



Nova Scotia
Environmental Network
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

Eco Connections Newsletter March 2018

Welcome!

Below you will find **events** (starting on page 4), lots of **jobs postings** (page 7), **opportunities** to have your voice heard (page 10) and **news** (page 19). *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.

Get in touch!

Want to keep seeing the Nova Scotia Environmental Network (NSEN) in your Facebook Feed?

Facebook has recently made major changes to its algorithm. As a result, you may not be seeing NSEN's content in your feed anymore. In order not to miss out, go to [NSEN's Facebook page](#) and hover over "Following" and select "See First."

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork

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

Email: nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

Membership: Membership Matters!

We would like to thank all the new members who are helping to revitalize NSEN by connecting to the network recently. Your energy, input and dedication to the environment is why we exist. We would like to acknowledge individuals and academic departments who have joined as Associate Members.

We encourage anyone who has a particular interest in a certain area to join or start a caucus. Presently we have Environmental and Sustainability Education and Water caucuses which do very valuable work in their areas. We would also like to encourage those who prefer managerial and administrative tasks to apply to be considered for the administrative Board. We are looking for specific administrative skills that are not issue or advocacy specific. The later is for caucus consideration. Contact the board c/o jonilight3@yahoo.ca.

A big thanks to our latest renewed or new members:

- Lisa Roberts MLA for Halifax Needham
- Chris White
- Serhai Bayrak
- Jacqueline Easby
- Josiane Gibson
- Brian Gifford
- Jim Harpell
- Teresa Lush
- Donna Spracklin
- Maelissa Watson-Elmer
- Sacred Heart School - Environment Students' Club

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.

NSEN Caucuses:

Water Caucus: The next NSEN Water Caucus meeting is TBA. Be in touch for more info: Amy Buckland-Nicks: amy.buckland-nicks@merseytobeatric.ca.

Environmental and Sustainability Education Caucus: The next meeting is March 23 at Efficiency NS from 10am -12pm. next meeting Friday, March 23, 10 am-12 pm at [Efficiency NS offices at 230 Brownlow Ave in Burnside, Suite 300](#) (3rd floor). All are welcome!

We will be picking back up on the topic of an Environmental & Sustainability Education PD Day that was proposed at our last meeting. On another note, we are looking for special guests to join us for our April, May or June meetings if you have any suggestions. We will also be planning our annual Solstice gathering that happens in mid-June to celebrate environmental education in Nova Scotia. Be in touch with Karen for further details: karenmckendry@eastlink.ca. See info and the members of the ESE Caucus here: <https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/esec>.

NSEN Updates:

We're hiring! <https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/current-projects/>

NSEN Communications Coordinator

Position Title: Communications Coordinator

Location: anywhere in Nova Scotia, remote work using own equipment

Rate of pay: \$20/hour contract for on average five hours of work per month

Timeline: start in April 2018

Payment schedule: monthly

Reporting to: NSEN Board of Directors

Applications due: by 4pm on March 23, 2018

Job Description:

Create Eco Connections e-newsletter on a monthly basis using MS Word, post it on the website, Facebook page and email it to pertinent contacts

Post members' opportunities, NSEN news and information of interest to NSEN audience on Facebook page and other platforms as needed

Update NSEN website as required

Work with NSEN Board of Directors on communication pieces as required

Provide monthly updates to the Board of Directors on the work completed

Be a cheerleader for NSEN and its work

Qualifications:

Superior English writing and MS Word processing and lay-out skills

Experience with the non-profit sector and specifically environmental non-profits

Education in communications, public relations or equivalent experience

Ability to update WordPress website

Experience with newsletter creation and social media posting

Ability to work from home using own equipment

Ability to work independently with good organizational skill

Strong communications skills with Board and NSEN's audience

Application Details:

Please submit your resume, cover letter, the names and contact information of three references and where you heard about the job posting, in ONE document, by e-mail to nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com by **4:00 pm, March 23, 2018**.

Please ensure that you indicate the position title in your subject line. Thank you for applying. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted to arrange for an interview.

- NSEN received Halifax and Truro Health Board Wellness funding to host new Talking Circle Series: EGO TO ECO: LEARNING MI'KMAQ APPROACHES TO CONNECTING ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN HEALTH IN NOVA SCOTIA with the Halifax Central Library and a venue in Truro to be announced. More details to come!
- NSEN met with five new board members in an information gathering and disseminating session on Feb. 3rd. An orientation for board members, followed by a special members meeting will be upcoming. Details to follow. We're still looking for representation from Cape Breton, Southwest Nova, Cumberland/ Colchester/ Antigonish region. Contact Joanne Light if you're interested: jonilight3@yahoo.ca



On November 30th, NSEN associates, Sheila Cole and Kelly Schnare (left to right in the picture) and Joanne Light, NSEN board member met with Iain Rankin, recently-appointed Nova Scotia Environment Minister, to discuss issues of concern to our member groups, including funding, especially in rural areas, ways that having a well-supported environmental network can benefit the health and wellbeing of all environmental stakeholders in Nova Scotia (which is everyone) by increasing communication and collaboration between government and the grassroots and being a conduit for the flow of ideas, concerns, problems and information among all parties.



NSEN Receives \$3000 from Truro (\$2000) and Halifax (\$1000) Health Boards to deliver second Mi'kmaq Circle Series on the Connection between Environmental and Human Health.

Halifax Central Library invites NSEN to coordinate a second Mi'kmaq Talking Circle Series for the Fall of 2018! Comments from the attendees at the first series include: "Very moving and thought provoking"! "One more reason to love the library!" "Excellent! More please!"! "Beautiful intimate experience."

Upcoming Member Events & Events of Interest

March

The Eco-Justice committee is going to be holding a letter writing event this Saturday (March 17) from 12:30 - 4pm at the Smiling Goat (formerly Just Us!) on Spring Garden Rd.

We were approached by Suzanne Patles to show solidarity with Mi'kmaq outrage in how the NS Mining Association uses Kluscap Mountain as an example of lost economic opportunity. Our decision was to raise public consciousness through a small but engaging letter writing event. We will deliver the letters to the Environment Minister.

Background: The Mining Association of NS released a report in Fall 2017 to petition the NS Liberals to add a "land-swap" loophole into the Wilderness Protection Act. The loophole would allow currently protected areas to be swapped for other parcels of land (of equal or greater square footage, though potentially less biodiversity or ecological value). It would negate past and future multi-stakeholder agreements in favour of a single stakeholder (mining corporations). The Mining Association used Kluscap Mountain as an example of lost economic opportunity that could be regained through the loophole, despite the fact that Kluscap Mountain is some of the most sacred land in Mi'kmaq spirituality (the Christian equivalent of Jerusalem), in a plain example of environmental racism.

In observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21, the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission in partnership with African Nova Scotian Affairs (ANSA) is hosting a lecture by civil rights activist Tim Wise at a public event in Halifax.

We invite you to join us at Seton Education Centre, Mount Saint Vincent University, Auditorium A, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. to hear Wise speak on the theme, *"Towards Racial Equity: Becoming an Effective Ally."*

Wise will also have books for purchase and will be available to sign them after the event. A reception with light refreshments will follow the lecture.

For more information on Tim Wise, please visit <http://www.speakoutnow.org/speaker/wise-tim>.

To attend, please RSVP on or before March 15th at <https://timwise-ns.eventbrite.com>

Indigenous Arts & Stories

Indigenous Arts & Stories (formerly Aboriginal Arts & Stories) invites self-identified Status, Non-Status, Inuit, and Métis youth ages 6 to 29 to submit writing and art entries exploring Indigenous heritage, culture, and identity.

Participants can **win up to \$2000 in cash**, an all-expenses-paid trip to Ottawa to be honoured at the Governor General's History Awards, an all-expenses-paid writer's residency at The Banff Centre for Arts & Creativity, and other great prizes. Visit www.our-story.ca for contest rules and regulations, prizing information, bilingual learning tools, and how to submit your entry.

Educators can access free, bilingual teaching resources to help your students create their entries. Groups with 6 or more individual students are eligible for a special classroom prize! Contest Deadline is March 31st. [Enter Today](#)

I'm writing on behalf of the Council of Canadians and the Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia to invite you to a reception about the risks of offshore drilling.

