



Nova Scotia  
Environmental Network  
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

## *Eco Connections Newsletter May 2017*

### *Welcome!*

Below you will find **events** (starting on page 2), various **jobs postings** (page 7), lots of **opportunities** to have your voice heard (page 10), and **news** (page 15). *Eco Connections* is published on a monthly basis around the middle of each month. To have your submissions included or to receive the *Eco Connections* directly, email: [nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com).

### *Get in touch!*

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

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

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

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

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

### **STAND UP AND BE COUNTED**

Renew your membership, let your fellow organizations know about us! The bigger our numbers, stronger our voice! There is a lot of enthusiasm for re-energizing the network, membership is key. If your membership has lapsed please renew or if you know of other organizations who are new or newly forming please encourage them to renew. **Do you see your events listed below? Then please support the work!** ☺

We would like to reemphasize that numbers count- the number of organizations and number of members per group. Please let us know of your membership numbers since this is a number we can show put a high priority on the environment. There are many opportunities for open dialogue and working in partnership across the province. Help us build our numbers and expertise. JOIN TODAY! See details of benefits and how to join here: <http://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/how-to-join>.

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

### **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 ESWECC meeting will be a Summer Solstice Gathering at the Deanery, June 16<sup>th</sup>. 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://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/esec/>

## Upcoming Member Events & Events of Interest

### May

The Ecology Action Centre, Sierra Club Canada Atlantic Chapter, and East Coast Environmental Law are hosting an **environmental issues debate**.

Tuesday, May 16th from 10:00 - 11:30  
Alumni Hall, University of King's College,  
6350 Coburg Rd., Halifax

[Facebook Event](#)

Join us! This is your opportunity to learn about the parties' positions on the environment and ask questions. Candidates will debate healthy communities, environmental rights, climate change, sustainable transportation, and protection of coasts and wilderness.

**We invite parents, teachers and all others who strive to create everyday connections between youth and nature to join us for this workshop. May 16th at Shambhala School from 7-8pm**

Shambhala School teacher and outdoor educator, Brin Jones will explore the following questions:

How do youth benefit from being outside?

What counts as outside time?

How do we incorporate more outside time in our busy schedules?

How do we get more families and children comfortable with being outside?

This workshop will be both informative and experiential, please dress in warm comfortable clothing as we may spend part of our time together outside.

This event is free of charge. Please email [events@shambhalaschool.org](mailto:events@shambhalaschool.org) to register.

[Creating everyday connection between youth and nature](#)

**The Halifax Regional Municipality is conducting the third and final phase of public engagement for the Halifax Green Network Plan**, a decision-making framework for the conservation of a region-wide network of open space. A number of planning and implementation directions have been drafted using public input and study results from the earlier phases of work and are contained in the newly released Halifax Green Network Plan Primer Report. More information on the Halifax Green Network Plan is available online at [www.halifax.ca/HalifaxGreenNetwork](http://www.halifax.ca/HalifaxGreenNetwork).

Public engagement for this phase will be launched with a series of public meetings across HRM and online engagement. Input from the public will help refine the planning directions and develop more detailed recommendations and actions for the final Plan. Once approved, the Halifax Green Network Plan will guide the Municipality and landowners in determining where and how open space should be conserved for multiple environmental, social, cultural and economic benefits including:

- Ecosystems & Biodiversity
- Working Landscapes
- Recreation and Trails
- Community Shaping, and
- Cultural Landscapes

The public meetings across the Region start next week in Dartmouth and will include a presentation of the work to date followed by a Q&A period and interactive open house session.

The following meetings are being held:

Date	Time	Location
May 15	6:00 – 8:00 pm	NSCC Waterfront Campus (Presentation Theatre) 80 Mawiomi Place, Dartmouth
May 16	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Atlantica Hotel Halifax (Guild Hall) 1980 Robie Street
May 17	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Ecole Secondaire du Sommet (Auditorium) – 500 Larry Uteck Boulevard, Halifax
May 31	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sir John A. MacDonald High School, 31 Scholars Rd, Upper Tantallon
June 07	6:00 – 8:00pm	Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre & Cultural Centre, 12390 Hwy 224, Middle Musquodboit
June 08	6:00 – 8:00pm	Sheet Harbour Lions Club, 183 Pool Rd, Sheet Harbour

June 12	6:00 – 8:00pm	Old School Community Gathering Place, 7962 Hwy 7 Musquodoboit Harbour
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### **Nordic Pole Training Workshop**

Keshen Goodman Library

Wednesday, May 17, 1-2:30pm; Register at 902-490-6410

Poles will be ready to borrow with your Library card for 3 weeks like a book, after the Workshop. 16 pairs have been donated to the Library by Halifax North West Trails and a grant from the NS Health Authority and the Chebucto West Community Health Board. Walk on the local trails and learn about a new skill for an active lifestyle.

