



Nova Scotia  
Environmental Network  
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

## **Eco Connections Newsletter April 2017**

### **Welcome!**

Below you will find **events** – lots of Earth Day events! (starting on page 2), various **jobs postings** (page 6), lots of **opportunities** to have your voice heard (page 91), and **news** (page 16). *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: [nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com).

### **Get in touch!**

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

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

Email: [nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:nseenvironmentalnetwork@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://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/how-to-join>.

**Looking for board members: We're looking for you!** NSEN is looking to expand the board. Having a board is the cornerstone of a strong network and NSEN is obviously a province-wide organization and we would like this province-wide reach of the network to be reflected in the makeup of our board! It's easy to join in via teleconference. We encourage participation from members from all regions of the province. Be in touch with me and I'll send your email to the board: [nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com).

### **NSEN CAUCUSES**

#### **Water Caucus:**

**The next NSEN Water Caucus meeting is TBA.** Be in touch for more info: Amy Buckland-Nicks: [amy.buckland-nicks@merseytobeatic.ca](mailto:amy.buckland-nicks@merseytobeatic.ca) and Kelly Schnare [kellyb@sierraclub.ca](mailto:kellyb@sierraclub.ca).

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

**The next NSEN ESWECAUS meeting is TBA.** Be in touch with Karen for further details: [karenmckendry@eastlink.ca](mailto:karenmckendry@eastlink.ca). See more of the members of the ESE Caucus here: <https://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/esec/>

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

April

**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](http://www.atlanticgreenexpo.com)

### **Halifax North West Trails**

Annual Clean Up at Belchers Marsh Park & Trails

Meet at Veterans Corner, Langbrae and Parkland Drive

Saturday, April 22 at 10:00am

Join community and trails members and celebrate Earth Day with the Friends of Clayton Park. Families welcome.

### **Solar Nova Scotia offers practical courses on designing and building Solar Homes and Additions**

The Passive Solar Home Design Course is intended for the general public and, for those in design and construction. The instructor is a 40 year experienced solar designer-builder, Don Roscoe.

1 SOLAR BASICS for electricity, for active thermal hot water and hot air, and for passive solar (3 1/2Hrs)

2 CLIMATE CONTROL for comfort and health, energy and the environment (5 1/2Hrs)

3 SITE DESIGNING, working with nature, creating microclimates and integrating the shelter (3Hrs)

4 SHELTER DESIGNING, bringing you, your needs and your site together (4 1/2Hrs)

5 MAKING IT HAPPEN, costing, controlling costs, contracting and doing it yourself (1 1/2Hrs)

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

### **Nova Scotia Institute of Technology, Leeds St., Halifax, Thursdays 7-10: April 20**

May 25 Registration at (852-4758 / [solardon.ns@gmail.com](mailto:solardon.ns@gmail.com)). The fee: \$80 students, \$90 single, \$150 couples; with handouts. Optional textbooks (\$20/\$40).

**Clean Annapolis River Project, Wood Turtle Volunteer Training sessions.** Wednesday April 19, 5:30 PM Lawrencetown @ the public boat launch; Thursday April 20, 5:30 PM Greenwood @ Stronach Park

Clean Annapolis River Project is looking for volunteers for the *2017 Wood Turtle Monitoring and Stewardship* field season.

Surveys are conducted at multiple locations between Paradise (Annapolis Co.) and Aylesford.(Kings Co.) No previous experience needed, training is provided. Sessions will be held outdoors. All ages welcome. Youth under 14 should be accompanied by a parent/guardian. This opportunity is well suited to individuals who enjoy rugged outdoor conditions.

To register or for information contact: Katie McLean: [katiemclean@annapolisriver.ca](mailto:katiemclean@annapolisriver.ca), (902)-532-7533,

[www.annapolisriver.ca](http://www.annapolisriver.ca)

### **Capping Carbon | Trading Talk**

A panel series on developing Nova Scotia's cap-and-trade system

#### **Part 4 | Driving Change**

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm – 5:30pm

6135 University Ave., Ondaatje Auditorium, Halifax

Featuring:

**Quin MacKenzie**, Sustainable Development Consultant - Stantec

**Krista Phillips**, Electricity and Renewable Energy Technical Policy - Nova Scotia Department of Energy

**Sanjeev Pushkarna**, Manager - Nova Scotia Power

**Ian Wilson**, President - Wilson Fuel Co. Limited

Nova Scotia will implement a cap-and trade system in 2018. Join moderator, Dr. Meinhard Doelle, and panelists for the fourth of **six free panel events** on developing Nova Scotia's cap-and-trade system.