As you may know, the federal government [recently approved](#) British Petroleum (BP) plans to drill six exploratory wells as early as this Spring. From March 20 to 22, the Council of Canadians and the Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia are hosting a series of public panel events and meetings/receptions in Halifax, Shelburne and Lunenburg focused on the risks to the sustainable fishery, tourism, clean water and our climate associated with oil and gas activity in offshore Nova Scotia.

These events are being held in partnership with the Sierra Club Canada Foundation, the Ecology Action Centre and the Clean Ocean Action Committee. The purpose is to hear from an expert on the BP Deepwater Horizon Disaster in the Gulf of Mexico and to provide information on decisions that are being made which will have a profound impact on our coastal communities.

A key part of the tour is daytime events with community leaders. We want to provide an opportunity for you to meet with the guest speakers and Council of Canadians staff and volunteers. Antonia is an investigative journalist, energy analyst and author of *Black Tide: the Devastating Impact of the Gulf Oil Spill* and Colin is a fifth generation lobster fisherman and spokesperson for the Bay of Fundy Inshore Fishermen's Association. The reception is an opportunity to hear their expert opinion on the risks and engage in a dialogue about common concerns and how the decisions being made can be influenced by the communities most affected.

You are invited to a reception to be held **Thursday, March 22 from 3:15 to 4:45 pm in the bar area at the Lunenburg Arms, Pelham St.** I've included some background information about Antonia and Colin. For more information on our tour

including public event details, please see our webpage canadians.org/cpons. The public event in Lunenburg will be held at the Fire Hall, Medway St at 7 pm [facebook event](#) .

We look forward to hearing from you. **Please RSVP to southshore.cpons@gmail.com by March 19 to let us know if you are able to join us for this reception at the Lunenburg Arms on March 22 at 3:15 pm.**

Yours truly;

Marilyn Keddy for:

Planning committee - Angela Giles, Andrea Harden-Donahue, Marilyn Keddy, Marion Moore and Robin Tress

Antonia Juhasz

Antonia Juhasz is a leading energy analyst, author, and investigative journalist specializing in oil. An award-winning writer, her articles appear in Newsweek, Rolling Stone, Harper's Magazine, The Atlantic, CNN.com, The Nation, Ms., The Advocate, and many more.

Antonia is the author of [BLACK TIDE: the Devastating Impact of the Gulf Oil Spill](#) (Wiley 2011), a searing look at the human face of BP's disaster in the Gulf. An in-depth investigation into the causes and consequences of the largest offshore drilling oil spill in world history. It uncovers the public policy choices that enabled the disaster to take place and the obstacles that have prevented the best policy responses from occurring. Black Tide includes first-hand interviews with key actors in government, industry, and advocacy organizations. Juhasz reports from the front lines where she was embedded in those communities most impacted by the disaster. "These remarkable stories—of loss, heroism, and culpability—are a vivid reminder that this catastrophe will be with us for decades," Naomi Klein. "Masterfully report," Ms. Magazine. "Both engaging and informative," Mother Jones.

Full biography [available here](#).

Colin Sproul

Colin is a fisherman, father and successful entrepreneur with deep roots in Annapolis County. He has a proven track record at the Bay of Fundy Inshore Fishermen's Association where he serves as a board director and spokesperson. Colin is a licenced sea Captain with more than 20 years of experience and he's a graduate of NSCC and RCC Institute of Technology. Colin's work as an industry representative has led him to the Legislature and Parliament Hill where he advocates for sustainable use of natural resources and economic viability in rural Nova Scotia. This has connected Colin to Canada's most respected environmental groups and marine regulators who value his views on ocean protection and economic growth. Colin's work surrounding tidal energy development receives national attention and has been featured on programs like The Current, Land and Sea and Global National as well as publications like the Toronto Star and the Globe and Mail.

Nova Scotia Outdoor Network Collaboratory Series find all the listings for upcoming events here:

<http://nsoutdoornetwork.ca/WanderstreamUI/pages/events-search-results.xhtml>

Hike NS Guided Snowshoe Hike Series 2018

Hike Nova Scotia and 38 host organizations across the province have partnered up to offer the 2018 Winter Guided Snowshoe Hike Series from January to March. There are over 65 hikes led by local folks and participants qualify to win "trail prizes." Most hikes are free and require pre-registration unless otherwise indicated in the schedule. Hike NS thanks its partners for organizing the hikes on the ground as well as Goose Lane Editions and the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage for their support. Check out details in the schedule found at www.hikenovascotia.ca.

April and onward...

See Meaning Graphic Facilitation Training One-day Graphic Fundamentals Workshop

Where: Halifax, NS

When: April 20th, 2018

Early-bird pricing ends March 20th!

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/graphic-fundamentals-workshop-halifax-tickets-42199166844>

Graphic Fundamentals is a fun, easy, hands-on introductory workshop on using basic visuals, graphics and images in your facilitation practice to encourage interactive, engaging, and productive meetings. Designed to build confidence in incorporating graphics and visuals into group meetings, the session is chock-full of opportunities to put your knowledge into practice.

No previous drawing experience necessary! No matter how small or big your talent, you will take your first visual steps on large paper and learn how to use small details to make spaces look clear, attractive, and lively. You will work alone and in small groups with lots of opportunity to address each participant's needs.

NS Hiking Summit May 11-13, Ingonish

Hike Nova Scotia invites individuals and groups with an interest in hiking, walking and snowshoeing to the seventh annual Nova Scotia Hiking Summit from Friday, May 11 to Sunday, May 13 in Ingonish at the Keltic Lodge. The summit is a celebration of hiking culture and includes best practices, stories, networking opportunities, hikes and a new family / kids' program. It is hosted by Hike NS, Naturally Active Victoria County, Parks Canada and the Keltic Lodge at the Highlands. Presenting sponsor is The Trail Shop, Platinum sponsor is Victoria County, Gold sponsors are Parks Canada and Destination Cape Breton, Silver sponsors are the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage and Big Spruce Brewing and Bronze sponsor is the Ingonish Development Society. The guys from A for Adventure will be our MCs and the keynote speaker is David Miller, author of AWOL on the Appalachian Trail and The A.T. Guide.

There is limited space, so please register early to secure your spot. Registration is \$45 for paid Hike NS members, \$55 for non-members and \$35 for children, youth and students. With the new family / kid's program this year, families are invited to attend (some childcare provided). Registration includes: access to information sessions, hike events and socials along with Saturday and Sunday lunches. There are optional breakfasts and a Saturday supper at additional cost. Registration does not include accommodation or other meals – you must arrange them on your own. The deadline to register is May 6. Learn more and register online at www.hikenovascotia.ca/projects/hiking-summit/.

Courage to Lead for Young Leaders & Activists 2018

When: May 3 - May 5, 2018 Thu 4:00 PM - Sat 3:00 PM

Where: Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche, NS

Are you actively engaged in creating a more just, peaceful, and ecologically responsible world? Are you passionate about your vocation or cause, but trying to sustain yourself in the midst of heavy demands and the urgency you feel about making a difference? This retreat is a rare opportunity for **renewal, deeper connection** with kindred spirits and committed peers, and the chance to **explore questions** of importance to you.

Courage & Renewal retreats help you **become a more self-aware, wholehearted leader**. You'll experience the time and space to renew, reflect, and to:

Pause, be still, and disconnect from technology and the demanding pace of a leader's life.

Seek clarity in your vocation and sense of purpose.

Honour both successes and struggles in your professional and personal life

Witness and be witnessed, listen and be listened to – without performance evaluation, statusizing, or ego.

Strengthen your capacity to ask open-ended questions, hold tensions, and rejoin soul and role

At the retreat, thirty young leaders and activists (ages 25-40) will journey together by engaging in large-and small-group dialogues focused on evocative texts and questions. Over the course of three days, there will be opportunities to explore the intersection of your inner capacity and authenticity as it relates to life, leadership, and activism. There will be time for stillness, solitude, and journaling for reflection, to help unearth clarity and courage and bring meaning and resiliency to your life and leadership. This retreat is modeled on the **Circle of Trust® approach** developed by Parker J. Palmer and the Center for Courage & Renewal. For the past six years, these Young Leaders and Activists retreats have been offered in the United States drawing international cohorts. Tatamagouche Centre is pleased to partner with the Center for Courage & Renewal to host the retreat for the first time in Canada. You can learn more about "Circles of Trust" at

www.couragerenewal.org/approach or in Parker Palmer's book, *A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life*. Program Cost: \$500 (tuition, meals & lodging). Participation is based on an application. To apply for this program [click here](#).

