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March monthly learning meeting



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Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 10:00 am

Getting There “Greener” EVs and Bikes, what you need to know

Featured speakers:

Steve Lapp, Electric Vehicle Expert & Educator
Alison Stewart, Acting Co-Executive Director of
Advocacy & Public Policy at Cycle Toronto

[Register here](#)

Join us to learn about the future of green transportation and how we can all participate! Get answers to these questions and more:

- What will this massive EV transition mean to society?
- What should I know about buying my first EV?
- How can I bike safely and conveniently around the community (or how can I support cyclists to do so)?

Interest group meetings

<p>Working Group on the Clean Energy Transition An ad hoc group focused on learning more about the transition to cleaner generation and a bigger, smarter, and more resilient transmission and distribution system.</p>	<p>Thursday, March 9 at 1:00 pm To join the meeting, send an email to contact.us@climatelearners.ca for the details.</p>
<p>Individual Action Group individual.action@climatelearners.ca Members learn, discuss, and support one another on individual actions they can take to fight the climate crisis.</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 14 at 10:00 am Zoom link to join the meeting Meeting ID: 854 5636 0987 Passcode: 659676</p>
<p>Advocacy Interest Group advocacy.action@climatelearners.ca Members Learn, connect with other climate organizations and advocate for nonpartisan climate policies to address the climate crisis.</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 15 at 10:00 am Zoom link to join the meeting</p>
<p>Nature-Based Solutions Group Members learn about actions that protect, sustainably manage, and restore our natural ecosystems to mitigate the effects of climate change. Working in partnership with nature protects against biodiversity loss to provide many benefits for human health and well-being.</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 28 at 10:00 am Natural burial: A growing trend. For people who are mindful of the cyclical nature of life, natural burial is a green alternative to conventional burial or cremation. Join Susan Greer, Executive Director of the Natural Burial Association. Zoom link to join the meeting</p>

Climate news, studies and reports

<p>440 Megatonnes: Tracking Canada's climate policy progress from The Canadian Climate Institute</p>	<p>Early Estimate of National Emissions (EENE) Shows Promising Trends for 2021 – February 23, 2023. Canada is improving on critical indicators of climate progress policy but implementation must accelerate. Major policies that the federal government must implement in 2023 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Electricity Regulation • Cap on oil and gas emissions • Sales mandate for zero-emissions vehicles and • Stronger methane regulations <p>Read</p>
<p>Canada's National Observer</p>	<p>Gasoline vs electric cars? Here's how their life cycle emissions compare in Canada. Read</p> <p>Crisis. What crisis? We need a climate emergency information agency. Read</p>
<p>We Don't Have Time</p>	<p>War in Ukraine will impact environment for decades. Read</p>

Climate news, studies and reports (cont'd)

The Guardian	'It's inequality that kills': Canadian author and professor of climate justice Naomi Klein on the future of climate justice. Read
The Narwhal	Uncovering the black history of 10 Ontario rivers. Read
The Energy Mix	Ontario, Quebec, Nunavut among the 10% most vulnerable to climate risk. Read
The Guardian	One of the most important talks no one has heard of. Why the high seas treaty matters. Read
CBC What on Earth?	How to bring Black and Indigenous voices into the climate discussion. Read
Citizens' Climate Lobby	Why are healthy forests important for mitigating climate change? Read
Centre for International Environmental Law	Carbon Capture and Storage. Frequently asked questions. Read
Smart Prosperity Institute	Greenbelt under threat: Why the removal of protected lands is a bad idea. Read
Citizens Climate International	United Nations' Secretary General warns of "biblical" wave of climate migration. Read
Canadian Climate Institute	Five ways provinces can drive climate policy forward in Canada. Read
The Energy Mix	Mounting losses, legal risks, prompt insurers to abandon fossil fuels. Read
The Guardian	Great Bear Sea: vast new marine zone a 'mindset' shift for conservation. Read
Carbon Tracker	Energy Transition's clean technologies are empowering an industrial policy revolution. Read
Carbon Brief	Renewables will be world's top energy source within three years, IEA data reveals. Read
EurekAlert (<i>from Katharine Hayhoe newsletter</i>)	Can elephants save the planet. Read
UN Environment Programme	How much do you know about the nature crisis? Humanity depends on healthy ecosystems to survive. They provide food and clean water, sustain the global economy and play a key role in combating the climate crisis. Test your knowledge

Podcasts



138: Canada must match US clean energy subsidies

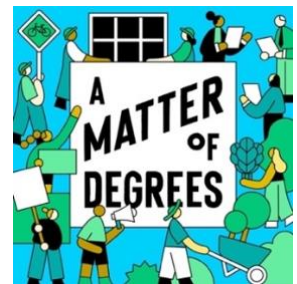
Markham Hislop interviews Michael Bernstein, head of Clean Prosperity, on his modelling and Clean Prosperity's recent working paper that compares the dollar value of incentives offered by Canadian and US governments for low-carbon technologies.