These events will be livestreamed via Facebook Live on the Ecology Action Centre's [page](#). Missed an earlier event? You can [watch it online](#). Contact [gabby@ecologyaction.ca](mailto:gabby@ecologyaction.ca) for more information.

The SMU School of the Environment invites you to an Earth Day Public Lecture on **Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm**. Dr. Tony Charles will be speaking on **Earth Optimism: Community Solutions for the Earth and the Economy**. All are welcome! [Join and Share the Facebook event!](#)

### **Learn How to Build a Yurt this Earth Day Weekend!**

Join Little Foot Yurts; makers of traditional style yurts and learn how to assemble, construct, shape and steam a yurt frame! Versatile and portable the yurt can be used for a cabin, studio, home or workshop space.

This two and a half day workshop will provide a thorough introduction to yurts, and the basics of yurt construction including: coppice as a timber crop, Acadian forest species, making a greenwood working station, steam bending, using a drawknife, froe and other hand tools, planning and designing your walls, roof, and wheel, and erecting a yurt. Open to all skill levels. Leave with the practical skills and resources to start building your own yurt. Families welcome.

When: Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>-Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 (Earth Day weekend!)

Where: 1459 White Rock Rd, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Cost: \$360 plus tax, includes workshop fee, yurt camping, gourmet vegetarian meals & snacks, and a yurt zine.

Accommodation: Sleep, eat, learn and share with others in comfortable yurts equipped with a log burner. Compost toilets and a warm yurt kitchen will be available for dining.

Registration: Please [register online](#) at [lfy.ca](http://lfy.ca). Full agenda and [workshop outline](#) is posted on our [website](#).

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$160 will be required to reserve your spot.

For more information please contact Selene Cole at [902 670-4556](tel:902-670-4556) or [info@lfy.ca](mailto:info@lfy.ca)

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### **Spring Permaculture Skill Share**

Saturday, April 22nd 10:00AM-5:00PM | (Cost TBA)

If you're a fan of Rural Roots then you'll love this day of mini workshops covering germination and planting techniques, brush fence building, huegels, seed saving and so much more! Bring your green thumbs, we'll provide the rest.

Stay tuned for further details! Contact us at [thedeaneryproject@gmail.com](mailto:thedeaneryproject@gmail.com) to enroll.

### **Women on Wheels**

Saturday, April 29th 10:00AM-3:00PM | \$30 for the full day, or Pay What You Can (Membership pricing is available)

A day devoted to bicycles, women, and our cycling community. Learn to ride a bike in the morning, or practice basic bike maintenance and repair in the afternoon. Group rides of varying lengths will be lead, and other bike related information will also be made available. Lunch included!

Stay tuned for further details! Contact us at [thedeaneryproject@gmail.com](mailto:thedeaneryproject@gmail.com) to enrol.

All the best,

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### **We are inviting you and your association to participate in our Earth Day event 6 until 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22 at the Merigomish School House. The format will be casual and friendly, informative and fun.**

You have been chosen because of your activities and experience in the environmental field and we are hoping that you will be able to join us with pamphlets, displays, interactive activities and some of your great ideas to share with the community. Tables are free for display and vendors.

The Solar Light Classroom Café will be offering healthy snacks for sale.

Earth Day themed books will be shared with youngsters, and recycling crafts are planned for all ages to take part in.

The acoustic stage is open to all for a public address or a song, tune or skit that reflects your environmental ideology.

## **We'd love for you to have your say !**

If you have any questions or suggestions, or to confirm you can join us, please contact:

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## **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/](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca/projects/hiking-summit/).

*May and onward...*

## **Nordic Poles: Walking for a Healthier Community**

Halifax North West Trails ([www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca](http://www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca)) received funding from Chebucto West Community Health Board through the Nova Scotia Health Authority's 2016 Wellness Fund Grants Program to purchase Nordic Poles. Our community partner is the Keshen Goodman Library, Lacewood Drive, Halifax.

Register with the Library ([902-490-6410](tel:902-490-6410)) for upcoming **Nordic Pole Training Workshops** with certified trainers - poles will be available or bring your own:

Wednesday, May 3: 7-8:30pm

Sunday, May 7: 2:30 - 4:00 (a family session)

Wednesday May 17: 1:00 - 2:30pm

After the Workshops are finished mid-May, borrow poles with your Library card at Keshen Goodman Branch.