### **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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**Friday May 19, 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM** <https://www.facebook.com/events/270369043423804/>

**Screening of *Green Rights: The Human Right to a Healthy World*** <http://www.greenrights.com>

Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St., Mahone Bay

Co-sponsored by the Friends of Nature <http://www.friends-of-nature.ca> and the South Shore Chapter of the Council of Canadians. [southshore.coc@gmail.com](mailto:southshore.coc@gmail.com)

Hosted by film writer and narrator Silver Donald Cameron. Admission is by donation. Light refreshments will be available.

### **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).

### **Wilderness & Remote First Aid Certification Course (Canadian Red Cross) with Adventure + Safety Atlantic May 26th-28th**

This 20 hour Canadian Red Cross certification course will be taught by Adventure & Safety Atlantic over three days and two nights here at The Deanery.

Through reality-based scenarios, participants will explore remote first aid realities, learning essential leadership skills, and management of environmental threats. Emphasis is on practical skills, decision making, and dealing with possible outdoor incidents during the day and at night.

Course registration is \$350, including all meals and accommodations (with bursaries, and membership discounts available).

To register contact [thedeaneryproject@gmail.com](mailto:thedeaneryproject@gmail.com) (902.845.1888) or complete [this form](#).

Adventure + Safety Atlantic's Webpage [Here](#)

### **Wilderness + Remote First Aid Red Cross Certification at The Deanery Project**

This 20 hour Canadian Red Cross certification course will be taught by Adventure & Safety Atlantic over 3 days and two nights here at The Deanery.

Through reality-based scenarios participants will explore remote first aid realities, learning essential leadership skills, and management of environmental threats. Emphasis is on practical skills, decision making, and dealing with the outdoors.

Course registration is \$350, including all meals and accommodations (with bursaries, and membership discounts available).

To register complete this form ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8T7s\\_dInpSwG-TVToih3rOWCajL-4tHjRul6B1AXIhxLiQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8T7s_dInpSwG-TVToih3rOWCajL-4tHjRul6B1AXIhxLiQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)) or contact [thedeaneryproject@gmail.com](mailto:thedeaneryproject@gmail.com) (902.845.1888)

**Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust** is hosting the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual **May Fair in the Park**, Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 p.m.

Come one. Come all to Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual May Fair event with a BBQ, face painting, games, nature scavenger hunt and fun for the whole family. Learn about the news of the Trust and other sister organizations while enjoying some time outdoors. In case of rain, events will be moved to the nearby Estabrooks Community Hall, Lewis Lake. Everyone is welcome. Free event.

*June and onward...*

### **Outdoor Network Unama'ki Cape Breton Collaboratory: June 1, Sydney**

TD Bank presents the NS Outdoor Network - Unama'ki Cape Breton Collaboratory in Sydney on June 1, 2017. This event is a

regional gathering of the outdoor community, taking place from 10 am to 1 pm at Cape Breton University in Sydney (Multipurpose Room B). Participants must register by May 26 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GTFMWFP>. This is a free event including coffee/tea and a nutrition break. The event aims to build a provincial network by gathering and connecting local stakeholders to share resources, learn from one another and talk about stewardship and more. The collaboratory is for professionals and volunteers interested in the outdoors including outdoor recreation providers, outdoor educators, nature-based tourism operators, park planners, public health, active living, etc. The NS Outdoor Network is a project of Recreation Nova Scotia ([www.nsoutdoornetwork.ca](http://www.nsoutdoornetwork.ca)). The event is a partnership of TD Bank, Recreation Nova Scotia, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Unama'ki Cape Breton Outdoor Network.

