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## May monthly meeting



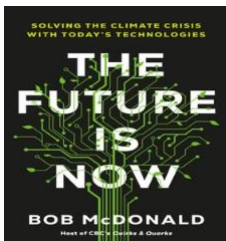
### Winemakers Taking on Climate Change May 3, 2023 at 10:00 am – 11:30 am ET

CALL member Debbie Gordon, a certified Sommelier and Canadian wine scholar, will interview Steve Matthiasson of [Matthiasson Wines](#) in Napa Valley. Steve and his wife Jill are committed environmentalists and certified organic farmers who evaluate every agricultural decision through the lens of sustainability.

As well, we'll get an update on Ontario's Wine Sustainability Certification from Andrea Kaiser, Chair of [Sustainable Winegrowing Ontario](#). Climate change devastated grape vines in Niagara and British Columbia in 2021 and 2022, and Andrea will tell us how local winegrowers are adopting resilience strategies.

[Register](#)

## Mark your calendar for the June monthly meeting!



Join us on June 7th at a special evening time -- 7 p.m. EDT.


Our guest is CBC science broadcaster **Bob McDonald** who will discuss his new book on climate change technology "The Future Is Now. Solving the climate crisis with today's technologies".

It promises to be an exciting evening. Details will be announced soon!

## Interest group meetings in May

<p><b>Individual Action Group</b>  <a href="mailto:individual.action@climatelearners.ca">individual.action@climatelearners.ca</a></p> <p>Members <b>learn, discuss</b>, and <b>support</b> one another on individual actions they can take to fight the climate crisis.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday May 9 @ 10:00 am</b></p> <p>A discussion on sustainability with a focus on what's in your wardrobe.</p>
<p><b>Advocacy Interest Group</b>  <a href="mailto:advocacy.action@climatelearners.ca">advocacy.action@climatelearners.ca</a></p> <p>Members <b>Learn, connect</b> with other climate organizations and <b>advocate</b> for nonpartisan climate policies to address the climate crisis.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday May 17 @ 10:00 am</b></p> <p>A discussion on the clean energy transition.</p>
<p><b>Nature-Based Solutions Group</b>  <a href="mailto:nature.based.solutions@climatelearners.ca">nature.based.solutions@climatelearners.ca</a></p> <p>Members <b>learn</b> 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><b>Tuesday May 30 @10:00 am</b></p> <p>A discussion on invasive plants in our gardens and ravines and their environmental impact led by Janet Haynes Graham, one of CALL's avid gardeners; and on re:grow, a WWF-Canada program to encourage gardeners to plant native species.</p>

## Climate news, studies and reports

	<p><b>Banking on Climate Chaos: Fossil Fuel Finance Report 2023</b>          This report analyzes fossil fuel financing and policies from the world's 60 largest commercial and investment banks. The report also assesses bank financing in sectors that threaten communities. In Canada, the tar sands companies received \$21 billion in 2022, led by TD, RBC and the Bank of Montreal. <a href="#">Read</a></p>
<p>Canada's National Observer</p>	<p><b>Special report – Climate of denial</b>          Disinformation is on the rise — and climate change is a growing target. This series of five articles dives into the greenwashing, half-truths and falsehoods shaping some Canadians' understanding of the climate crisis. <a href="#">Read</a></p>
<p>RCGD Global / Fashion Takes Action</p>	<p><b>Fashion Impacts 101</b>          An educational video series designed to unlock and accelerate learning about sustainable fashion. <a href="#">Watch</a></p>
<p>CBC What on Earth</p>	<p>Meet two PhD students who are trying to make environmental field work more accessible; and the ecological fallout of the SpaceX rocket launch. <a href="#">Read</a></p>
<p>The PLACE Centre – an initiative of the Smart Prosperity Institute</p>	<p><b>Clean technologies</b>          We need better ways to understand the impacts of clean technologies on jobs and workers. <a href="#">Read</a></p>

## Climate news, studies and reports (cont'd)

George Monbiot	<b>Meatwashing</b> Claims that cattle ranching sequesters carbon and restores ecosystems have been used in highly effective marketing campaigns by the livestock industry. Just one problem: they're greenwash. <a href="#">Read</a>
Grist	Why older Americans are taking to the streets for climate action. <a href="#">Read</a>
Penticton Herald	Ontario teachers raise concerns about new pension board member with oil and gas ties. <a href="#">Read</a>
TMU Book Talk	The future of food is female. Reinventing the food system to save the planet. <a href="#">Watch</a>
NPR Goats and Soda	Facing floods: what the world can learn from Bangladesh's climate solutions. <a href="#">Read</a>

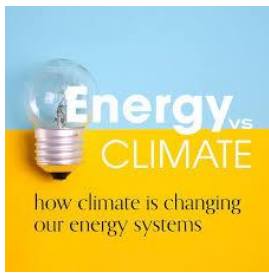
## International and local climate events