Are you looking for interpreted walks or hikes in Halifax?

Check out the website (above) to follow our spring walks and hikes.

Everyone welcome.

## **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](mailto: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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SAVE THE DATE: The **Eastern Shore Joint Emergency Management Team** will be hosting their annual JEM Jamboree on **Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. This event will be held at the Porters Lake Superstore parking lot (5240 Highway #7, Porters Lake, NS).

This is a community awareness project whereby local residents can receive helpful information from a host of services on how they can better prepare themselves, their families and their pets for any type of emergency.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**

#### **WRITERS NEEDED**

<https://GoodWork.ca/931693>

Sharing Success Stories about the Environment to Inspire Action

Position: Guest Writers

Type: volunteer

Publication: Positive Planet

Location: virtual / anywhere

Guest write for Positive Planet!

We are looking for guest writers to contribute a monthly post. We want contributors from all over, so we get a diverse range of positive stories.

Contact me with a short explanation of why you want to write about positive environmental stories.

Positive Planet: <http://positiveplanet.ca>

Contact: <http://positiveplanet.ca/contact>

**Position:** Program Support Assistant with the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation

Location: Halifax, NS

Salary: \$14.00/hour

Hours per week: 37.5

Application deadline: April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 11:59 pm, AST

Interviewing: April 27<sup>th</sup>

Anticipated start date: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Anticipated end date: August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Full details here: [www.acic-caci.org/jobs](http://www.acic-caci.org/jobs)

#### **Unique summer job**

Position: Natural history and homestead summer position

Type: summer job / summer student position

Organization: Harrison Lewis Coastal Discovery Centre

Location: South Shore Nova Scotia, near Port Joli

Available May: Help develop and deliver natural history and small farm and homestead skills workshops and projects at the Harrison Lewis Coastal Discovery Centre field station on Nova Scotia's South Shore.

Seeking returning, post-secondary students who thrive on variety, being outdoors in a rural seaside environment, helping people of all ages experience nature, and who don't mind occasionally working hard and getting their hands dirty.

Good communication skills (oral, written, e-media) and ability to laugh when things go haywire are important for everyone working at this field station in Sandy Bay, E. Port L'Hebert, two hours west of Halifax.

Want to know more? Contact [dvledit@eastlink.ca](mailto:dvledit@eastlink.ca) with note of interest and resume. (PS: We support honours projects relating to purposes of the Centre.) <http://GoodWork.ca/907593>

#### **Position: National Director of Trail / Directeur National du Sentier**

Organization: Trans Canada Trail <http://www.thegreattrail.ca>

Location: Montreal or home office, with national travel

The Trans Canada Trail (TCT) / Sentier Transcanadien (STC) when fully connected, will be the world's longest and grandest recreational trail. It is currently used by millions of Canadians and international visitors to experience our country's legendary wilderness, cycle historic rail trails, explore provincial and territorial capitals, canoe the routes of early explorers, visit national and provincial parks and historic sites, commute to and from work, and enjoy the benefits of safe, healthy, active living. By Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017, the Trail will stretch over 24,000 kilometres from coast to coast to coast, linking millions of Canadians and celebrating our natural and cultural heritage. Today 90% of the Trail is developed. See full details here: <https://GoodWork.ca/986593>

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:***

#### **2017 Hawboldt Environmental Studies Bursary (\$500)**

Applications due by May 31, 2017. The recipient of this bursary will: Be a resident of the Annapolis River watershed; Be graduating from a high school (or equivalency) in the Annapolis River watershed in the year of award; Be enrolled and attend post-secondary studies (e.g. College or University) related to environmental studies/science in September following high school graduation. Visit [www.annapolisriver.ca/bursary](http://www.annapolisriver.ca/bursary)

**Youth Leading Environmental Change, now accepting applications.** (Digby, Annapolis, Kings Counties): This is a free experiential environmental education program for youth in the Annapolis watershed (roughly Digby through Berwick). Activities and training run from May through October 2017. Limited number of spaces available to be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Information and registration forms available at [www.annapolisriver.ca/ylec](http://www.annapolisriver.ca/ylec)

Hello,

**Are you aware of an upcoming decision by the Minister of Agriculture to permit Ontario beehives to be trucked to NS for pollination this season?**

Ontario has small hive beetle, and we do NOT want that pest here! In addition, it seems crazy for the government to fund pollination expansion in this province and then allow special permits for beekeepers in other (especially "pest-ier")

jurisdictions to fill NS pollination contracts....even though the NS Beekeepers Association says there are clearly enough hives in NS to do the job.

