint strippers, cosmetics, and certain food packaging materials).

www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/cmp3-pgpc3/nmp-nep-eng.php

Priority A Micro-organisms

The final screening assessment for *Aspergillus oryzae* strain ATCC 11866 (Priority A micro-organism) was published. A Notice of intent to amend the Domestic Substances List to apply the Significant New Activity provisions of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 to *Aspergillus oryzae* strain ATCC 11866 was also published for a 60-day public comment period ending on March 22, 2017. www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/micro/priorita-eng.php

Priority B Micro-organisms

The draft screening assessments for *Bacillus circulans* strain ATCC 9500, *Bacillus megaterium* strain ATCC 14581, *Chaetomium globosum* strain ATCC 6205 and *Micrococcus luteus* strain ATCC 4698 (Priority B micro-organisms) were published for a 60-day public comment period ending on March 22, 2017.

The final screening assessments for *Pseudomonas putida* strains ATCC 12633, ATCC 31483, ATCC 31800 and ATCC 700369 and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain F53 (Priority B micro-organisms) were published. A Notice of intent to amend the Domestic Substances List to apply the Significant New Activity provisions of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 to for *Pseudomonas putida* strains ATCC 12633, ATCC 31483, ATCC 31800 and ATCC 700369 was also published for a 60-day public comment period ending on March 22, 2017.

www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/micro/prioritb-eng.php

Thanks,

Liz and Jane

Liz Smith

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Seeking Donations for The Bluff Trail Stewardship Program

Dear Friends of WRWEO and The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail:

As you know, WRWEO wants to initiate The Bluff Trail Stewardship Program (BTSP) in collaboration with the St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association. The stewardship program is designed to reduce the harmful human impacts on The Bluff Trail and to ensure that the Bluff Trail can continue as a favourite destination for naturalists and outdoor adventurers.

To date, our request for donations from WRWEO members and friends have yielded encouraging results. We have received nearly \$2000.00 in donations, but will require two or three times that amount if we are going to build a successful and sustainable program.

An anonymous funder has offered to help boost our efforts. They have pledged to match any donations (up to a total of \$3 000.00) until March 1st, 2017. That means that a \$10.00 donation from you will be matched to generate a \$20.00 donation for the stewardship program.

Money donated by WRWEO members and friends will be used to leverage additional funding from other sources including the Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust which is currently developing a process for grants to support education, research, conservation, restoration, and recreation projects in the Five Bridge Wilderness Area. The more donations we raise, the more funding we will be able to leverage. We welcome even the most modest contribution and sincerely thank you for your support. Please make a donation today.

Donations can be made by a cheque written to: St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association and mailed to WRWEO 3650 Hammonds Plains Road, Suite 14, Unit 300, Upper Tantallon, Nova Scotia B3Z 4R3 or online through the Canada Helps portal on the Heart of the Bay website (<http://www.heartofthebay.ca/donate>) - select: Bluff Wilderness Trail as the fund you wish to support. Thanks!

For more information on The Bluff Trail Stewardship Program visit <https://goo.gl/c2wV8Y>

If you have any questions, please feel to contact me at [902-876-7377](tel:902-876-7377)

Sincerely,

Kimberly Berry
Chair, WRWEO

Women for Nature Grant for Youth Nature Leadership

All across Canada, people and organizations inspire us with their leadership and devotion to our natural world. They commit their time and energy not for credit but for the results. They choose to take up the call to protect, engage and advocate on behalf of nature. They act as a strong voice for nature for our children's futures.

[Women for Nature](#) are leaders who care deeply about nature and want to inspire others to make a difference. In particular, they want to encourage, foster and nurture youth (under 30) who want to demonstrate their leadership for nature. To that end, Women for Nature have established a grant/bursary for a young person to develop and implement a project inspired by some of the objectives in the recently published [Nature Playbook](#).

This Women for Nature sponsored grant of \$1,000 will support project implementation in the year 2017, in celebration of the role that nature has played in our Canadian culture and identity. Interested applicants should submit either a two page essay or short video outlining their proposed project. Project ideas will be evaluated by a Women for Nature Grant Bursary Committee based on the following criteria:

- Potential impact and benefits of the project;
- Public engagement and reach of the project;
- Possible involvement of Women for Nature members;
- Creativity and clarity of the proposed project;
- Effective use of the grant;
- Must occur within Canada and adhere to CRA spending guidelines for charities; and
- Only one grant submission per applicant.

The successful winner may choose to be matched with up to three Women for Nature mentors who would be selected according to the scope and location of the winning project.

The successful project winner will be asked to share their experience and results in a blog or video which may be published by Nature Canada and may be, along with information about the grant recipient, shared widely through our web site, and other forms of media.

Submissions to be received no later than 5:00 pm (Eastern Time) on April 1, 2017. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered. All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision before May 1, 2017. This Women for Nature Youth Nature Leadership grant is administered by Nature Canada. Nature Canada employees, children or relatives of employees are not eligible for this grant.

Sackville Rivers Association Small Change Fund Project is now live.