### **Results-Based Management Training Opportunity**

This workshop will present an overview of how to develop comprehensive Global Affairs Canada (GAC) proposals in health, including tips and insights from the presenters experience in developing numerous proposals. It will walk through the unsolicited proposal template of GAC and provide critical considerations to include in your proposals. The workshop format will include an interactive forum to enhance proposal development. It is expected that participants already have a general understanding of the template and the various funding mechanisms at GAC. The workshop will also provide an overview of GAC's updated Results Based Management (RBM) framework. Please note that the workshop is open to and will be of interest to organizations and individuals not exclusively focused on health.

The workshop will be facilitated by Tariq Bhanjee who has worked in international development and public health since 2000 in over 20 countries. Through a rights based approach and by applying results based management, Tariq has supported over 30 NGOs and secured over 150 million dollars in funding from a range of donors including Global Affairs Canada, EU, USAID, CDC and multilateral agencies

**Date: Thursday, June 1, 2017 from 8:30am - 12:30pm**

Location: Dalhousie University, Halifax

To register, please click here: <http://www.acic-caci.org/our-work/workshop-health-proposal-writing-for-global-affairs.html>

This event is free for ACIC Members in good standing and members of CanWaCH.

Space is limited to 30 participants. A very limited number of travel subsidies are available, based on need. Please contact me at [jennifer@acic-caci.org](mailto:jennifer@acic-caci.org) if you would like to be considered for a travel subsidy. Please note that **ACIC will confirm your acceptance in this workshop**. Please do not book travel or accommodation prior to receiving an acceptance notice.

**Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust** is hosting the Annual **Warbler Walk**, Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Join other early risers for a nature walk through Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park led by avid local birder Hans Toom. New this year, members of the Nova Scotia Wild Flora Society will also join the walk to help identify wild flowers along the way. Expect to be walking about three hours. This event is not suitable for young children. Bring water, snacks and wear appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear. Meet in the picnic area at 7 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Free event.

### **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)

### **Hike NS's schedule of courses and workshops are now available for 2017. Our offerings include:**

Re-Connecting with Nature Workshops: <https://www.hikenovascotia.ca/courses--workshops--re-connecting/>

Field Leader - Hiking Courses: <https://www.hikenovascotia.ca/courses--workshops--field-leader--hiking/>

Field Leader - Winter Module: <https://www.hikenovascotia.ca/courses--workshops--field-leader--winter/>

Field Leader - Overnight Module: <https://www.hikenovascotia.ca/courses--workshops--field-leader--overnight/>

Navigation Maps & Compass Course: <https://www.hikenovascotia.ca/courses--workshops--navigation/>

WILD Connect Course: <https://www.hikenovascotia.ca/courses--workshops--wild-connect/>

**The Zero Waste Ontario 2017 Conference is only five weeks away.** Don't miss out on this important opportunity, featuring Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, who will outline the new Waste Free Ontario Act, and 12 panelists, who will discuss how we can move towards a Circular Economy.

To make things easier, the advance registration fee of \$250 plus HST has been extended to May 19.

The conference needs your voice. Please register today by going to our website, [www.zerowasteontarioconference.ca](http://www.zerowasteontarioconference.ca)

### **Waterlution Event - June 10th**

Waterlution is organising a place-making art in celebration of water on the Halifax Waterfront near the wave on June 10th, part of Rivers to Oceans Week. We will be collecting stories about water bodies for #mywatermark and are looking to engage youth in leading the activity and members of the public walking by. It is in partnership with the **Re-imagining Atlantic Harbours program of Sierra Club and launch of a citizen science kiosk**. We are looking for volunteers, especially youth!

Learn more here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/247223249073072/>

We have a gift card of \$50 to Headshoppe that people can enter to win after participating in the activity! Contact [a.bucklan@gmail.com](mailto:a.bucklan@gmail.com) to find out more and sign up.

### **Bicycle Carnival Saturday June 10th, 12:00-18:00**

A Deanery classic, the Bicycle Carnival returns this spring! With an emphasis on all-ages fun, skill building, and carbon-neutral transportation, the Bicycle Carnival is a fantastic combination of all things "Deanery".

Bring out your bike, or borrow one of ours; this year's carnival will offer great food, group rides, clinics, a tune-up shop, performances, crafts, and so much more!

Preregistration isn't required, but is appreciated ([you can do so here](#)). Visit our website and facebook page for details in the coming weeks!