Re. Small Hive Beetle -- these hive pests harass the bees, and their maggots slime the honey, thus ruining it. Small-scale beekeepers such as ourselves will be the most negatively impacted by the introduction of the beetle.

I've started an Avaaz **petition**. The language is a bit sensationalist but I was trying to be factual + click-baity at the same time.

Please sign and share!! We will need a lot of signatures and shares if there is any hope to stop the importation. Share on Facebook and email.

[https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Nova\\_Scotia\\_Premier\\_Stephen\\_McNeil\\_Protect\\_Nova\\_Scotia\\_Honey\\_Bees\\_and\\_bee\\_keepers\\_from\\_new\\_threats/?preview=live](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Nova_Scotia_Premier_Stephen_McNeil_Protect_Nova_Scotia_Honey_Bees_and_bee_keepers_from_new_threats/?preview=live)

Thanks so much,  
Michelle

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Michelle McPherson, MSc  
Apiculture + Ecology + Education  
[www.mcphersonconservation.com](http://www.mcphersonconservation.com)

### **Call for Nominations of Canadian Experts – Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors and Review Editors for IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land**

Deadline: May 1, 2017

This is a call for nominations of Canadian experts to be considered for participation as Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs), Lead Authors (LAs), and Review Editors for the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's](#) (IPCC) *Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems*. The outline of the Special Report is available [here](#).

CLAs and LAs will attend four author meetings between 2017 and 2019 and possibly other chapter drafting meetings. In addition, selected authors may also be expected to attend sessions of the IPCC and its Working Groups in 2019 to finalize the Summary for Policy Makers. Authors are responsible for drafting the different chapters of the Special Report and making revisions to address comments received during the expert review and governments review process. Review Editors ensure that all comments are considered by the authors. The time commitment is less than that for Lead Authors but will include attendance at two Lead Authors meetings between 2017 and 2018.

**NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS:** If you wish to be nominated for participation as a CLA, LA or Review Editor, please complete the attached nomination form and return it along with your English Curriculum Vitae (max. 4 pages) to [ec.giec-](mailto:ec.giec-ipcc.ec@canada.ca)

[ipcc.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ipcc.ec@canada.ca) by 5:00pm pacific standard time on May 1, 2017. Please use the following format to name files:

LastName\_FirstInitial.xls

**SELECTION PROCESS:** 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 participate as Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors, and Review Editors 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 group of selected authors will aim to reflect the range of scientific, technical and socio-economic expertise; 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 CLAs, LAs, and Review Editors are detailed 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 Oceans and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate**

Deadline: April 26, 2017

This is a call for nominations of Canadian experts to be considered for participation as Coordinating Lead Authors (CLAs), Lead Authors (LAs), and Review Editors for the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's](#) (IPCC) *Special Report on Oceans and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate*. The outline of the Special Report is available [here](#).

CLAs and LAs will attend four author meetings between 2017 and 2019 and possibly other chapter drafting meetings. In addition, selected authors may also be expected to attend sessions of the IPCC and its Working Groups in 2019 to finalize the Summary for Policy Makers. Authors are responsible for drafting the different chapters of the Special Report and making revisions to address comments received during the expert review and governments review process. Review Editors ensure that all comments are considered by the authors. The time commitment is less than that for Lead Authors but will include attendance at two Lead Authors meetings between 2017 and 2018.

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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](http://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](mailto:kathy@transformevents.ca)

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

**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://sackvillerrivers.ns.ca/>.



Hi, this might be of interest to NSEN members and friends:

I've attached a sign proof (to be in Green print only ) that is 16" x 24" on a corrugated plastic sheet so that it can stand up well over several years of being exposed to weather. Available after April 3rd. Available for a donation of \$ 6.00 ea. incl hst . fob Tatamagouche, N.S. Posts of 1 x 2 x 32 " are \$ 1.50 each extra. Assembled total \$ 8.00 hst incl. Email orders to; [donwilson@gmail.com](mailto:donwilson@gmail.com). After the next 3 weeks we will have some other locations for pickup around Nova Scotia. Group orders for 15 + signs to one location served by a courier or Canada Post location are Prepaid. Let's send this Government a message before the next election.

