



Note: We are taking a break in July and August. There will be no newsletter, monthly learning meetings or interest group meetings. We hope you have a great summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

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To receive invitations to CALL's monthly learning meetings and our monthly newsletter, please complete [this form](#).
(The form will also let you opt into mailings from any of our interest groups.)

June monthly meeting

 	<p style="text-align: center;">The Future is Now with Bob McDonald June 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm ET on Zoom</p> <p>CBC science broadcaster Bob McDonald will discuss his new book on climate change technology "The Future Is Now. Solving the climate crisis with today's technologies".</p> <p>An exploration of the incredible technologies that exist <i>right now</i> to help us resolve the climate emergency. "Quirks & Quarks" fans will recognize Bob's signature style as he explains these advancements in a way that's easy to understand, full of surprises and inherently hopeful. Register</p>
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Interest group meetings in June

<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>June 13 at 10:00 am Planning for the coming year and a discussion of how to look at condo/apartment living from an environmental perspective with emphasis on individual action. Join the Zoom meeting</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>June 21 at 10:00 am Join the Zoom meeting</p>

Enough is Enough OFL Day of Action Saturday, June 3 at Queen's Park

June 3 (in person rally)

1:30 pm – meet and walk around the perimeter of Queen's Park

2:00 pm – join the main OFL rally on south lawn of Queen's Park

On the one-year anniversary of Doug Ford's re-election, people are taking to the streets across Ontario to say "Enough is Enough" and to demand real solutions.

Along with concerns that wages aren't keeping up, sky-high housing costs and longer hospital wait times, voice your concern about the lack of an adequate climate plan and the urgency of moving away from fossil fuels.

The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) is organizing the rallies to support their "**Enough is Enough**" campaign.

Join CALL and climate action partners GASP (Grandmothers Act to Save the Planet) and SCAN! (Seniors for Climate Action Now!) to bring the climate agenda front and centre and show solidarity with labour.

- **1:30 pm** - meet at Queen's Park at the northwest corner of Wellesley Street East and Queen's Park Crescent East, just behind and north of the legislature.
- Walk around the perimeter of Queen's Park with signs.
- Those who do not wish to join the walk can wait for the walkers to return to this corner.
- **2:00 pm** - we will then join the main rally on the south lawn in front of the legislature.

Just look for the banners from SCAN!, GASP or CALL.

Contact Michael Barkley michael.barkley@climatelearners.ca for more information and/or to RSVP.

To learn more about the Enough is Enough campaign, [click here](#)

Climate news, studies and reports

EcoJustice	<p>BREAKING NEWS! MP's pass first major update to Canada's most import environmental law in more than two decades</p> <p>On May 30th, the House of Commons passed Bill S-5, which updates the <i>Canadian Environmental Protection Act</i> (CEPA) for the first time in 20+ years. This crucial legislation now returns to the Senate for a final review before it becomes law. While it is not a cure-all, it <i>does</i> introduce some important changes such as strengthened control of toxic substances and recognizes the right to a healthy environment for the first time ever in federal law.</p> <p>Read more</p>
Oil Change International (OCI)	<p>Big Oil Reality Check 2023</p> <p>OCI has released three new briefings show that three of the world's largest oil and gas companies – Total, Eni and Equinor - are on the cusp of approving a surge of new oil and gas development that will continue to fuel the global climate crisis. Read the briefings</p>
CBC Radio Cross Country Checkup	<p>The human cost of climate-related disasters</p> <p>Long-term trauma for natural disaster evacuees is part of uncounted climate costs. Have you ever been told you have 30 minutes to leave your home under a mandatory evacuation order due to an oncoming wildfire, flood, hurricane, etc.? What would you take? That's happening right now to thousands of Canadians in just about every province as they escape from wildfires from coast to coast.</p> <p>Read more and listen to the program</p>
The Atmospheric Fund	<p>The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) recently announced the results of a competitive procurement process which will expand natural gas-powered electricity generation capacity by up to 586 megawatts. The new contracts follow the IESO's plan announced last year to procure 4,000 MWs of new capacity, including 2,500 MWS of new storage.</p> <p>The remainder, planned additions of up to 1,500 MWs of new natural gas capacity, has attracted significant interest in part because of potential misalignment with both forthcoming federal Clean Electricity Regulations (CER) and calls from municipalities, including motions to ban new gas-fired capacity, to decarbonize the grid on which their climate action plans rely upon. Read more</p>
CBC News	<p>Seniors taking action on climate</p> <p>Worried about their grandkids' future, more seniors are taking up the climate fight. Groups like Seniors for Climate Action Now! are focusing their efforts on fossil fuel funders. Read more</p>
350.org	<p>Big Oil must pay their fair share</p> <p>Borrowing from Kim Stanley Robinson's <i>Ministry for the Future</i>, 350.org staff deliver invoices to Big Oil offices across Canada to bill them for the cost of climate damages our communities have faced. It's time Canada's fossil fuel giants pay their fair share for worsening climate disasters. Watch the video</p>

Climate news, studies and reports (cont'd)