Communities, Conservation & Livelihoods Conference

When: May 28-30, 2018

Where: Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The overall theme of the conference is centred on local communities creating change for the better. How can local communities, around the world, take care of their environment and as a result, support their local economies? We expect over 300 international delegates to attend the conference.

The conference will be featuring a wide range of sessions/events, including oral presentations, talking circles, community-focused gatherings, panel discussions, roundtables, and workshops, as well as artistic performances (e.g. dance, drama, music), photography exhibits and film showings.

If participating in this gathering appeals to your group/organization, you are most welcome to propose a contribution. We hope those in your organization will be interested in the conference. Registration will open in February 2018.

If you have any questions concerning the CCL conference don't hesitate to call me at [\(902\) 491-6584](tel:9024916584).

Renee Field

Project Coordinator, CCL Conference

[Community Conservation Research Network](#), Saint Mary's University

THRIVE Nova Scotia Conference

When: June 17-20, 2018

Where: Mount Saint Vincent University, [166 Bedford Highway, Halifax, NS](#)

We are a network of diverse people and partners who are passionate about our communities and concerned about the future. We believe it is time to think bigger, look deeper, and act smarter. Our goal is to thrive—not just survive—as we take steps towards a future that works for all. See more details here: www.thrivenovascotia.ca

Starhawk is coming to Tatamagouche Centre!

Program Dates: August 18- September 1, 2018

Where: Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche, NS

Join Starhawk and Charles Williams for their internationally recognized Earth Activist Training (EAT). This two-week intensive is a Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) course, offering the basic, internationally-recognized 72-hour permaculture curriculum with an additional focus on social permaculture, organizing tools, and spirit. **Registration Deadline:** July 18, 2018. **Apply for bursaries by:** June 18, 2018.

Find out more and register here: www.tatacentre.ca/index.php/programs/details/2509

Job Postings

Help the Nature Trust Harness the Power of Volunteerism!

Volunteer Coordinator Opportunity <https://GoodWork.ca/940644>

Position: Volunteer Program Coordinator

Organization: Nova Scotia Nature Trust

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Closing date: April 13, 2018

Operations Manager <http://FoodWork.ca/961244>

Organization: Maritime Gourmet Mushrooms Inc.

Location: Halifax & Truro, Nova Scotia

The COINAtlantic Secretariat has an **employment opportunity** for a Communications Officer to work with our team for six months starting spring 2018. [Please read all of the position details here](#) and share with your networks.

Clean Water Project Officer <https://GoodWork.ca/952544>

Organization: Community-Based Environmental Monitoring Network

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Position Status: 12 month position

Hours: Full-time [37.5 hours per week]

Wage: \$20-\$22 hr

Start Date: As Soon as Possible

North River Kayak Tours & River Nest Cabins Base Manager Position <https://GoodWork.ca/913544>

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

Organization: North River Kayak Tours

Location: Baddeck, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

Travel Guides <https://GoodWork.ca/946934>

Employer: Backroads

Locations: across Canada and beyond

Visit Backroads Hiring for more information about this exciting opportunity and lifestyle, meet a few of our leaders and to

APPLY now! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzcYc9iPGzs>

Seafood Sleuth <https://GoodWork.ca/946044>

Organization: Oceana Canada

Location: anywhere in Canada, Ontario

Join Oceana Canada in helping to identify fraud and mislabelling in your city! As a “seafood sleuth,” you receive a free DNA sampling kit, which you can use to test seafood from your favourite restaurant or grocery store to find out its true identity. Sign up to receive more information and help combat seafood fraud in Canada.

Organic inspector <http://FoodWork.ca/968044>

Organization: Ecocert Canada

Location: Maritimes Provinces (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island)

Canvasser, Membership Recruitment Team <https://GoodWork.ca/931144>

Organization: Ecology Action Centre

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, resume and two references to: dana@ecologyaction.ca

Clean Leadership Professional Internships <https://GoodWork.ca/905434>

Type: 6-12 month subsidized internships

Employers: various

Location: Atlantic Canada

These opportunities are offered as part of the Clean Leaders Internship program.

Clean Foundation is proud to partner with Environment and Climate Change Canada’s Science Horizons internship program. Our goal is to build the talent pipeline for the clean growth economy in Atlantic Canada. We help place young professionals in 6-12 month subsidized internships that focus on environment in the areas of clean tech, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

The projects that we currently offer through this internship program include environmental restoration, renewable energy, climate change action, technology development, waste reduction, sustainable agriculture and carbon emissions analysis and reduction.

Qualifications:

- Strong passion for the environment
- Excellent organization, communication and presentation skills
- Problem-solving ability, self-confidence, and a strong work ethic
- Sound judgement, creativity, and maturity
- Proficiency in French can be required by some employers and be an added benefit in others
- Self-motivated, curious and adaptable, able to work as an individual and as part of a team
- Recent graduates from a post-secondary program
- No more than 30 years of age at the start of the internship
- Canadian citizens, permanent residents or persons granted refugee status in Canada
- Available to work for at least six months
- Not currently employed as a paid employee at the host organization
- Legally allowed to work according to the relevant provincial and Canadian legislation and regulations
- Not receiving employment insurance during their internship
- Unemployed or underemployed

Application Process

1. Apply to be an intern to confirm your eligibility. https://clean-foundation.hivebrite.com/custom_page/professional-internsh...

2. Create your account on The Hive, and browse the Job Board. Apply for jobs of interest. Approved employers will contact you if you are selected for an interview.

*You can also find your own internship with an employer that meets the eligibility criteria (above). They will need to apply to be a host and submit their internship job on the website for approval before you can start as their intern.

3. Once you are matched with a host, Clean will work with you and the host to get the required documents signed prior to the start of your internship.

4. You can start your internship once all the required documents are finalized. At the halfway mark and the end of the internship, you will need to respond to a survey that will serve as a progress report, along with at minimum two check-ins (via phone or, when possible, in person).

We are committed to Employment Equity and our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative at all job levels.

We welcome applicants from Indigenous People, Visible Minority Groups, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations of positions where they are under-represented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on either your cover letter or resume.

Work Perks

Be part of The Hive, the clean growth network for Atlantic Canada.

Demonstrate your talent to a new company in a safe and supportive setting.

Get a job that matches your values!

- Apply: https://clean-foundation.hivebrite.com/custom_page/professional-internsh...
- Email: lmurphy@clean.ns.ca
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CleanFoundation>

Position: Housekeepers <https://GoodWork.ca/984534>

Type of position: paid (some staff housing available - inquire)

Employer: Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort & Retreat Centre

Location: Cabot Shores, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort and Retreat Centre on Cape Breton Island is looking for a housekeeper.

Located on the Atlantic side of the Cabot Trail, Cabot Shores is a second home to guests from all over the world. We offer a range of traditional and unique accommodations, outdoor adventures, Wellness, cultural activities and serve nutritious meals in our bistro. We are an eco-friendly resort and use non-toxic cleaning products and detergents. Join our team of hardworking, fun-loving staff and spend the summer in a beautiful setting, enjoying outdoor activities onsite such as meditation, Qi Gong, kayaking, hiking, swimming, music jams, and more. Visit our website at: <http://www.cabotshores.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/cabotshores> to learn more about us.

Duties include:

- Cleaning and maintaining to standard common spaces such as the main lodge, dining area and great room, common room, washrooms, etc
- Cleaning to standard a variety of lodge rooms, chalets, yurts, treetop geodesic domes, event space etc.
- Cleaning outdoor bathroom/shower houses, outhouses, composting toilets
- Assisting the Lead Housekeeper in daily duties

Job dates/pay etc: Mid-June through August 31 - may extend to October 20, 2018, position is part time in June, full time in July & August, and part time in September & October. Pay: Hourly wage (depends on experience) plus shared tips.