-- Thanks,

Don Wilson - Cell Tel [1 902 662 4190](tel:19026624190)

12 Maclew Road , RR 1

Brule Point, N.S. B0K1V0

**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 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](#). Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Seeya there!

**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/](http://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 (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=](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.

### 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](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.

#### 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](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).

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).

## Chemicals Management Plan Science Committee

Health Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada are seeking applicants to participate in the Second Term of the Chemicals Management Plan Science Committee. The Call for Representation is now open, until **April 30, 2017**.

[www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/sc-cs/index-eng.php](http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/sc-cs/index-eng.php)

In addition, please note the following documents that are currently open for public comment. If you would like a Webinar on any of these or previously mentioned substances, please let us know!

### Aromatic Azo and Benzidine-based Substances

The final screening assessment for Certain Azo Disperse Dyes of the Aromatic Azo and Benzidine-based Substance Grouping was published. A proposed risk management approach document for Disperse Yellow 3 was also published for a 60-day public comment period ending on **May 10, 2017**. [www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/group/azo\\_benzidine/dyes-colorants-eng.php](http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/group/azo_benzidine/dyes-colorants-eng.php)

A consultation document on the options for addressing Aromatic Azo and Benzidine-based Substances with effects of concern was published for a 60-day public comment period ending on **May 10, 2017**.

[www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/group/azo\\_benzidine/index-eng.php](http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/group/azo_benzidine/index-eng.php)

### PREPOD

A Consultation Document on the development of a Pollution Prevention (P2) Planning Notice for PREPOD was published for a 60-day public comment period ending on **May 14, 2017**.

[www.ec.gc.ca/planp2-p2plan/default.asp?lang=En&n=4957CADB-1](http://www.ec.gc.ca/planp2-p2plan/default.asp?lang=En&n=4957CADB-1)

### Formaldehyde

A Notice of intent regarding the initiation of the development of proposed regulations respecting formaldehyde emission standards for composite wood products to help reduce exposure to formaldehyde emissions from certain wood products produced domestically or imported into Canada was published for a 60-day public comment period ending on **May 17, 2017**.

[www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/approach-approche/formaldehyde-eng.php](http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/approach-approche/formaldehyde-eng.php)

### Polymers

The draft screening assessment for the second phase of polymer rapid screening was published for a 60-day public comment period ending on **May 17, 2017**

Canada Gazette Notice: [www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-03-18/html/notice-avis-eng.php#ne2](http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-03-18/html/notice-avis-eng.php#ne2)

Draft Screening Assessment: [www.ec.gc.ca/ese-ees/default.asp?lang=En&n=AEB2C55B-1](http://www.ec.gc.ca/ese-ees/default.asp?lang=En&n=AEB2C55B-1)

All the best,

Liz Smith and Jane O'Rourke

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[www.facebook.com/cnhhe](http://www.facebook.com/cnhhe)

*When you can't breathe, nothing else matters | À bout de souffle, rien ne va plus.*

This is to advise that on March 23, 2017 Lafarge Canada Inc. registered the proposed **Lower Carbon Fuel: Tire Derived Fuel (TDF) System for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act**.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to construct and operate a system to use scrap tires, in place of coal or petroleum coke, as a low carbon fuel in Kiln #2 at their Brookfield Cement Plant located in the community of Pleasant Valley, approximately 13 km southeast of Truro, Nova Scotia in the Municipality of the County of Colchester. Pending approval to proceed, construction is anticipated to commence mid 2017 with operations to begin in late 2017.

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

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Hi All

This sounds like one of those subject headings that you want to ignore, but if you read this far, you did not. This is a project my son has been working on for 7 years, starting with an awarding winning documentary film, and it is pretty amazing (I know I am biased but).

*Siku* brings together Inuit communities in the North through a web network that integrates indigenous knowledge, science, technology, culture, curriculum and community. It is a program of the Arctic Eider Society, and is a top ten finalist in the Google Impact Challenge for Canadian non-profits across all sectors. The top five get \$750,000 for their program.

Please watch [this video](#) to appreciate the great work. Vote for it if you choose for the Google Challenge.

Also you can come to the workshop at the [EECOM 2017 See Change Conference](#) and learn more about it.

Thank you

Alan

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#### **Environmental News:**

The April 2017 Newsletter of the **Halifax North West Trails Association** can be found [here](#).

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.

Thank you for your continued interest in our monthly e-newsletter, the **Coastal Update**! Our March 2017 edition is now available and ready for you to view—see attached! You can also find the latest issue [online](#), or through our social media channels—[Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

We are still looking for feedback on our newsletter and hope that you would take a few moments to please visit our short survey and let us know what you think. The survey can be found at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KPQ7NZ7>.