Admission: \$5 kids, \$10 adults, \$25 for families. Food costs additional.

### **Halifax North West Trails Annual General Meeting**

Keshen Goodman Library

Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30pm

Learn more about this active trails and hiking group in Mainland North, including the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park. New Board members are welcome as we make plans for trail maintenance and stewardship in the months ahead.

[www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca](http://www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca) for more details or to volunteer. We need your help!

### **Green Woodworking Workshop with Little Foot Yurts**

Saturday June 17th, 10:00- 17:00

An introduction to woodland skills for working with green wood, and coppicing to create low impact forest resources with Alex & Selene Cole of Little Foot Yurts.

This hands on workshop will include: erecting a yurt, pole shaving, coppice harvest, and building a green woodworking shelter.

Learn about tools, and traditional forest management techniques.

Leave with a self-made wooden mallet to aid in future greenwood and yurt building adventures!

Registration fee \$80 includes lunch and materials. To register, complete [this form](#), or email [thedeaneryproject@gmail.com](mailto:thedeaneryproject@gmail.com).

### **Dialogue for Peaceful Change: Community Conflict Mediation**

Is conflict affecting your group or family and making it difficult to move forward? Are you losing volunteers and staff due to conflicts and tension? Internationally accredited program to transform conflicts into opportunities for growth and deeper understanding. Learn and practice these effective tools and strategies and transform the conflicts in your life, family, organization, and community. Facilitators: Steve Law & Ishbel Munro. Program cost: \$650

**Where:** George Dixon Centre, Halifax, NS

**When:** June 19-23, 2017

For more information and to register contact: [info@emerge-international.com](mailto:info@emerge-international.com) or call [1-902-921-4014](tel:1-902-921-4014)

### **Permaculture Design Certification Intensive (with P3 Permaculture) August 14th-27th**

Back by popular demand, P3 will be returning this summer to lead a two-week, internationally recognized Permaculture Design Certification Course.

From the P3 Website:

This course aims to equip students to feel confident in their ability to design positive solutions in their gardens, in their communities, and in their own lives. At P3 Permaculture we emphasize that permaculture goes beyond agriculture; permaculture is a holistic design system that we can apply on any scale and in any situation.

The first principle of permaculture is "Observe and Interact." Close observation of the natural principles that drive ecological systems is one of the cornerstones of permaculture. In permaculture we believe that nature knows best, and that designs based on earth's logic is the best way to heal broken systems.



Our curriculum pays particular attention to energy, water, and food systems, as well as various aspects of social permaculture including social economies, and self and community care. For more information, or to register, visit P3's [webpage](#) for the event.

Course registration fee includes meals and accommodations for two weeks, in addition to all course supplies.

**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](#)

**What are Forests For?:** Join Atlantic forestry's "Three amigos for healthy forests" for an outstanding woodlot workshop **July 28-30** at the **Harrison Lewis Centre**. Author **Jamie Simpson** (Restoring the Acadian Forest), naturalist **Donna Crossland**, and forest carbon sequestration pioneer **Dale Prest**, for a weekend addressing the many ways forests benefit society – while imparting practical knowledge for understanding and managing your own woodlot. \$325 covers tuition, a bunk bed two nights, home-cooked meals, and an amazing opportunity to spend time with three excellent, engaging communicators. Register soon at [www.HarrisonLewisCentre.org](http://www.HarrisonLewisCentre.org). The small class, limited to 15, is filling fast. For more information phone [902-646-1554](tel:902-646-1554).

### **Job Postings**

**Position: Environmental researcher/advisor** <http://FoodWork.ca/950404>

Organization: LEAF (Leaders in Environmentally Accountable Foodservice)

Location: anywhere in Canada

Please send application to: [info@leafme.ca](mailto:info@leafme.ca)

Application Deadline: 11:59pm PST on May 15th, 2017.

**Position: Senior Coordinator, Network & Policy Development (maternity leave)** <http://FoodWork.ca/910204>

Organization: Our Food Project, Ecology Action Centre

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

DUE DATE: Thursday, May 18, 2017 by 4 pm. Please note that the position will remain open until filled.