If interested, please send resume to Barbara Weinberg, Co-owner via email: barbara@cabotshores.com

Organic Farming Internship More info here: <http://FoodWork.ca/966134>

Type: paid full-time internships; housing optional, more (see below)

Organization: Four Seasons Farm

Location: Maitland, near Truro, Nova Scotia

Four Seasons Farm is a place where many opportunities await both the aspiring farmer and the curious person looking to understand food. While the farm is a commercial business, the resources to learn about farming are many; there is a library of periodicals and books, a small plot of land to play with, experienced farmers to answer questions, and a successful, well established farm to experience. Owners Sina and Owen strive to accommodate and challenge interns so that when they finish the season feel fulfilled and ready to continue their journeys. Those who bring questions, motivation and a sense of humor find the best fit here. Also, previous experience is valued but passion and hard work trump all else. A commitment to a whole season is expected, benefiting the farm and the intern most. Interns who have these qualities enable the farm to move forward in producing healthy organic food, sharing ideas of permaculture and sustainable agriculture, and enriching the farm and the community that surrounds it (Maitland!).

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>

Seeking: Entrepreneurs/participants for rural rent-free work-trade incubator <https://GoodWork.ca/936824>

Organization: Virtuous Cycle Investing

Location: Rural Nova Scotia

We are in a time of transition. Our working hypothesis is that a major component of this transition will be a change from growth-dependent economics to zero-growth or cyclical economics. The goal of Virtuous Cycle Investment is to identify and invest in tools and strategies that will remain valuable after this transition runs its course.

By creating alternatives for smart capital and talent, we hope to provide a low-friction vehicle for preserving the gains made in the industrial age as the chaotic transition to the next one takes place. Our current approach is to provide mentorship, workspace, a legal framework and co-investment opportunities to partners who believe they have a project that would align with these goals. Our current areas of research are in land transformation, self-organization and machine learning, but we are interested in all proposals.

Our innovation is a 'rural incubator' model. By pairing entrepreneurial people with rural landowners who need help with upkeep and transformation, several synergies can be accomplished. The entrepreneurial partner gets a large, rent-free space to work, free of many of the distractions common in a more cramped urban environment. By doing a few hours of manual labour each day in exchange, regular light exercise is assured and the partner is able to 'reset' between long periods of deep work. This keeps up health and prevents the 'burnout' common among trailblazers.

Please contact us at: virtuouscycleinvestment@gmail.com if you're interested.

Environmental Opportunities

Enter our challenge to compete for \$5,000 in seed funding and present your green growth idea to North American environmental leaders in Oklahoma City

Montreal, 13 March 2018—North American environmental ministers are calling on youth to champion bold ideas for green growth to address the complex sustainability challenges we currently face. Visit cec.ideascale.com to submit your science, technology or business innovation and get the chance to present your idea to North America's top environmental officials, receive C\$5,000 in project seed funding, and meet with experts at the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). The closing date to submit an idea for the CEC Youth Innovation Challenge is only three weeks away on 3 April 2018, so don't delay!

"Innovation is the key to North American sustainable growth, enabling us to use our natural resources to grow our economies and quality of life while preserving the environment, ecosystems and human health. North American youth are creative and innovative and we are looking forward to their ideas on green growth," said Scott Pruitt, Administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency and CEC Council Chair.

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This is your chance to make a difference! Ideas can be submitted in English, French or Spanish. For more information and guidelines, visit <http://cec.ideascale.com>.

Make sure to tell us about your green idea on Facebook or Twitter using the #Youth4Innovation hashtag. Follow the CEC on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ceconnect or our Twitter @CECweb.

I am writing on behalf of Environment and Climate Change Canada to let you know that we will soon be launching the Low Carbon Economy Challenge, a major new federal funding program. We will be launching this program on March 14 and will be holding information sessions across Canada starting the week of March 19.

The Challenge will provide more than \$500 million for projects that will generate clean growth and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. All provinces, territories, businesses, municipalities, not-for-profit organizations, and Indigenous governments and organizations who meet eligibility criteria will be able to apply.

Currently anticipated dates for information sessions are below – final dates and more information on venues and times will be provided once the Challenge is launched, as well as more information about program design. In the meantime, you can learn more about the Low Carbon Economy Fund by visiting <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/low-carbon-economy-fund.html>. Further details will be provided on the website after the program's launch on March 14.

Low Carbon Economy Challenge Fund Information Sessions – Tentative Dates

- Victoria, British Columbia on March 19
- Vancouver, British Columbia on March 20
- Iqaluit, Nunavut on March 21
- Edmonton, Alberta on March 22
- Moncton, New Brunswick on March 22
- Calgary, Alberta on March 23
- Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on March 23
- Toronto, Ontario on March 26
- Montréal, Québec on March 27
- **Halifax, Nova Scotia on March 27**
- Ottawa, Ontario on March 28
- St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador on March 28
- Regina, Saskatchewan on April 3
- Winnipeg, Manitoba on April 5
- Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on April 6
- Whitehorse, Yukon on April 10
- Yellowknife, Northwest Territories on April 12

Geoffrey Mercer

Regional Director General – Atlantic and Quebec Regions
Environment and Climate Change Canada / Government of Canada
geoff.mercer@canada.ca / Tel: [902-426-6700](tel:902-426-6700)

Hello,

Oceana Canada, an independent charity and part of the largest international organization dedicated solely to ocean conservation, is working to stop seafood fraud in Canada.

The impacts of seafood fraud – for example, swapping one species of fish and selling it as another – are significant and widespread. They include harming honest business owners through unfair competition, misleading chefs, restaurant owners and retailers, and potentially creating health risks for consumers. Furthermore, seafood fraud can allow illegally caught fish to enter the market. In addition to threatening already vulnerable marine life and further stressing our oceans, illegal fishing has been [linked](#) to human rights violations, including modern slavery.

This summer, we conducted an investigation into seafood fraud in Ottawa. We found that nearly of the samples tested – 45 of 98 – were mislabelled. We're widening the investigation to more cities across Canada and we need your help. **We are looking for volunteer seafood sleuths to investigate seafood samples across Canada.**

Seafood Sleuths will receive a free DNA sampling kit to test their favourite stores or restaurants.

Would you be willing to share this call to action with your networks? Here is our [post on twitter](#) and on [Instagram](#), as well as a [direct link](#) to the website.

Please let me know if this is something you'd be interested in being a part of.

Best,

Julia Levin | Seafood Fraud Campaigner

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Become a Wavemaker and join us in helping to protect Canada's oceans.

In the Canadian Network for Human Health and the Environment (CNHHE) [bulletin](#) this month:

CMP News:

The CMP seeks comments from Canadians on documents pertaining to the following substances:

Asbestos (By March 22nd)

Thiocarbamates Group (By April 4th)

Thioperoxydicarbonic Diamide ([[(H2n) C(S)] 2s2), Tetramethyl- [Tmtd] (By April 4th)

Cyanides (April 11th)

Selenium and its Compounds (April 18th)

Priority B Microorganisms (By April 25th)

Fatty Amides group (By April 25th)

In addition, there is news or information from:

The Environmental Health Association of Quebec:

- *Environmental Sensitivities Day Online Bilingual Conference.*

McMaster Optimal Ageing Portal:

- *Fact or fiction: research reveals the truth about common medications*

Environmental Health Perspectives:

- *Chips off the Old Block: How a Father's Preconception Exposures Might Affect the Health of His Children*

CBC:

- *Quebec places new restrictions on pesticides in bid to protect honeybees*

CAREX Canada:

- *E-Bulletin November 2017*

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health:

- *Lead in Drinking Water: Homes and Schools*

Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment:

- *Press Release on GoC's coal natural gas plant regulations*

Food Secure Canada:

- *Health Canada's Consumer Consultations on Front-of-Package Labelling*

Environmental Health Association of Nova Scotia:

- *Guide to Less Toxic Products*

Environmental Working Group:

- *Healthy Living App*

You can find the Bulletin [here](#)

As Chair of the Independent Advisory Board of Senate Appointments (Advisory Board), I am writing to seek your assistance in identifying high caliber candidates who could serve in the [Senate of Canada](#).

The [Advisory Board](#) is an independent and non-partisan body established to provide non-binding merit-based recommendations to the Prime Minister on Senate appointments. Its goal in engaging with national, provincial, and local organizations is to ensure that information about the process is shared broadly among Canadians. In doing so, we hope to appeal to a diverse slate of applicants with a variety of backgrounds, skills, knowledge and experience.