Finance Minister Freeland says the next federal Budget will prioritize spending on health care and the green energy transition. To what extent will the Budget close the gap between the US and Canadian incentives? [Listen](#)



1: Helen Thompson – On the Geopolitics of Energy

In this 1st episode of the new 6th season of Planet A, Dan Jorgensen talks to Helen Thompson, Professor of Political Economy at Cambridge University, about the geopolitics of fossil fuels and how the green energy transition affects the world order. [Listen](#)



Feb 16/23: The Journey of Justice40

Join Dr. Leah Stokes and Dr Katharine Wilkinson as they tell stories about the powerful forces behind climate change – and the tools we have to fix it. In this episode, Dr. Stokes and Wilkinson talk to EJ activists and federal policymakers about Biden's Justice40 initiative, which directs 40% of the overall benefits of climate investments toward disadvantaged communities.

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Repeat: In this new podcast on **Tracking Disinformation**, David McKie of Canada's *National Observer* talks to UK researchers who quantified just how much disinformation there is on Twitter by looking at data from 2014 to 2021.


What they found is not good. Climate scepticism is growing four times as fast as pro-climate content on Twitter – the spike in online climate sceptic tweets is fuelled by growing “right-wing activity” opposing climate action. Their report *Growing Polarisation Around Climate Change on Social Media* is published in *Nature Climate Change*. [Listen](#)




Feb 17/23: The digital circuit breaker and why it matters

The humble circuit breaker is one of the most ubiquitous and overlooked building blocks of the electricity grid. In this episode, David Roberts talks with an inventor/entrepreneur who has developed a solid-state digital circuit breaker about the all the many opportunities for smarter grids that it opens up. [Listen](#)

International and local climate events

March 7 @ 7:00 pm (virtual)	<p>Climate Emergency Unit Climate experts outline plans for winning a national Youth Climate Corps. They will touch on the history of such initiatives and efforts to campaign for climate corps across the country. The event will feature a premier of a new climate song by folk/roots band, The Fugitives. Register</p>
March 9 @ 8:00 am (virtual)	<p>Project Drawdown Women leading climate action through agriculture, education, and health. Register</p>
March 14 @ 7:00 pm (virtual)	<p>Environment Haliburton Learn about the dangers of rat/mouse poisons, their impact on ecosystems and wildlife as well as safe and humane alternatives. Register</p>
March 16 @ 10:00 am (virtual)	<p>Richmond Hill Speaker Series Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency. Seth Klein, Author and Team Lead and Director of Strategy with the Climate Emergency Unit, explores how we can align our politics and economy with what the science says we must do to address the climate crisis with an original and uniquely hopeful take to this challenge. He examines lessons from the Second World War – the last time Canada faced an existential threat. <i>Note there is a registration fee of \$17.55+handling for this lecture</i>. Register</p>
March 25 @ 8:00 pm (in-person)	<p>Toronto Region Conservation Area Celebrate Earth Hour at Clareville Conservation Area in Brampton. Bring your family for an evening of adventure and experience the night. Learn about nocturnal animals, light pollution, climate change and tips for reducing your energy consumption at home. Register</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">EARTH DAY 2023</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Photo by NASA on Unsplash</p>	<p>Earth Day is on Saturday, April 22.</p> <p>Visit earthday.org to learn more about this year's theme Invest in Our Planet. The site has lots of info as well as toolkits on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable business • The great global cleanup • Plastic pollution primer and action • Climate literacy action • Individual action • Fashion for the earth • Bee conservation • Restore our earth climate education <p style="text-align: right;">More info</p>

Take action

Learning for a Sustainable Future	Climate Learning. Resources to help you support students from K2-K12 in understanding climate change. Find out more
Environmental Defence	Ontario is building new gas plants. The feds need to step in now! Take action
David Suzuki Foundation	Ask Ontario for more transit funding. Take action
STAND.earth	No subsidies for LNG Canda. Shell is plowing ahead with plans to build the second phase of its LNG Canada project in B.C. – and now wants taxpayer money to fund it. Take action
	<p style="text-align: center;">The Alliance for a Liveable Ontario</p> <p>This new report by Kevin Eby, former Region of Waterloo Director of Community Planning shows municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe already set aside more than enough land by 2022 to meet all of Ontario’s housing needs for 2031 and beyond. Spread the word that Greenbelt lands aren’t needed for housing - share the report and media release with your contacts now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the full report here. • Read the media release here.

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