**Position: Outreach Coordinator** <https://GoodWork.ca/969304>

Type: summer job / summer student position

Organization: Halifax Cycling Coalition

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Please send application to [contact@cyclehalifax.ca](mailto:contact@cyclehalifax.ca) by Monday, May 22nd, 2017 at 11:59pm.

### **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: 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.

**Position: Youth Advisory Board Members - The Great Waters Challenge** <https://GoodWork.ca/948204>

Organization: Waterlution

Location: from home, anywhere in Canada

Waterlution is seeking youth advisory board (YAB) members for the Great Waters Challenge. Waterlution is looking for young leaders from across Canada to join this youth-led water initiative for its second year (Term : July 2017 - March 2018)

English: <https://goo.gl/forms/hlHK98MoY7VwWzHA3>

French: <https://goo.gl/forms/X6BOWkeDju8ZlqU72>

The deadline to apply is June 29, 2017. The number of Youth Advisory Board members to be selected is between 10-20 depending on quality of applications and geographic representation. All applicants notified of outcome: July 17th 2017

Questions? Please contact Dona Geagea, Great Waters Challenge Project Lead at [dona@waterlution.org](mailto:dona@waterlution.org) .

**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)

**North River Kayak Tours & River Nest Cabins** <https://GoodWork.ca/962304>

Base Manager Position

Position: North River Kayak Tours & Cabins Base Manager

Type: full-time seasonal/summer, rustic accommodations (see below)

Organization: North River Kayak Tours

Location: Baddeck, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

**Position: Marketing & Administrative Coordinator** <http://FoodWork.ca/942304>

Type: 1 year contract, 30 hrs/week (eligibility requirements, see link)

Organization: Farmers' Markets of Nova Scotia Cooperative

Location: Pictou County, Nova Scotia

30 hours per week

Please email a cover letter and resume, including 2 references, to Keltie Butler at:

[FMNS@farmersmarketsnovascotia.ca](mailto:FMNS@farmersmarketsnovascotia.ca)

Please submit your application in the form of a single pdf document with all required elements included and in the following order: cover letter, resume, references. Supporting documents to illustrate technical skills and/or experience in photography, videography, graphic design, etc. are requested.

DUE DATE: May 28th, 2017 (midnight).

**Position: Workshop Coordinator** <http://FoodWork.ca/941304>

Type: summer job / summer student position

Organization: The Loaded Ladle

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Applications are due on May 31st 2017 at 4pm. Interviews will take place between June 5-9th 2017. This is a 8 week contract, with a start date of June 12th, 2017.

Applications can be sent to: [info@loadedladle.com](mailto:info@loadedladle.com) (cover letter and resume in single file)

**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)

Here is the latest news from the Chemicals Management Plan. / Voici les Dernières nouvelles sur le plan de gestion des produits chimiques :

The Draft Screening Assessment for **Phenacetin** was released for a 60-day public comment period **ending June 14, 2017**. Phenacetin is used in hair bleaches, hair coloring preparations, hair shampoos (coloring), and permanent waves .

**Draft Screening Assessment:** [www.ec.gc.ca/ese-ees/default.asp?lang=En&n=7B9F0029-1](http://www.ec.gc.ca/ese-ees/default.asp?lang=En&n=7B9F0029-1)

**Canada Gazette Notice:** [www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-04-15/html/notice-avis-eng.php#ne3](http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-04-15/html/notice-avis-eng.php#ne3)

All comments must cite the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, and the date of publication of this notice and be sent to the Executive Director, Program Development and Engagement Division, Department of the Environment, Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H3, by fax to [819-938-5212](tel:819-938-5212), or by email to [eccc.substances.eccc@canada.ca](mailto:eccc.substances.eccc@canada.ca).

L'ébauche d'évaluation préalable pour la **phénacétine** a été publiée pour une période de commentaires du public de 60 jours **prenant fin le 14 juin 2017**. Phénacétine est utilisée dans les décolorants capillaires, des préparations colorantes capillaires, des shampooings (colorants) et des produits pour permanente.