We would be greatly appreciative if you could share this information with your network and high quality individuals whom you consider to be potential candidates for appointment to the Senate and whom you feel meet the [assessment criteria](#). You may also wish to nominate or support them by writing a reference letter. Information on how to proceed can be found below.

New applications review cycle

The Minister of Democratic Institutions [recently announced](#) the launch of a new applications review cycle. The Advisory Board is now accepting applications to fill current and upcoming Senate vacancies in the following provinces and territories: Alberta, British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan and Yukon. We are also accepting applications from other provinces and territories, which will be retained for future consideration.

Please note that the Advisory Board will review applications that are submitted **by April 3, 2018**. Applications received after this date will be retained for future consideration.

Nominate, support and inform a potential candidate

If you wish to nominate an individual, please visit the [nomination page](#) to complete the required form. The nominee will receive an email with your nomination, information on the application process, and we will be informed of your nomination. You will also receive a copy of the email. If the nominee is interested, that person will need to apply through the online process. Nominations will not be considered by the Advisory Board unless a completed application is submitted by the nominee.

You may also support a candidate by providing them with a reference letter. If you wish to do so, we encourage you to use the reference letter template to ensure that all information required is provided. The reference letter template can be found in the [Forms and Templates](#) section of the Advisory Board's website. Please note that the reference letter must be submitted by the candidate with the online application.

Finally, you can quickly and easily share information about the Senate appointments process with potential applicants by email or on social media using the "Share this page" button on the [Advisory Board's website](#).

I hope that the Advisory Board can count on your organization's support and engagement in the Senate appointments process.

Sincerely,

Huguette Labelle
Chair, Independent Advisory Board on Senate Appointments

Important Opportunities for Comment:

Mercury

A Consultation Document on the Proposed Amendments of the Products Containing Mercury Regulations was published for a public comment period ending on April 2, 2018.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/canadian-environmental-protection-act-registry/products-mercury-regulations-proposed-amendments.html>

Isophorone Diisocyanate

The Draft Screening Assessment for Isophorone Diisocyanate (IPDI) was published for a 60-day public comment period ending on May 2, 2018.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/chemical-substances/chemicals-management-plan-3-substances/isophorone-diisocyanate.html>

ALSO:

Neonics:

Consultations on the Neonicotinoid Pesticides - **Clothianidin and Thiamethoxam**: Proposed Pollinator Decisions Comment **by March 19!**

See EU study of neonics and bees <http://tinyurl.com/ybgwyuja> .

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/pesticides-pest-management/public/consultations/neonicotinoid-pesticides.html>

Volunteer Graphic Designer <https://GoodWork.ca/902044>

Organization: The Natural Step Canada

Location: anywhere in Canada

Send your resume to: communications@naturalstep.ca. Please include a link to your portfolio or include a PDF of recent examples.

Skyrocket your green idea! Commission for Environmental Cooperation Launches Second Youth Innovation Challenge

Enter our challenge to compete for \$5,000 in seed funding and present your green growth idea to North American environmental leaders in Oklahoma City

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I am pleased to inform you that the [2018-2019 Call for proposals for the Habitat Stewardship Program](#) (HSP) is now open. In its 19th year, the HSP provides funding to help Canadians protect species at risk and their habitats. The program fosters land, water and resource use practices that maintain the habitat necessary for the survival and recovery of species at risk, enhancing existing conservation activities and encouraging new ones.

For more information about the program and to obtain the 2018-2019 application guidelines, please visit the Government of Canada's [Environmental funding programs website](#).

Expressions of Interest are strongly encouraged, especially for terrestrial projects given the new tiered priorities. The online tracking system is currently being updated with the new application form and is anticipated to be ready by mid-February.

Please note: the HSP has limited funding available for the 2018-2019 fiscal year for new, terrestrial projects in Atlantic Region. As a result, proposals submitted for funding consideration for 2018-2019 may only be assessed if they clearly meet the stated regional and national priorities.

Please Note

Nationally, there will not be a call for proposals for the Prevention Stream of the Habitat Stewardship Program in 2018-2019.

There have been significant changes in the approach to terrestrial priorities for 2018-2019.

There is very limited funding available for the 2018-2019 fiscal year for new HSP-SAR terrestrial projects due to new priorities and commitments for existing multi-year projects. Additional feedback will be provided, as applicable, on Expressions of Interest.

Regional Priorities

Please see attached for a copy of the Habitat Stewardship Program Priorities in Atlantic Region for 2018-2019.

As indicated in the national call for proposals and program application guidelines, there have been significant changes in the approach to terrestrial priorities. Please ensure you review the revised terrestrial priorities and guidance on the tier system carefully, and adjust your application accordingly.

The approach for aquatic priorities has not changed; however, there have been updates to the aquatic priorities for 2018-2019.

Application Process

Expressions of Interest are strongly encouraged and should be submitted to Julie.Mallette@canada.ca. The deadline for Expressions of Interest is **Friday, February 23rd, 2018**, however early submissions are strongly encouraged. Please use the attached template:

If you are not submitting an Expression of Interest please email Julie.Mallette@canada.ca to initialize your accounts with the online application system

Please refer to the HSP Application Guidelines for information on how to complete an Expression of Interest, how to submit a proposal, and other details on project eligibility: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/programs/habitat-stewardship-species-at-risk/stream-guideline.html>.

As indicated in the national call for proposals, **HSP funding will not be available for project activities prior to September 1st, 2018**. Please ensure your proposal reflects this.

There will be a short delay in the launch of the national online application system for 2018-2019.

The submission deadline for HSP proposals through the online application system is Monday March 19, 2018.

For additional information, please contact:

Program Stream	Contact
	Sheri Faulkner Jackson
HSP – Terrestrial	Email: Sheri.Faulkner@canada.ca Telephone: 506-364-5198
HSP – Aquatic	Sydney Worthman Email: Sydney.Worthman@canada.ca Telephone: 709-772-4221

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

Thank you for your interest in the Habitat Stewardship Program.

Hello,

This message is to inform you that the **deadlines** to submit the Expressions of Interest (EOI) and Applications for the Habitat Stewardship Program (HSP) and Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk (AFSAR) have changed to Friday March 2nd, and Friday March 23rd at noon local time respectively.

HSP Note:

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans will be taking on a larger administrative role for new aquatic projects in 2018-19.

Applicants wishing to pursue aquatic HSP projects and submit Expressions of Interest (EOIs) in 2018-2019 should contact the aquatic regional coordinator identified in the list below.

Newfoundland and Labrador Region

Dana Yetman

Email: dana.yetman@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Tel: (709) 772-3469

Maritimes Region

Jennifer MacDonald

Email : jennifer.macdonald@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Tel: (902) 407-8175

Gulf Region

Fabiola Akaishi

Email: fabiola.akaishi@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Tel : (506) 851-6790

Thank you for your interest in the Habitat Stewardship Program and Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk Program.

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 21 terrestrial species that are eligible to be added to Schedule 1 or to have their current status on Schedule 1 changed, seven are known to occur in Atlantic Canada:

Taxon	COSEWIC status	Species	Range	Consultation path
Mammals	Endangered	Caribou (Eastern Migratory population)	MB ON QC NL	Extended
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Arthropods	Special Concern	Transverse Lady Beetle	YT NT NU BC AB SK MB ON QC NB PE NS NL	Normal
Birds	Special Concern	Evening Grosbeak	YT NT BC AB SK MB ON QC NB PE NS NL	Normal
Vascular Plants	Special Concern	Long's Bulrush	NS	Normal

Taxon	Proposed change to Schedule 1 Status	Species	Range	Consultation Path
Arthropods	From Special Concern to Endangered	Monarch	NT BC AB SK MB ON QC NB PE NS NL	Extended
Vascular Plants	From Threatened to Special Concern	Anticosti Aster	QC NB	Normal

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 2018" which is posted on the SARA Public Registry at: http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=3200.

Please submit your comments by May 22, 2018, for terrestrial species undergoing normal consultations and by October 22, 2018, for terrestrial species undergoing extended consultations.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! PROTECT WEST MABOU BEACH PROVINCIAL PARK

January 2018

You may or may not be aware that the beautiful West Mabou Beach Provincial Park is under threat, once again. Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources has been in discussions with Cabot Links/Cabot Cliffs owner to development 18-hole golf course at West Mabou Beach Provincial Park.