As always, thank you in advance for sharing the Coastal Update with your networks and for taking the time to provide any feedback!

**The Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership** newsletter is here: [http://www.bofef.org/wpbofef/?page\\_id=416](http://www.bofef.org/wpbofef/?page_id=416)

#### **Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication (EECOM) Spring eeNewsletter**

With the seasonal changes, an abundance of environmental learning opportunities have emerged! We hope you enjoy this seasonal update.

[EECOM 2017 Conference: Secure your spot to ride the tides of change!](#)

[CaNOE: In the Sunshine](#)

[Professional Development Opportunities](#)

[Grants & Awards](#)

[Career Opportunities](#)

[Other Canada-wide Opportunities](#)

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#### **Climate Change Steady Progress, Nature Spending Deficit Continues in 2017 Budget**

Sierra Club Canada Foundation (SCCF) is pleased to see a sustained commitment to green energy, transit, efficiency, building codes, and climate adaptation in the Liberal's 2017 Budget, released yesterday in Ottawa.



"We were looking for continued focus on shifting away from dangerous fossil fuels, and this will be occurring through a focus on renewables, efficiency, transit, re-training for people out of work in the fossil fuel sector," according to Gretchen Fitzgerald, SCCF National Program Director. "There is also support for transmission grid and \$11 million to help transition off of coal. This could help provinces like Nova Scotia, who are resistant to shutting down coal, to shut down their coal fired plants."

Support for \$700 million to remote and rural communities to develop clean energy solutions, efforts to include indigenous knowledge holders in climate change adaptation and resilience were also positive steps. A five-year, \$25 million pilot program to develop an Indigenous Guardians Network in association with land stewardship and parks is a positive development, according to the SCCF.

On a less positive note, the government has stepped back from previous commitments to phase out fossil fuel subsidies, particularly incomprehensible in light of its commitment to put a price on carbon. These subsidies cost Canadians \$1.8 billion every year in government revenue, in addition to contributing to impacts of climate change and diverting valuable resources, innovation, and people from the clean energy sector.

"Slight changes in how exploration programs are taxed over time are a drop in the bucket," according to Fitzgerald. "If we are going to start taxing carbon it's time to stop using government revenue to subsidize it."

Natural spaces and wildlife protection got less financial support in the 2017 Budget, which is widely considered to be a "steady as she goes" document as the federal government seeks to adapt to the Trump presidency.

"Our work to protect green spaces in urban and suburban areas will be buoyed by continued commitment to green infrastructure. And there is a laudable re-iteration of our commitment to protect biodiversity and expand our network for nature and wildlife, but this commitment did not translate to the balance sheet," according to Fitzgerald. "Just as the government is playing catch-up for decades of inaction on climate change, we now need to turn to addressing critical deficits in protecting nature. We will be looking for the government to ramp up efforts to protect our land, oceans and wildlife and meet our international commitments in the year ahead."

"We had hoped to see more efforts to protect endangered species like the blue whale and important marine ecosystems like the Gulf of St. Lawrence. A commitment to a marine park at the Îles de la Madeleine plateau was reiterated in the Budget, but we saw little to ramp up much-needed protection for threatened species and spaces. Expanding ocean protection by declaring the area off limits to oil and gas exploration is the only way to ensure such protection actually works."

"We also wanted to see greater protection of the Great Lakes and freshwater, particularly in light of the proposed gutting of environmental protection south of the border. There was funding to address the growing threat of aquatic invasive species, but nothing near the funds needed to protect freshwater systems that Canadians rely on."

Other highlights:

- Continued commitment to a carbon price and a Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change
- \$30 million to help Alberta deal with abandoned wells
- Support for electric and hydrogen fueling stations and commitment to develop greenhouse gas regulations in the marine, rail, aviation and vehicle sectors.
- \$2 billion to help mitigate disasters related to impacts of climate change and \$47 million to address health impacts of climate change
- \$2 million to establish a Chief Science Advisor & secretariat to ensure scientific information is available to the public, and that government scientist can speak freely about their work.

"The budget states that the world is "undeniably" moving toward cleaner energy sources. In the months ahead we will see if the government will continue in its commitment to combat climate change, support the transition of people and technology in the clean energy sector and up its game to protect wilderness and biodiversity," according to Fitzgerald.

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