**Ébauche d'évaluation préalable :** [www.ec.gc.ca/ese-ees/default.asp?lang=Fr&n=7B9F0029-1](http://www.ec.gc.ca/ese-ees/default.asp?lang=Fr&n=7B9F0029-1)

**Avis dans la Gazette du Canada :** [www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-04-15/html/notice-avis-fra.php#ne3](http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-04-15/html/notice-avis-fra.php#ne3)

Tous les commentaires doivent mentionner la Partie I de la *Gazette du Canada* et la date de publication du présent avis, et être envoyés au Directeur exécutif, Division de la mobilisation et de l'élaboration de programmes, Environnement Canada, Gatineau (Québec) K1A 0H3, par télécopieur au [819-938-5212](tel:819-938-5212) ou par courriel à [eccc.substances.eccc@canada.ca](mailto:eccc.substances.eccc@canada.ca)

**Asbestos**

A Consultation Document on the proposed regulatory approach to prohibit asbestos and products containing asbestos was published for a 45 day public comment period ending on June 4, 2017.

[www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/chemical-substances/chemicals-management-plan/initiatives/asbestos.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/chemical-substances/chemicals-management-plan/initiatives/asbestos.html)

Comments on the approach set out above can be sent by mail or e-mail to:

Director

Chemical Management Division

Environment and Climate Change Canada

Place Vincent Massey

351 Saint-Joseph Boulevard, 10th Floor

Gatineau, Quebec

K1A 0H3

Email: [ec.amiante-asbestos.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.amiante-asbestos.ec@canada.ca)

### **Amiante**

Un Document de consultation sur l'approche proposée en matière de réglementation pour interdire l'amiante et des produits contenant de l'amiante été publié pour une période de commentaires du public de 45 jours **prenant fin le 4 juin 2017**.

[www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/substances-chimiques/plan-gestion-produits-chimiques/initiatives/amiante.html](http://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/substances-chimiques/plan-gestion-produits-chimiques/initiatives/amiante.html)

Vous pouvez soumettre vos commentaires sur l'approche générale décrite dans cet avis par courrier ou par courriel au :  
Directeur

Division de la gestion des substances chimiques  
Environnement et Changement climatique Canada

Place Vincent Massey

351, boulevard Saint-Joseph, 10<sup>e</sup> étage

Gatineau (Québec)

K1A 0H3

Courriel : [ec.amiante-asbestos.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.amiante-asbestos.ec@canada.ca)

For your information, please be advised the call for nominations for the **Board of Directors for Sierra Club Canada Foundation** has been issued in advance of our Annual General Meeting, taking place in Toronto, Ontario on June 17, 2017. Feel free to find out more details on the nomination process [here](#). Best wishes from all of us at Sierra Club Canada Foundation!

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-bait 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 McPherson, MSc

Apiculture + Ecology + Education

[www.mcphersonconservation.com](http://www.mcphersonconservation.com)

**Green Teacher has recently launched a YouTube Channel.** To date, we've posted 8 videos on our website, with several more in various editing stages. In time, we hope this will grow into a valuable resource for educators. Among those currently posted, are those describing:

- + How Google Earth was used by high school students as part of an invasive species removal project
- + How an elementary school in a northern resource town created partnerships so that their students could explore the natural and cultural environment in their area.
- + How to build better bug houses – and pack waste free lunches.

Check out the posted videos here: <https://greenteacher.com/check-out-these-videos/>

In essence, we're keen to both receive short (i.e. 2-6 minute), practical videos – edited or unedited – from teachers and other youth educators on a wide variety of topics. Like the articles and activities we seek for *Green Teacher* magazine, we're looking for innovative green learning strategies on a wide variety of topics. Your presentation should provide sufficient detail and enough guidance that will enable viewers to replicate the activity in their own

communities. Your video should specify early on the age group for which your learning activity or strategy is most appropriate. For more details of what we're looking for, check out: <https://greenteacher.com/send-us-your-videos/>

Finally, if you see a short enviro-ed video that deserves a wider audience, send us a quick note about it.

Happy spring!

Tim Grant, Editor

Green Teacher

401 Richmond St, S-410

Toronto, ON M5V 3A8

[416-960-1244](tel:416-960-1244), Fax: [416-340-2429](tel:416-340-2429), [tim@greenteacher.com](mailto:tim@greenteacher.com),

### **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.

-- Thanks,

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

12 Maclews 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/](https://www.facebook.com/watchforwildlifens/) Twitter @watch4wildlife

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

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

**Everyone deserves a warm home.**

We all deserve to be comfortable in our home. For homeowners who qualify, the HomeWarming team provides a **free** comprehensive energy audit and works with you to determine the energy efficiency upgrades that make the most sense for your home. Then the team takes care of managing sub-contractors to have the upgrades completed **at no cost to you**. Am I eligible? You can apply if:

- Your combined family income is under the levels shown in the chart to the right
- You own a single-unit home/mobile home located in Nova Scotia and can provide proof of ownership
- You live in your home year-round, it is your primary residence, and you do not plan to sell in the near future
- Your home has not previously received upgrades through HomeWarming or the Low Income Homeowner Service.