Here is the link that you can share with people in your network to help raise funds for the SRA: <https://smallchangefund.org/project/b9CWW8pcxRQSdj945>.

\$2,000 is our GOAL this year and we hope you can help us reach that goal!!.

Use of Funds:

Equipment and Aquarium Unit Replacements and Repairs - \$1,000

New equipment purchase (for in-classroom equipment - aquariums, chiller units) - \$1,000

The Sackville Rivers Association (SRA), is a not for profit, registered charitable, volunteer based community group in existence since 1988 with approximately 200 members, concerned with the health of the Sackville River Watershed. The SRA's mandate is to:

- Protect and where necessary restore the Sackville River Watershed,
- Provide educational programs to encourage stewardship and awareness,
- Establish a Conservation Corridor along the length of the Sackville River, and
- Provide advice and support to other watershed groups

In the past, the SRA has undertaken many projects, ranging from salmon habitat restoration to environmental education. Our efforts are concentrated on protecting and restoring salmon habitat, reconnecting fragmented salmon habitat, rebuilding salmon habitats through restocking, and educating the public through our two educational in-classroom programs River Rangers and Fish Friends. We are also working on developing a watershed management plan for the Sackville River Watershed, based on our existing Sackville River Ecosystem Plan (SREP).

If you'd like to find out more, please visit our website at <http://sackvillerivers.ns.ca/>.

Volunteer Group Leader for Citizens' Climate Lobby Halifax

Looking for a volunteer leader to take over as soon as possible as group leader for the Nova Scotia chapter of a well-organized and effective international organization, Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) Canada, a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization with a twin focus: to create the political will for a livable planet and to empower people to claim their political and personal power. CCL's approach to creating political will for carbon pricing is based on a proven model developed by the poverty-reduction and citizen empowerment organization RESULTS. Unique in the climate arena, CCL's roots can also be traced to the principles of nonviolence and compassion that guided the social revolutions led by Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. If you're looking to help achieve reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and to gain transferable interpersonal, communication, computer and organizational skills, this is an ideal group with whom to work. Present group leader started the Nova Scotia chapter in 2011 and, due to personal reasons, needs to find a replacement as soon as possible to carry on this important work. No expertise in climate science is necessary. Just a desire as a citizen to see appropriate action being applied politically in Nova Scotia in this area of dire concern. Contact [902-429-1571](tel:902-429-1571) for further information.

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>

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](#).

Hi Solar Friends,

Can you help to make Nova Scotia a place that relies 100% on renewable energy?

Are you an owner of a solar energy system? Do you want to inspire others by your example? We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in having their system and story featured on our website as a case study.

We need case studies for

Passive Solar

Solar Thermal

Hot air

Hot water

Solar Electricity (PV)

Concentrated

Ideally, case study volunteers would have owned their solar energy systems for a minimum of two years and are willing to share information about their systems such as the details of its design, energy production and costs. We will do the rest.

Why do we want to do this?

- Clearly show Nova Scotians the economic and environmental benefits of adopting solar energy.
- Make our website the recognized clearing house for solar energy information.

If you are interested please contact me before December 20, 2016:

Ian Guppy

Solar NS Communications Committee

guppy@ns.sympatico.ca

Phone: [902-425-5121](tel:902-425-5121)

Naturalists wanted. The Wild Wednesdays beach and woodlands guided walks program at Thomas Raddall Natural Environment Park seeks naturalists in the Shelburne/Queens area willing to lead two-hour walks on Wednesday afternoons this coming July and August. Wild Wednesdays, entering its second year, is a project of the Harrison Lewis Coastal Discovery Centre. If you have an area of special interest and expertise related to what plants and animals are found by the seashore and adjoining woods and barrens, and would be willing to give up a couple of hours on one or more Wednesday afternoon, please contact us for details. Harrison Lewis Centre, Sandy Bay, East Port L'Hebert. Phone [902-646-1554](tel:902-646-1554), or email hlc@eastlink.ca

Care to **support** the Harrison Lewis Centre's Wild Wednesday program, helping provide teaching materials, transportation for seniors, or in other ways? We are a **registered charity** and can provide CRA-accredited receipts for donations, monetary or otherwise, with a value of \$10 or more.

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.

See ya there!

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 organization 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

nicolelebrun4@hotmail.com

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

And follow or like us if you do at: Facebook 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

In this month's newsletter:

1. Research has now shown there is no doubt that Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) 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=

4. Canadians for A Safe Learning Environment (CASLE) website 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.

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

Of the 24 terrestrial species that are eligible to be added to Schedule 1 or to have their current status on Schedule 1 changed, only 3 are known to occur in Atlantic Canada:

Terrestrial species recently assessed by COSEWIC eligible for addition to Schedule 1 or reclassification (Atlantic Canada)

Taxon	Species	Scientific Name	Range	Current Schedule 1 status	Proposed Schedule 1 status	Amendment outcome
Lichens	Wrinkled Shingle Lichen	<i>Pannaria lurida</i>	NB PE NS NL	Not listed	Threatened	Add the species to Schedule 1
Birds	Red Crossbill <i>percna</i> subspecies	<i>Loxia curvirostra percna</i>	QC NL	Endangered	Threatened	Reclassify the species in a lower risk category
Mosses	Pygmy Pocket Moss	<i>Fissidens exilis</i>	BC ON QC NS	Special Concern	Not at Risk	Remove from SARA Schedule 1

For further details about this consultation opportunity, please see the document "Consultation on Amending the List of Species under the *Species at Risk Act* - Terrestrial Species: January 2017" which is posted on the SARA Public Registry at: http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=2972.

