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April meetings

To celebrate EARTH WEEK, CALL is hosting two events:

- **A nature walk at The Evergreen Brickworks on April 19** starting at 11:00 am. (see below for further details).
- **A webinar on Green Cities with Jonah Rannie on April 23** at 3:00 pm followed by a social event at 4:30 pm. (see below for further details).

The next monthly learning meeting is on May 3rd on "**Winemakers Taking on Climate Change**". Meet Napa vintners Steve and Jill Matthiasson who are committed environmentalists and farmers who evaluate every winemaking decision through the lens of sustainability. Whether you are a wine lover or know someone who is — learn how the wine industry is changing and how you can support it in buying wines that are better for the planet and will help us reduce our carbon footprint. More details and registration information coming soon!

Celebrate EARTH WEEK with CALL

<p>NATURE WALK</p>  <p><i>Photo: Evergreen Brickworks -- mark.watmough from Toronto, Canada, CC BY 2.0, via Wikimedia Commons</i></p>	<p>In person: Wednesday, April 19 at 11:00 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Join us for a nature walk guided by CALL hike leaders JoAnne Hunter and Judy Sheridan on the trails around The Evergreen Brickworks.• Stay for lunch – you can bring a picnic lunch or pick something up at the Café.• Location: Meet at the entrance way to the Picnic Café & Wine Shop at 11:00 am. The Evergreen Brickworks parking lot is located at 550 Bayview Ave. TTC accessible.• Please RSVP as numbers are limited: Contact JoAnne Hunter at nature.based.solutions@climatelearners.ca.
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Celebrate EARTH WEEK with CALL (cont'd)

PRESENTATION ON "GREEN CITIES"



Photo: Urban apartment garden, CC0 1.0, via rawpixel.com

Celebrate Earth Week
on **Sunday, April 23** (starting at 3pm)
Enjoy a presentation on "Green Cities" from 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Stay to mingle and snack from 4:30 to 6:00 pm

- Zoom webinar on Green Cities with Jonah Rannie, urban planner and landscape architect.
- You can watch Jonah's presentation at 35 Boardwalk (see below) and stay to socialize with friends from CALL.
- If you can't join in person, [register by clicking here](#) to watch the webinar on Zoom, starting at 3:30 p.m.
- **What to bring if you are coming in person:** Your beverage of choice – other snacks will be provided.
- **Location:** The Multi-Purpose Room, 35 Boardwalk Drive, located in the Beach at Lakeshore & Woodbine
- **RSVP:** Contact Sharon Zeiler at membership@climatelearners.ca to let her know if you are coming in person. Sharon will provide you with directions to 35 Boardwalk, if needed.

EARTH DAY 2023

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Earth Day is on Saturday, April 22.

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:

- 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.

[More info](#)

April 22 at 1:00 pm (in person)

LEAF


To celebrate Earth Day, join LEAF volunteers for a community tree planting event in D'Hillier Park in Whitby. [Register](#)

April 29 and April 30 (in person)

10,000 Trees

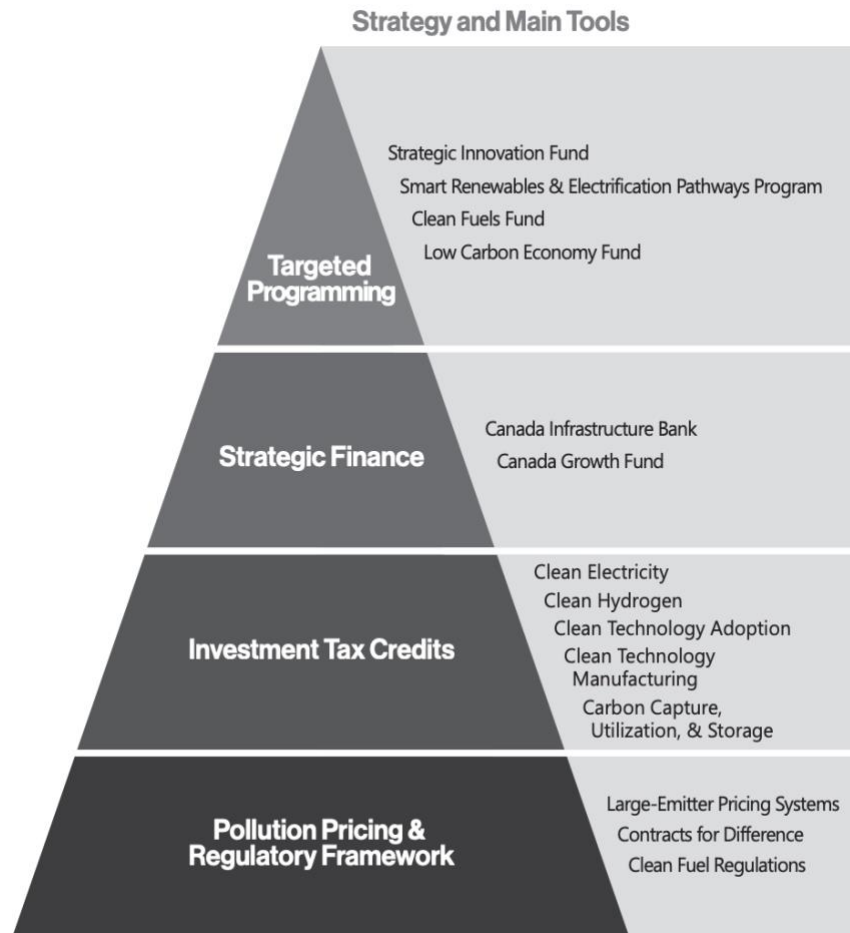
Annual Earth Week community tree planting. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to plant approx. 3,200 trees and shrubs to restore natural ecosystems in the Rouge Valley Watershed. [Register](#)