# OF PEOPLE LIVING IN YOUR HOME	MAXIMUM ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME (Line 236 from your Tax Notice of Assessment)
1 person	\$21,186
2 to 4 people	\$39,367
5 or more people	\$56,064

Applications can be filled online at [www.homewarmingapply.ca](http://www.homewarmingapply.ca) or downloaded at [www.homewarming.ca](http://www.homewarming.ca)  
 Have questions? Call toll free at [1-877-434-2136](tel:1-877-434-2136) or visit [homewarming.ca](http://homewarming.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).

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

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[902-585-1562](tel:902-585-1562)

This is to advise that on May 8, 2017, Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal registered the **Highway 101 Twinning Three Mile Plains to Falmouth Project for environmental assessment**, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act.

The purpose of the proposed project is to twin and upgrade an existing two-lane section of Highway 101 from Truck 14 (Exit 5) at Three Mile Plains to an area 2.5 km west of the Falmouth Connector (Exit 7) in Hants County, Nova Scotia. The existing highway section to be upgraded and twinned is approximately 9.5 kilometers. The project also includes upgrading of an existing tidal gate structure (aboteau) at the Avon River causeway. Detailed design of the project is expected to be completed in 2018 but some construction could be initiated in the fall of 2017. It is anticipated that construction will take approximately five years.

On May 8, 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 **June 7, 2017** to be considered in this environmental assessment. **Comments are requested to be provided via e-mail if possible.**

On or before June 27, 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,

Helen Yeh

Environmental Assessment Officer

Nova Scotia Environment

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Nova Scotia, B3J 2P8

Phone: [\(902\) 424-1514](tel:902-424-1514)

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e-mail: [Helen.Yeh@novascotia.ca](mailto:Helen.Yeh@novascotia.ca)

### *Environmental News*

May 2017 Newsletter of the **Halifax North West Trail Association** is available [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. Continue to watch our [Website](#) and follow our [Facebook page](#) for photos and more information. Thank you for your continued support of the Trust. We hope to see you as we celebrate several significant achievements over the next few weeks.

- The **Nine Mile River Bridge** project is almost complete. Final installation and securing of the bridge in place across the Nine Mile River is hoped to be completed mid-May, weather depending.
- The **Walking Guide to the Old St. Margaret's Bay Road**, second edition, is printing now and will be ready for distribution later this month. Several book launch events are planned to celebrate with the author and contributors available to sign copies and review the new maps and information with guests. All books are free

although a donation/Membership to the Trust is always appreciated. Books will be provided widely across the community including Tantallon Library, Keshen Goodman Library, Prospect Community Centre and with sister environmental organizations and their members.

Liberal announcement on Environment included fracking mention (continuing moratorium, at 40 second mark and last ten seconds of the clip): <https://www.facebook.com/NSLiberalParty/videos/1868004946749629/>

Thank you for your continued interest in our monthly e-newsletter, the **Coastal Update!** Our April 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 super excited to announce the launch of our new website in this issue of the Coastal Update, and are encouraging feedback at this time, regarding the functionality of the site. Please visit us at: <http://www.coinatlantic.ca/>. Any feedback can be sent to myself at [coinatlantic@dal.ca](mailto:coinatlantic@dal.ca).

*PLEASE NOTE* 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.bofep.org/wpbofep/?page\\_id=416](http://www.bofep.org/wpbofep/?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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#### **Proposed Environmental Bill of Rights to empower communities and tackle polluters**

<https://nsadvocate.org/2017/04/21/proposed-environmental-bill-of-rights-to-empower-communities-and-tackle-polluters/>

**Green Schools Nova Scotia** reached a milestone in Nova Scotia: Over half the schools in the province have joined the Green Schools community!