Please submit your comments by May 11, 2017, for terrestrial species undergoing normal consultations and by October 11, 2017, for terrestrial species undergoing extended consultations.

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,

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Free Home for Nova Scotians

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.

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/>

Water Access Cottage/Camp Lot - Looking for folks committed to Sustainability

Have you been looking for some land close to Halifax? We are looking to subdivide our water access lot on Mill Lake at Hubbards. We will only do so if we find some folks with compatible values to protect and steward the land and water. The lot would have 250ft of water frontage @ 1-2 acres (pending subdivision) with access to an adjacent woodlot. It is a 5 minutes boat trip down the lake. Parking & boat slip are available. Power line around the lake or you can go totally off-grid with solar and paddle. If interested call Nancy or Cathy at [\(902\) 454-3542](tel:9024543542).

Environmental News:

What the frack? Hydraulic fracking may be allowed in Nova Scotian waters

March 6, 2017 By [Chris Lambie](#)

<https://www.halifaxexaminer.ca/environment/what-the-frack-hydraulic-fracking-may-be-allowed-in-nova-scotian-waters/>

Dear Water Monitoring Groups and Organizations,

We are delighted to report that the final analysis of our **2016 summer survey on Community-Based Water Monitoring (CBM)** in Canada is now available.

As Canadians engaged in water monitoring and protection, we realized that no document existed to address some fundamental questions with respect to CBM: Where are CBM organizations located, what are they testing for, and how are the data analyzed? Moreover, how are CBM programs funded, and how long have they existed? The report (attached) answers these questions by providing a 'snapshot' of CBM across the country, based on a survey of over a hundred Canadian CBM organizations.

The report is attached to this email as a .pdf file, and is also available on our institutional websites, [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

Our hope is that this information is useful to you in your work. Please do not hesitate to be in touch should you have any questions.

With best wishes,

Tyler Carlson (Simon Fraser University)

Alice Cohen (Acadia University)

Kat Hartwig (Living Lakes Canada)

Mining industry, environmental groups watch as Canada plans new coal effluent rules

Consultations happening in Nova Scotia and western Canada

By Paul Withers, [CBC News](#) Posted: Feb 22, 2017 8:32 PM AT Last Updated: Feb 22, 2017 8:32 PM AT

Featuring Gretchen Fitzgerald and Sheila Cole.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/environment-canada-planning-new-coal-effluent-mining-rules-1.3994997>

Lessons from Canada's scientific resistance

by: Andrew Nikiforuk <http://thebulletin.org/lessons-canada%E2%80%99s-scientific-resistance10543>

If you haven't seen the film **Sharkwater**, try to-it will help keep the powerful positive message of Rob Stewart's work continue. Below is an excellent tribute to a person that helped change the world as we see it-

<http://www.sharkwater.com/>

https://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2017/02/23/Rob-Stewart-A-Rare-Gift/?utm_source=daily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=230217

Rob Stewart: A Rare Gift to the Oceans and the World

His film 'Sharkwater' drew us in, compelled us to act, and inspired us.

By Sarika Cullis-Suzuki Today | TheTye.ca

Sarika Cullis-Suzuki wrote this for the Cullis-Suzuki family and the David Suzuki Foundation.

Burning down the globe: Climate change denial in Canada's house

[Christopher Majka](#) February 22, 2017

<http://rabble.ca/blogs/bloggers/2017-02-22t000000/burning-down-globe-climate-change-denial-canadas-house>

"Climate change denial is alive and well and living in our midst. It is useful to examine this phenomenon, how it is conducted and promulgated, what its effects are, and what we need to do about it.

"And when media collude with the promulgation of "doublethink" (in this instance directed by the corporate state) this is a complete abomination. It is time we called this what it is – lies. As Daniel Patrick Moynihan once said, "Everyone is entitled to their own opinions, but not their own facts." And when such "opinions" are demonstrably false, and will result in demonstrable harm, the media have an ethical responsibility not to promulgate them in a way that makes them appear as if they were otherwise."

Happy to share the new edition of [The Bridge](#) newsletter offering several articles, photos and updates from the **Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust**. The volunteers have been very busy and appreciate all the support from Trust members and friends like you.

February 2017 Coastal Update edition is now available and ready for you to view: <http://coinatlantic.ca/index.php/aczisc-coastal-update-e-newsletter/latest-issue> or through our social media pages ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)).

Interested in receiving the Eco Connections directly? Email me with your request! nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

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!