We feel that any attempt to compromise any part of this park with any type of development is unacceptable. We ask for your support in getting the word out on how important this park is to all of us and why it must remain, in its entirety, a provincial park.

When this area was protected in 2000, and subsequently declared a fully designated natural environment park in 2001, the Minister of Natural Resources, Ernie Fage, released this statement: "the Nova Scotia government has decided to protect the uniqueness and ecological values of the 215 hectare property. West Mabou beach has a significant beach and dune system,

rare plants and outstanding scenic views. Fage says it is also the only piece of crown land that provides access along the western coast of Cape Breton Island.”

The following is a description of the park from the province’s own website on protected areas.

Overview: Large coastal property on Northumberland Strait with beautiful sand beach and important conservation values.
Protection Values: Contributes to Province’s goal of protecting 12% of its land base by 2015; unique dune field; one species of bird found at the park is listed as critically imperilled and another two species vulnerable to expiration or extinction. In addition, two species of vascular plants were listed as imperilled and one species as vulnerable to expiration or extinction.
Education Values: Range of local and regional themes including landforms, dune ecology, coastal processes, wildlife.
Tourism Values: Important in regional tourism infrastructure; just off Ceilidh Trail; one of the region’s nicest beaches, significant tourist attraction; one of few high quality public beaches on west coast of Cape Breton.

We have seen a tremendous increase in the use of this park in the past number of years. People come not just on warm summer days but in all seasons, all for their own reasons.

The trails within the park are family friendly, easy and leisurely paced, suitable for all ages. The trails bring hiking groups from outside the area as well as nearby school groups on outings and field trips. The trail network has been used on numerous occasions by local athletes competing in cross country running events.

Healthy oyster beds are found within the estuary side of the park.

Nova Scotia is working towards preserving 12-13% of our land mass; this park is included in that percentage. Why would anyone want to take this jewel away from us?

There are so many positives to be said about this park. It is a very special natural space and we value above all the fact that it is a free, open public environment that we can all call our own.

Inverness County can be open for business but NOT at the expense of precious assets like the West Mabou Beach Provincial Park. Once special places like this are lost, they are lost forever.

No part of any provincial natural environment park has ever being given over for development. Such an action would set an alarming and far reaching precedent.

We ask you to please support the full protection of West Mabou Beach Provincial Park; it cannot speak, so we must speak for it.

We are asking you to send off an email to the Premier and the Minister of Natural Resources, and copying it to Allan MacMaster, Betty Ann Mac Quarrie and the Minister of the Environment. Please don’t put this off, it is too important. Please pass this along to anyone you know who wants to maintain the integrity of this park and our free access to it.

If you want any more information on this don’t hesitate to email Nadine Hunt at nhunt861@gmail.com

Here is a list of emails:

Premier Stephen MacNeil

premier@novascotia.ca

Minister of Natural Resources-Margaret Miller

mindnr@novascotia.ca

Minister of Environment-Iain Rankin

minister.environment@novascotia.ca

Allan MacMaster

mlamacmaster@bellaliant.com

Betty Ann MacQuarrie – warden of county

betty@mabou.net

Keith Bain – opposition critic for Natural Resources

keithbainmla@bellaliant.com

Dear Trail Users,

We are seeking volunteers to help with trails in your neighbourhood.

In case you didn’t know, many of your neighbours volunteer with the Halifax North West Trails Association. We look after over 20 trails in our area (bordered by Hammonds Plains road in the North, Highway #102 in the West and South, and the Bedford Basin in the East).

We work with HRM to maintain and upgrade these trails, and to plan new trails. We also organize guided hikes and other activities and encourage people to use these wonderful resources. We have big things planned for the next few years and we need your help.

We especially need people who like to do these activities:

- Membership and outreach
- Maintenance and work party organization
- Mapping

- Special events
- Grant writing
- Communications
- Trail monitors
- New trail suggestions

Our board meets about 10 times each year, and you are welcome to join the board. But you can still volunteer without coming to any meetings at all!

Come enjoy your trails and meet your neighbours.

Please contact: HNWTA President Jessica Boyd HNWTA.communications@gmail.com

We are on Facebook and Twitter: halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca

ORGANIC FARMING APPRENTICESHIP

Position: Part time farm helper <https://GoodWork.ca/918434>

Type: part-time with optional on-farm accom., more (see below)

Organization: Hawthorn Hill Farm

Location: Grafton, near Kentville & Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We have a small, market garden farm and practice organic growing methods. We grow most vegetables and a lot of garlic. We also have lots of berries including haskaps, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, currants, blackberries and grapes. We also have a small flock (16) of Shetland sheep for wool and a flock of free-range, organically-fed laying hens.

We are seeking an apprentice to either come to our farm for a few days per week OR stay on the farm and help 3 - 5 days per week – whichever option is preferred.

Our growing season begins in early May and goes until the middle of October. We will be preparing beds, planting, mulching, weeding and watering the gardens as needed. In early June, we begin going to two small farmers' markets. The jobs on our farm are varied and there is not a lot of heavy work. I work full time on the farm while my husband, who has a full time job off the farm, works when he can to help out (which is pretty much most of the time he is not at work).

I am primarily interested in hiring an apprentice who is very interested in agriculture. We feel that we have a lot of knowledge and experience to share with our farm helper.

If interested, here is how to apply, please contact Marilyn at: maricam@eastlink.ca

Garden-to-table Internships <https://GoodWork.ca/905534>

Role: Garden-to-table Intern

Type: work-stay/volunteer position with room & board, more (see below)

Organization: Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort and Retreat Centre

Location: Cabot Shores, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

Cabot Shores Wilderness Resort and Retreat Centre on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, is offering Garden-to-Table internships.

Spend two or more months living in a beautiful, remote area on the Atlantic, helping us care for our vegetable gardens. Learn about landscaping, trail making, foraging and more. Harvest herbs & vegetables and prepare them for the bistro and staff kitchens. Learn to process herbs, vegetables, berries, mushrooms and more. Learn about making yogurt-making, granola, bread baking, kombucha, chaga, pestos, pickles and more. Be part of a dynamic, hardworking, fun-loving team that serves our guests from all over the world.

This is a non-paid volunteer position; room and board and adventures/experiences are provided. In your free time paddle on our lake, swim in the lake, ocean or brook, hike, partake in or enjoy music jams, explore the island and more.

Visit us at <http://www.cabotshores.com> to learn more about us.

Internships available:

- May 1 to June 30
- July 1 to August 31
- September 1 to October 25, 2017

We ask for a 2 month commitment.

Send resume, 2 references and cover letter to Barbara: barbara@cabotshores.com <http://www.cabotshores.com>

Smart Drive Challenge (www.smartdrivechallenge.ca) is engaging Canadians in a national education-centered, points-based program to reduce their personal vehicle fuel use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. *Smart Drive Challenge* educates and empowers Canadians by:

- Making their current vehicle use more efficient through improved driving techniques and vehicle maintenance;
- Increasing their awareness and use of low and zero emission vehicles; and

- Supporting and increasing their use of sustainable transportation options

Participants will be given their own learning dashboard where they can complete online courses and access learning resources. The responsive training tools work on any device and can be used anytime, anywhere. When the learning is done, we **challenge** participants to apply their newfound knowledge in their daily lives by becoming *smarter* drivers. Participants will be rewarded with points along the way, and points can be used to win cash prizes – the more they learn, the more they can earn!

Registration is now open at SmartDriveChallenge.ca! We have also included a link to a free communications toolkit [here](#). For more information feel free to contact Mike Driedger, Program Director at mdriedger@scoutenvironmental.com or [416-922-2449 x250](tel:416-922-2449).

Teaching Teens about Climate Change

We're excited to announce that **Green Teacher's newest book** has been published.

If you peruse the table of contents, you will see that this 80 page book brings together 12 articles and activities to aid any educator working with high school-aged students. The activities have the capacity to take teens from despair to empowerment, help them appreciate the difference between cap and trade and carbon taxes, explore the environmental impacts of the tar sands, provide options for sustainable transportation, and much more. But don't take our word about it: see below what other educators think about the book. <https://greenteacher.com/teaching-teens-about-climate-change/>

We are looking for environmentally minded folks to share the 2nd lot on our property at Mill Lake, Hubbards. Our historic cabin sits on 500' of waterfront. We are prepared to subdivide to create a 2nd lot with 250' of waterfront. This is a great opportunity to build a cottage or just camp close to metro on a beautiful lake. Summer has arrived. The boat is in the water and we would love to connect to pursue this opportunity with like-minded people. Details can be found at:

<https://www.ecoproperty.ca/listings/waterfront-property-for-sale-near-halifax-nova-scotia-39811>

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

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

Got some beef to air? Got some news to share? Got some questions? Got some ideas? Got some plans?