Climate news, studies and reports

	<p>The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its sixth synthesis assessment on March 20, 2023. Read</p> <p>The IPCC press release notes that “there are multiple, feasible and effective options to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to human-caused climate change.” “Keeping warming to 1.5 C above pre-industrial levels requires deep, rapid and sustained GHG emissions reductions in all sectors.”</p>
<p>Canada’s National Observer</p>	<p>In the wake of the release of IPCC’s sixth assessment report, top climate scientists urge swift action for Canada and the world in critical decade for change. Read</p> <p>Canada will take a long hard look at upping its climate target, Guilbeault says following the IPCC report. Read</p>
<p>The Energy Mix</p>	<p>Special report: “Defuse the climate time bomb” with net-zero by 2040 Guterres urges G20. A series of reports from The Energy Mix on the release of the new IPCC report. Read</p>
<p>Canopy</p>	<p>To celebrate this year’s International Day of Forests, Canopy caught up with Dr. Suzanne Simard, illustrious author, professor, forest ecologist, and Canopy board member. As one of the world’s first defenses against climate change, Dr. Simard explains why old growth forests are integral to keeping our planet liveable. Watch</p>
<p>Time4Action</p>	<p>Zero emission vehicles (ZEV) consultation: tell the feds a stronger mandate is needed. A recording of a webinar earlier in March with Ken Love of Climate Messengers and Raymond Leury, President of the Electric Council of Ottawa. Watch</p>
<p>The Guardian</p>	<p>UK government gambles on carbon capture and storage tech despite scientists’ doubts. Read</p>
<p>Friends of the Earth United States</p>	<p>Protecting biodiversity from harmful financing: No go areas for the international banking sector. Intact primary and secondary forests. Read</p>
<p>CBC News</p>	<p>United Nations members reach accord to protect marine life on high seas. Read</p>
<p>United Nations</p>	<p>UN delegates reach historic agreement on protecting marine biodiversity in international waters. Read</p>
<p>The Guardian</p>	<p>When the climate crisis brings despair, I cultivate my inner connection to nature...and find hope. Read</p>

2023 federal budget

Canada's Plan for a Clean Economy



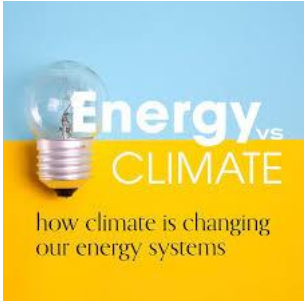



Source: <https://www.budget.canada.ca/2023/pdf/budget-2023-en.pdf> p. 74

Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland's 2023 budget outlined \$70 billion to support investments in clean electricity and clean growth and to keep Canada competitive with the Biden Administration's *Inflation Reduction Act* (IRA).

The budget sets out eight priorities for the shift to a clean economy: electrification, clean energy, clean manufacturing, emissions reduction, critical minerals, infrastructure, electric vehicles and batteries, and major projects. For analysis and comments on the government's strategy see:

- The Canadian Climate Institute's look at what the above policy pyramid, taken from the 2023 budget, means for Canada's clean economy. [Read](#)
- Smart Prosperity Institute's budget comments. [Read](#)
- The March 28 edition of The Energy Mix. [Read](#)