Thursday May 4 @ 6:00 pm (virtual)	<b>Environmental Defence</b> New gas plants are coming to Ontario! How we can stop them and build a clean energy future. <a href="#">Register</a>
Thursday May 4 @ 6:30 pm (virtual)	<b>The Climate Emergency Unit</b> Author Seth Klein discusses strategies for effective climate action. <a href="#">Register</a>
Wednesday May 10 @ 7:00 pm (virtual)	<b>Seniors for Climate Action Now SCAN! Along with Climate Action Muskoka and Environment Haliburton</b> A four-part <i>Climate Emergency and Extraction Series</i> . The first session features Jamie Kneen of MiningWatch Canada on the impact of mineral extraction on humans and the larger natural world as we transition from fossil fuels to renewables. <a href="#">Register</a>

## Take action

David Suzuki Foundation	<b>Protect Canada's forests from degradation.</b> Canada needs to own up to the fact that current forestry practices are not sustainable. We must demonstrate leadership to jump-start a change from status quo industrial operations. Send a letter to Canada's Natural Resources Minister Jonathan Wilkinson. <a href="#">Send letter</a>
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## Podcasts



**Canada's Big Bet on Electrification – April 5/23 E43:** This podcast discusses the recent Canadian federal government's big bet on electrification. [Listen](#)

Also worth listening to are:

- Episode 42: Can Contracts for Difference Keep Canada Competitive?
- Episode 41: on a Just Transition



**Getting rooftop solar onto low and middle-income housing – April 28:** In this episode, David Roberts interviews Vero Bourg-Meyer of the Clean Energy States Alliance. They discuss roof top solar, as well as policies needed to help low and middle-income citizens.

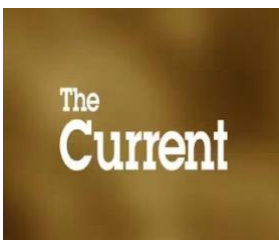
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**Jeffrey Sachs on Biden's Infrastructure Goals – April 18:** In this interview, Sachs explains the two most important aspects of building infrastructure to combat climate change and adapt to the present environment. He also discusses why addressing climate change with infrastructure developments is essential to creating a more just and equitable society. [Listen](#)



**Citizens sue SaskPower over natural gas power plants – April 18 – Episode 166:** Markham Hislop interviews David Maenz, one of the technical experts on the Saskatchewan strategic climate litigation. Climate Justice Saskatoon and seven Saskatchewan residents, aged 15 to 80, filed an application at the Court of King's Bench on Mar 31, claiming that expanding gas-fired electricity generation violates their Charter rights to life, security of person and equality. [Listen](#)



**Rethinking banks fossil fuels – April 18/23:** This is a very interesting discussion between Matt Galloway and Matt Price, executive director of the shareholder advocacy group Investors for Paris Compliance; and Warren Mabee, director of the Queen's Institute for Energy and Environmental Policy. They discuss Canadian banks' role in financing fossil fuel as well as this year's [Banking on Climate Chaos 2023: Fossil Fuel Finance Report](#).

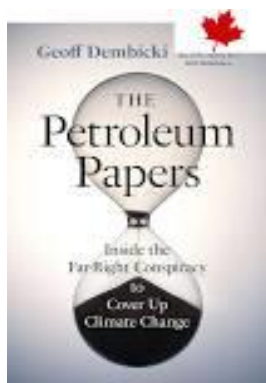
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**Lights, Camera, Inaction: Where Is Climate's Starring Role – April 28/23:** Climate disruption is a bigger and bigger part of our lives, and yet there's one place it still doesn't show up much: our television and movie screens. This episode explores the issue with producer and director Scott Z. Burns who discusses his new series on AppleTV+ *Extrapolations*

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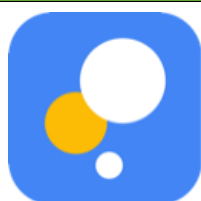
## Book review



**The Petroleum Papers: Inside the Far-Right Conspiracy to Cover Up Climate Change.** The author, Geoff Dembicki, is an investigative journalist who grew up in Alberta. His book draws on hundreds of confidential oil industry documents spanning decades. Greystone Books, in their [review](#) wrote: “*this explosive work of investigative reporting reveals for the first time the far-right conspiracy that’s stopped the world from preventing the climate crisis.*”

The book tells the story of how the American and Canadian oil companies ignored warnings about climate devastation as early as 1959 and instead of alerting the world, took on a decades-long battle against the science and effective climate policy solutions. Exxon, the world’s largest publicly traded oil company, quietly studied climate science as a top priority during the 1970s. By 1991, Imperial Oil (a subsidiary of Exxon) had concluded that a carbon tax and/or emissions trading would be the one of most effective policies in stabilizing the climate but would, significantly impact them financially. The companies knew that “stopping climate change was not only possible, but economically feasible,” Dembicki concludes. [See](#) Richard Schiffman’s review in *The Washington Post*.

## Small Change Fund



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CALL’s commitment is that no one should have to pay to access our webinars and information, but we do need some funds, primarily to support our new website. The website which is nearing launch will help us to extend our reach, provide information about events and other activities, as well as access to our library of climate learning materials.

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