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

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

When: Every Friday evening, 5:00pm

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

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

If you want a magnet or sticker to put on your car so you can be a reminder to others as you drive to Watch for Wildlife, please get in touch. Please see our website: www.watchforwildlife.ca
And follow or like us if you do at: Facebook www.facebook.com/watchforwildlifens/ Twitter @watch4wildlife

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:

# 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

- 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.

Applications can be filled online at www.homewarmingapply.ca or downloaded at www.homewarming.ca

Have questions? Call toll free at [1-877-434-2136](tel:1-877-434-2136) or visit 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/>

Environmental News

Prospects of Goldboro LNG plant improve, raising concerns about Nova Scotia's emission reduction targets

By [Ken Summers](#)

<https://nsadvocate.org/2018/02/19/prospects-of-goldboro-lng-plant-improve-raising-concerns-about-nova-scotias-emission-reduction-targets/>

OPINION: McNeil scuttles province's climate-change progress PEGGY CAMERON

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/1547564-opinion-mcneil-scuttles-province-s-climate-change-progress>

N.S. to hire environment prosecutor to 'hold people and companies accountable' <http://nationalpost.com/pmnews-pmn/canada-news-pmn/n-s-to-hire-environment-prosecutor-to-hold-people-and-companies-accountable>

HERALD: Nova Scotia is sinking, and fracking would cause 'bumps' and quakes ROBERT G. GRANTHAM

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/1552048-opinion-nova-scotia-is-sinking-and-fracking-would-cause-%E2%80%98bumps%E2%80%99-and-quakes>

James Hansen: The Climate Whistle-Blower

Liz Rivers: Why the Law Matters

Chris Wood: Review of *Warrior Lawyers*

OUR NEWEST GREEN INTERVIEW: DR. JAMES HANSEN!

On June 23, 1988, a soft-spoken scientist from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration stepped up to the podium before the US Senate's Energy and Natural Resources Committee and changed the world. Actually, and more accurately, he testified that the world had already changed. His research had demonstrated that rising emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities were dramatically increasing the temperature of the global climate, and had the potential to make the planet uninhabitable not only for humans but for many other species. The scientist was Dr. James Hansen, and his testimony really marked the beginning of widespread concern about climate change.

Thirty years later, the news from Dr. Hansen's lab has become the news on TV: floods, droughts, wildfires, more intense and more frequent hurricanes – all the consequences that science predicted. Here is [our newest Green Interview, Dr. James Hansen.](#)

LIZ RIVERS: ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS IN 96 SECONDS

Why has **The Green Interview** team spent the last five years promoting the legal right to a healthy environment? British lawyer and activist Liz Rivers [explains it brilliantly in just 96 seconds.](#)

WARRIOR LAWYERS: REVIEW BY CHRIS WOOD

Chris Wood is a fine environmental writer with a particular interest in water. His most recent book is *Down the Drain: How We Are Failing To Protect Our Water Resources*. He recently published this careful and intelligent review in **The Antigonish Review**, and I wanted to share it with you.

Warrior Lawyers by Silver Donald Cameron

(Green Interview Books. 338 pages.)

Paperback US \$19.99, Kindle \$7.29 on Amazon

For eight seasons, the immensely popular ABC sitcom *Modern Family* has drawn laughs from millions of North Americans by casting effeminate, flighty, gay character Mitchell Pritchett as an 'environmental lawyer'—mocking his work along with his manhood as the least consequential legal role imaginable.

Its writers should meet Tony Oposa or Pablo Fajardo. Oposa got the Philippine government to start to clean up Manila Bay—despite having a price on his head and his best friend murdered on his doorstep. In Ecuador, Fajardo is still fighting after 20 years to extract compensation from international oil giant Chevron-Texaco for the continuing devastation it wreaked on lives and ecosystems in that country; he's lost both a best friend and a brother to murders intended to deter him.

In much of the world, environmental lawyering can be a deadly vocation. Everywhere it can seem like a David vs Goliath proposition. Hence the title of Silver Donald Cameron's 18th book: *Warrior Lawyers* (Green Interview Books, Halifax, NS). The volume's 338 pages contain an opening thirty-page essay by Cameron, followed by edited transcripts of his interviews with seventeen "lawyers for the earth" from nine countries. They're much more than a needed corrective for mass media's misleading typecasting. By turns intellectual page-turner and fireside expert tutorial, the book canvases the ways a better understanding of the law—what it is, where it comes from, how it is made and how it can be wielded—might help our species avoid the existential challenges we have created for ourselves. [\[click here to read the entire review\]](#)

My gratitude to **The Antigonish Review**: Chris Wood's review is reprinted with their permission. *Warrior Lawyers* is available from Amazon, or from my own site, [here](#).

In other news, I'm going to be screening the *Green Rights* film in Regina on May 28 for the Environmental Studies Association of Canada. I'm hoping to build a speaking and screening tour in Alberta and Saskatchewan around that date. If you're in those provinces and would like your community included, please write me at sdcsilverdonaldcameron.ca

Defending marine ecosystems and fisheries from fossil fuel development

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/talking-radical-radio/2018/02/defending-marine-ecosystems-and-fisheries-fossil-fuel>

Gretchen Fitzgerald is the national program director for the Sierra Club Canada Foundation. John Davis is the director of the Clean Ocean Action Committee, a consortium of organizations based in the east coast fishing industry. Both are part of the Offshore Alliance, a coalition working to oppose regulatory changes that they argue would put the marine environment and the fishery at risk and would give too much power to fossil fuel industries in shaping when, where, and how offshore oil and gas projects proceed. Scott Neigh interviews them about the threat that this poses to marine ecosystems and to the wellbeing of many Nova Scotia communities, and about what the Offshore Alliance is doing to try and stop it.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick face end of domestic supply of natural gas.

Industry grappling with what happens after the ExxonMobil-led Sable Project ends in 2020

By Paul Withers, CBC News <<http://www.cbc.ca/news/cbc-news-online-news-staff-list-1.1294364>> Posted: Mar 08, 2018

Hi folks

As we know the fracking fight has moved to a municipal battlefield. Guysborough and Mulgrave have passed resolutions calling for the moratorium to be lifted, and CBRM, Port Hawkesbury, St Mary's, and Antigonish County and Town have been requested to pass the same resolution. You can read more about that here<<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/guysborough-fracking-ban-end-other-communities-1.4554706>> and see the attached letter from Guysborough to Mulgrave council which includes the suggested pro-fracking resolution.

NOFRAC and the Council of Canadians would like to get in touch with anyone in those municipalities, or anywhere in Nova Scotia where you'd like to fight fracking on a municipal front. **Please get in touch with me if you're interested in or already working to keep your council from passing a pro-fracking resolution** (and perhaps instead have them pass a pro-moratorium resolution). I'd like to connect with communities in resistance and see if we can be of any help.

Let's keep our eyes on Antigonish on March 19th to see what happens when that council discusses the resolution.

Thanks, all!

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Hello all,

Last time I reached out to this list, we were in court, arguing that the Newfoundland offshore petroleum board should not have issued a new nine-year license to Corridor Resources to explore for oil and gas in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. We haven't been in touch for a while because we are still waiting to hear if we will receive standing and have our arguments heard regarding the new license in the Gulf. The Judge is still deliberating over the arguments, and we are hopeful, but it's really up to her now.

In the meantime, as you may have heard, the federal government, in response to pressure from the oil industry and the provinces, is planning to allow the offshore boards to have more power over where, when and how offshore oil and gas activities will occur in Atlantic Canada.

Fixing environmental assessment was a key promise of the Liberal government - the proposed changes do exactly the opposite when it comes to protecting our oceans.