#### **Statement in response to the Report of the Consultation Panel on the Political Activities of Charities**

May 5, 2017

Sierra Club Canada Foundation is gratified to see changes recommended by the *Report of the Consultation Panel on the Political Activities of Charities* [released](#) May 4 and applauds the Minister of National Revenue for acting immediately on the Consultation Panel's recommendation to [suspend political activity audits](#) that placed the charitable status of certain groups at risk.

"As an organisation that was targeted by a political activity audit and one that works tirelessly to protect the environment through non-partisan policy dialogue and on-the-ground programs, we hope the government will act in the upcoming session of Parliament to implement legislative change in response to the panel's recommendations," stated Gretchen Fitzgerald, National Program Director of Sierra Club Canada Foundation. "I want to thank our supporters and donors who took action to protect freedom of speech and participated in the Panel consultations," she added.

The Consultation Panel report states: "The legislative framework for regulating charities in Canada is out-dated and overly restrictive. " and recommends legislative change to enable charities to fully participate in public policy debates occurring within the areas charitable work.

The Panel made the following four specific and time-sensitive recommendations including changes to the Income Tax Act (ITA):

1. Revise the CRA's administrative position and policy (including its policy guidance, CPS -022 Political Activities) to enable charities to fully engage in public policy dialogue and development.
2. Implement changes to the CRA's administration of the ITA in the following areas: compliance and appeals, audits, and communication and collaboration to enhance clarity and consistency.
3. Amend the ITA by deleting any reference to non-partisan "political activities" to explicitly allow charities to fully engage, without limitation, in non-partisan public policy dialogue and development, provided that it is subordinate to and furthers their charitable purposes.
4. Modernize the legislative framework governing the charitable sector (ITA) to ensure a focus on charitable purposes rather than activities, and adopt an inclusive list of acceptable charitable purposes to reflect current social and environmental issues and approaches."

The Panel report concludes: "It is the view of the Panel that the characterisation of what constitutes "political activities", and the limitations imposed on charities in this regard, impede the sector's participation in public policy dialogue and development, and do a disservice to Canadians, while offering no offsetting regulatory benefit. " and calls for immediate policy changes (to be implemented by Dec. 31, 2017) and legislative changes limiting participation of charities in policy dialogue and development to be lifted by April 1, 2018.

"There was wide-spread consensus from Canadians and [Civil Society](#) who participated in this process that change is needed to improve the law for charities in this country for the benefit of us all," according to Sierra Club Canada Foundation President, David Snider, "The Consultation Panel made it clear that the rules for charities in Canada are outdated and do not reflect the expectations of Canadians who support these charities that the sector get to the root causes of problems facing society - problems that often require policy change to be fixed."

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### **Sacred Heart Celebrates Earth Day**

To celebrate Earth Day 2017, Sacred Heart enjoyed four guest speakers: Lil MacPherson; well-known food activist, spoke about the dangers of the herbicide glyphosate to our health.

Stephen Thomas, mechanical engineer and expert on energy policy issues in Nova Scotia, walked us through a justice-based transition to a fossil-free economy. His talk underlined the communal benefits of renewable energy development.

Robin Tress introduced the Alton gas issue with an emphasis on the dangers to the beautiful Shubenacadie River and all those who rely on it for sport and spiritual and physical sustenance.

Karen Ballesteros, Grade 12 student, shone a light on the wisdom of veganism for our personal and planetary health!

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Date: April 24th, 2017

Attn: Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Dominic LeBlanc

Dear Minister LeBlanc,

**I am writing today to ask you to please due diligence at the Avon River Causeway for the protection and future of our unique Wild Atlantic Salmon.**

We are aware the Province of Nova Scotia will soon be 'twinning' the causeway section of Highway 101. We believe the NS government is trying to rush the causeway project through while trying to avoid the distinct fish-issues, now protected here under the *Species at Risk Act*. It seems evident the provincial government of Stephen MacNeil is trying to perpetuate a fifty year-old ecological blunder.

We are asking you to not allow this project to go forward without completing the long overdue, comprehensive EIA Study on the complete Avon River Watershed in order to determine the proper way to mitigate this serious fish issue. A study much the same as the one completed on PetitcodiacRiver, NB - we also suggest using a portion of Petitcodiac River Study to save time and cost. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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