Podcasts

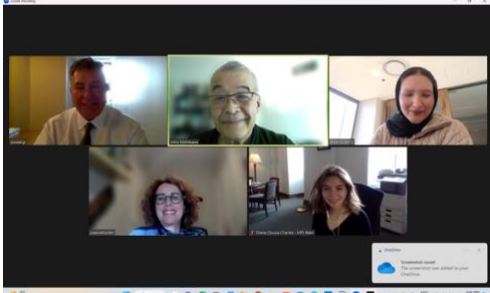
	<p>Energy vs Climate: Can contracts for difference keep Canada competitive? Ed Whittingham and special guest Dr. Chris Bataille of Columbia University’s Center for Global Energy Policy, discuss carbon contracts for difference (CfDs). Budget 2023 confirms the federal government’s commitment to <u>carbon contracts for difference</u>.</p> <p>These contracts act as an insurance policy for investors, guaranteeing future carbon prices and insulating investors from potential future policy changes. The contracts set a price on tradable carbon credits, which heavy emitters can get if they reduce pollution. If the market price for the credit falls below the minimum in the contract, the government would make up the difference. Listen</p>
	<p>Volts March 29: We’re about to give billions of dollars to clean hydrogen. How should we define it?</p> <p>While 95 percent of the world’s hydrogen is currently produced using fossil fuels, there is a carbon-free way to produce hydrogen. This episode of Volts runs through the critical details, complexities and enormous stakes involved, for the industry and the larger project of decarbonization in getting it right. Listen</p>
	<p>The Climate Pod: In his latest book, The Midnight Kingdom: A History of Power, Paranoia, and the Coming Crisis, Jared Yates Sexton traces back a long history of conspiracies that have fueled authoritarianism, right-wing extremism and led to several crises. By examining the history, we can best understand the major issues we face today – including the climate crisis. Listen</p>
	<p>The Energy Transition Show with Chris Nelder, March 22: Materials requirements of the transition</p> <p>Energy transition skeptics continue to argue that certain critical minerals and materials, such as “rare earth” metals, place a fundamental limitation on scaling up wind, solar, storage and EVs. But is that true? A recent study has provided some solid answers. Listen</p> <p>The Energy Transition is consistently rated as the best podcast on the energy transition.</p>

International and local climate events

Dates to be announced (online)	<p>Alliance for a Liveable Ontario A new webinar series: Building Hope for a Liveable Ontario. These are for concerned citizens, community leaders and experts looking for hope and ideas to build a liveable Ontario. Register</p>
Three Monday evenings or three Tuesday lunch sessions in April (online)	<p>Talk Climate to Me For women who want to learn more about the climate crisis in an accessible, supportive and friendly environment. A great way to learn about hopeful climate solutions. Register</p>
April 3 at 7:00 pm (online)	<p>David Suzuki Foundation Following the release of the new IPCC report, join a virtual rally with inspiring climate movement leaders “Winning 100% Renewable Power for All”. Register</p>
April 5 at 7:00 pm. (online)	<p>Ontario Clean Air Alliance Beyond Gas Advocacy Workshop. Join a non-partisan advocacy effort aimed at stopping the expansion of existing gas plants in Ontario. Create a clean, safe, reliable and affordable electricity grid in Ontario. Register</p>
April 6 at 1:00 pm (online)	<p>The Group of 78 The role of innovation and technology in feeding the future with Dr. Evan Fraser from the University of Guelph. Register</p>
April 11 at 2:00 am (Eastern) (online)	<p>Japan's Efforts to Derail the Energy Transition. The upcoming G7 Summit on May 19-21 in Hiroshima provides a huge opportunity to mobilize international scrutiny on Japan. Register</p>
April 12 at 1:00 pm (EDT) (online)	<p>Veg Forum What would happen if Edinburgh and Stockholm went vegan? Reducing the environmental impact from food. Register</p>
April 13 at 10:00 am (online)	<p>Water Watchers Making your dollars work for the environmental movement. Register</p>
April 20 at 1:15 pm (online)	<p>Security and Sustainability Forum Unlocking the potential of digital climate entrepreneurship. Register</p>

Take action

Nature on the Hill by Nature Canada



Earlier in March, **CALL's Joanne Hunter** (bottom row, left) joined a panel of nature activists from different environmental organizations who met with Charles Souza, Liberal MP to follow-up on the promises Canada made at COP15 - halting destruction of nature and protecting 30% of marine and terrestrial environments by 2030 and enacting legislation to ensure there is accountability.

AVAAZ

They're building the world's first octopus farm which would cram a million of these highly intelligent creatures into tiny tanks and then kill them by freezing them to death. Put pressure on local authorities in Spain to stop the plan and ban factory farming before it starts. [Take action](#)

Small Change Fund



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To increase CALL's reach beyond its core group of supporters, we are developing a website and social media channels to provide our friends and supporters with timely and up-to-date information about the club.

CALL's leadership team feels that asking members to pay a membership fee would be a barrier. They are steadfast in their commitment that no one should have to pay to access CALL webinars and information.

We are asking friends and supporters to make a voluntary donation to help us with CALL's work. All donors to our Small Change Fund project will receive a charitable tax receipt.

Here is a link to the Small Change Fund website. [CLICK HERE](#) to view our request for support and make a donation.

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