According to the draft [Impact Assessment Act \(Bill C-69\)](#) the boards will be able to sit on review panels that assess projects like drilling. At least 2 out of five panellists will be drawn from the offshore boards - giving them a big voice at the table. Bill-69 will make things even worse for our oceans by handing over more powers to Boards who are already in a conflict of interest position - they are mandated to promote offshore oil and gas. In my experience, they certainly do not have the capacity to review scientific information relevant to protecting ecosystems, evaluate impacts of oil spills, and protect endangered species. They have not addressed mounting evidence regarding the damage of seismic blasting, which scientists warn may lead to the extinction of the right whale (see attached statement from ocean noise expert Dr. Lindy Weigart).

Still up in the air is what will receive review panel treatment, but presumably, review panels will only be struck for a limited number of cases/activities (because a panel review is a high-level assessment). Other activities that don't receive review panel treatment may be assessed entirely by the offshore boards. I've attached some advice we received on the proposed changes and the role of the offshore boards provided by East Coast Environmental Law (ECELAW).

The only reason these changes have been brought is that the oil industry has successfully lobbied for them, with a generous helping hand from the NS and NL governments. MPs need to hear from other people who want these changes reversed, particularly from NL, where the pressure seems to be greatest.

"The Way Forward" on oil and gas, from the NL government, says they want to double oil production and exploit natural gas in the offshore. Interestingly, in this [Western Star](#) piece, MP Seamus O'Regan indicates that exploratory drilling will be under the purview of the offshore boards - a weakening of existing rules that require the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to review exploratory drilling. This gives us some indication that even though regulations regarding what gets a panel review are still up in the air, there are plans for oil boards to have more, not less, say over things like exploratory drilling and seismic blasting.

Bill-69 has passed first reading and will have its second reading in the weeks ahead. After which, it will go to the [Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development](#). Liberal Committee members have indicated they won't meet with constituents on the Bill, however, there are many other MP's in the region who need to hear from you about this Bill.

I'm writing to ask you to consider setting up a meeting with your MP to share concerns about these developments and ask for Bill-69 to be changed to reduce, not increase, the power of the offshore Boards. I've attached the letter we sent to the Prime Minister's office on Jan. 24th about this that you can use to outline your concerns.

Please request your MP speak with their Atlantic Caucus colleagues, Ministers McKenna and Carr and, yes, the Prime Minister to respond to these concerns.

If you can't meet face-to-face, a personal letter outlining your concerns is the next best option.

Hope you can help. We may not get another chance to reform this legislation for many years, if not decades, if it passes as is.

All the best,

Gretchen Fitzgerald

Sierra Club Canada National Director

Kennetcook Waste Water Report

It only took 10 years, but it is all gone.

We (members of East Hants Fracking Opposition Group) should have shared what we know before.

So a few years ago (3?) all the waste water taken to Debert AIS was processed there, and after processing was evaporated in the cement kilns at Lafarge in Brookfield.

Then, a couple years ago, the extensive mobile processing equipment was moved from Debert to the Kennetcook waste ponds. It was processed there the same way as the Debert wastes were. There was a several months break while Triangle Petroleum was going broke.

The province then negotiated a lump sum from Triangle for doing all the rest of the extensive cleanup and remediation of the sites- more than finishing with the waste water. This article was written during that "pause" in the work: Fracking company leaves province with the cleanup

Over the course of 2017 they finished disposing of the waste water, and capped all 5 of the wells. That capping was probably more expensive than the water disposal- you do not any more just cut the well casing off below grade, plug, and cover it,

In the Fall they literally cooked all of the remaining sludge at the bottom of the ponds. Strange site that was. The pond liners were pulled up and hauled off in the dumpsters. The sites were leveled and seeded. You could have a soccer or baseball tournament on them this year.

We have no idea what happened to the substantial amount of ash that would have been left from cooking the sludge. An EHFOG member is quizzing our MLA about that. You can guess how that is going.

Ken Summers

Unfortunately, fracking is under discussion again in Nova Scotia, thanks to an industry lead campaign supported by Guysborough Municipal Council calling for a repeal of the fracking ban.

So NOFRAC and friends are gearing up too, to share information with all of you who worked so hard to get the NS ban passed. We need to make sure Stephen MacNeil does not back down on this issue, and that the misinformation which is being spread about the wonders of fracking is exposed.

We will continue to share information through our email lists, and also on our Facebook page. You can find our Facebook page by searching Nova Scotia Fracking Resource and Action Coalition or NOFRAC.

We are finding interesting new information, confirming and updating much of what we already knew about the problems with fracking, and will share it via email and on FB.

We highly recommend this recently released article by Desmog, posted at <https://www.desmog.ca/2018/02/05/vigilante-scientist-trekked-over-10-000-kilometres-reveal-b-c-s-leaky-gas-wells>

This vigilante scientist trekked over 10,000 kilometers to reveal BC's leaking gas wells

You will also find Jonathon Langdon's Opinion piece from Friday's Chronicle Herald, "Fracking mishaps pervasive, under-reported" <<http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/1549773-opinion-fracking-mishaps-pervasive-under-reported>> and Jim Guy's recent article from the Cape Breton Post.

If you know someone who would like to be added to the email list, let us know. And those of you who use Facebook, please follow and share the information we are posting.

Please help defend our fracking ban. If you have not already written or phoned the premier on this issue, please do so, and ask your friends to do the same.

Greetings,

My name is Lorna MacNeil and I live in Big Pond, Cape Breton. I am helping to share the news that the CBRM council is close to voting through a zoning amendment that would fundamentally change our village, and threaten the organic farm next to

it. I am going to share some links here, and if you help us to spread the word about this development that lies far outside the scope of a reasonable definition of sustainable development.

Not many people live in Big Pond, and we welcome any help in informing others of our plight.

My best,

Lorna MacNeil

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/big-pond-rv-park-1.4414493>

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For immediate release

February 28, 2018

Sierra Club Pleased With Investment \$1.3B in Nature in 2018-2019 Federal Budget

Ottawa - Sierra Club Canada Foundation is pleased to see a substantial commitment to protecting nature in the 2018-2019 Budget. As part of the Green Budget Coalition, Sierra Club Canada Foundation and 18 other leading environmental groups have been pushing for Canada to make a significant commitment to protecting wild spaces. Today's budget makes a ground-breaking commitment of \$1.3 Billion over 5 years for protecting land and endangered species.

"This is outstanding. Canada has committed to parks and protected areas at home, and, simultaneously, stepped up to global leadership by meeting its commitments to Aichi Biodiversity Targets," according to Dr. PearlAnn Reichwein of Sierra Club Canada Foundation Edmonton Group and Associate Professor at the University of Alberta in the Faculty of Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport. "Minister McKenna and the government are to be congratulated for delivering on Canada's commitment. We look forward to collaboration to achieve the much-needed protections."

The Aichi Biodiversity Targets, developed under the Convention on Biodiversity, provide strategic goals for nations to protect biodiversity and enhance benefits for people. They include a commitment to protect at least 17% of land and freshwater and 10% of our oceans by 2020.

"Our Watch for Wildlife program aims to reduce collisions with wildlife on our expanding network of roads and other transportation networks," states Wanda Baxter, Watch for Wildlife Program Manager. "Serious, strategic investment is needed inside and outside protected areas to enable habitat connectivity and collision mitigation, both of which are essential for the continued survival of endangered species and healthy wildlife populations. Hopefully this significant investment in nature will include moves to protect wildlife in and out of parks."

"Last summer, we witnessed unprecedented deaths of right whales right here on our doorstep. We just heard that not one new right whale calf has been sighted during aerial surveys conducted in the southern birthing areas, and the window for this year's calving season is quickly closing," states Gretchen Fitzgerald, National Program Director of Sierra Club Canada Foundation. "We are really going to have to step up our game so the future of the right whales and places they need to survive like the Gulf of St. Lawrence are truly protected. This Budget – and the \$167 million dedicated to whale population recovery – will help take us toward reaching this goal."

"Sierra Club was founded on the principle that the health of nature and people are intertwined. For many years, we have not seen this reflected in our spending. I am very proud today to see the deep concern of many Canadians to protect nature in our federal Budget," says David Snider, Vice-President of the Board of Directors, Sierra Club Canada Foundation.

The **Winter 2018 Newsletter of the Halifax North West Trails Association** is available [here](#).

The **February 2018 Coastal Update** edition is now available. You can find the latest issue on the [COINAtlantic Website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Check out the latest from **Nova Scotia Nature Trust** here: <http://nsnt.ca>

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