<p>Reuters from the Katharine Hayhoe newsletter</p>	<p>Largest “Debt-for-Nature” deal ever Ecuador has secured about \$17M annually to preserve the waters around the Galapagos Islands and wiped out over \$1B of its national debt in the process. This represents the largest “debt-for-nature” deal ever made. The Galapagos, which are about 600 miles off Ecuador’s mainland, are home to many species like the islands’ famed giant tortoises that live nowhere else on Earth. Read more</p>
<p>The Energy Mix</p>	<p>Net-Zero Breakthrough? Hopeful signs as regulator finalizes energy futures report The Canada Energy Regulator (CER) will release the next edition of Canada’s Energy Future, its flagship energy modelling report next month. While it’s not entirely clear what the report will say, CER’s public pronouncements so far indicate it has taken onboard its mandate from Natural Resources Minister Jonathan Wilkinson to align its modelling with international work on net-zero emissions, and the 1.5°C target in the Paris climate agreement. Read more</p>
<p>STAND.earth</p>	<p>Cost of Convenience A new report reveals the hidden climate and health impacts of the global ecommerce-driven parcel delivery industry through 2030. Millions of people get parcels delivered each and every day. But stop and think about this for a minute. What are the consequences of you getting that package delivered to your front door? All of these delivery vehicles are clogging our streets, spewing gasses that clog our lungs and the environment. The damage done by these fossil fuel-powered fleets to our health and climate is only just beginning to be understood. Read the report</p>
<p>Canadian Climate Institute</p>	<p>Mobilizing private capital for climate adaptation infrastructure. Infrastructure is essential to Canadians’ well-being and to the country’s economic activity, but increasingly acute climate impacts pose serious threats. Of particular importance in limiting the damage from worsening climate change is the need to scale up systems-focused adaptation investments which are investments “explicitly intended to deliver climate resilience benefits to the broader system” (CBI 2019: 18).² These investments, referred to as “climate adaptation infrastructure,” are the focus of this paper. Read the report</p>

Local and global climate events

<p>June 8 at 12:00 noon (virtual)</p>	<p>Royal Ontario Museum An affinity for regional seafood – how eating local supports people and the environment A conversation with <i>Affinity Fish</i> co-founders Jon Klip & Matt Taylor and Indigenous supplier Jordane Chegahno who will explore the wealth of local freshwater resources in the Great Lakes region, highlight the importance of sustainable fish stocks and discuss the value of eating local to environmental sustainability efforts. More information and register</p>
<p>June 10 at 6:45 am (in-person)</p>	<p>Toronto Region Conservation Authority – Bike the Creek 2023 For the early birds – an event to raise awareness on the benefits of cycling and how active transportation is essential to building a healthy and sustainable community. Note that the first 1000 participants to register will be treated to a complimentary lunch after their ride! More information and register</p>
<p>June 15 at 1:00 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>Canadian Climate Institute The authors of three new case studies in CCI’s Indigenous Perspectives series will discuss how Indigenous self-determination and knowledge are integral to designing effective regional, provincial, territorial, and national climate policies. More information and register</p>

Take action

<p>National Farmers Union Ontario, Ontario Federation of Agriculture and other major farming groups</p>	<p>We must protect Ontario’s farmland for FARMING! The Ontario government’s newly introduced Bill 97 and Proposed Provincial Planning Statement will weaken farmland protections. Bill 97 will allow the severance and sale of lots of prime agricultural land throughout Ontario. “Ontario boasts some of Canada’s richest and most fertile farmland and these policy changes put the sustainability of that land and the food system it provides at great risk.” Take action</p>
<p>Environmental Defence</p>	<p>Stop Big Oil from polluting our climate. The big oil companies continue to profit from their harmful activities that fuel the climate crisis and Canada will remain one of the worst contributors to the global crisis unless our federal government steps up and puts an end to these practices. Tell our federal politicians that it’s time to put the interests of the Canadian people first! Take action</p>

Cycle 55+ biking events summer 2023



Save the dates and join our group rides! Discover your city and Cycle 55+

Cycle55+ wants to get you out for a ride! We're planning a different ride each month to explore our city by bike. Choose your own adventure and save the date! Final ride details will be posted on the Cycle55+ Group Facebook page.

For more information about any of the below events, contact cycle55to@gmail.com or visit the Cycle 55+ Facebook page [here](#).

<p>Saturday June 24th @ 9 am (Raindate June 25th)</p>	<p>SHAW STREET REDEMPTION</p> <p>Meet at Lawton Parkette on Yonge at Heath. This Bike Month ride celebrates advocacy in action with a trip down three urban cycling routes – Yonge, Bloor and Shaw Street. See why Shaw Street has the busiest bike lanes in the city! 15k urban ride in bike lanes. Cafe stop at Contra Coffee on Shaw.</p>
<p>Saturday July 22nd @ 9 am (Raindate July 23rd)</p>	<p>BRICKWORKS AND BAYVIEW</p> <p>Meet in the parking lot of Mt. Pleasant Funeral Centre (off Moore Ave.) Take the new Mud Creek switchback to Evergreen Brickworks and connect to the Bayview cycle tracks, Corktown and the Distillery District. 17k ride* on trails and bike lanes. Note the return route has some steep sections. Refreshments at St. Lawrence Market.</p>
<p>Saturday August 26th @ 9 am (Raindate August 27th)</p>	<p>WATERFRONT WONDERS</p> <p>Meet at Sugar Beach by the Martin Goodman Trail Riding east along the waterfront, navigate through the Portlands and the new cycling bridges making our way to Tom Thompson Park and the Lighthouse. Refreshment stop at the Cherry Beach food trucks. 20k ride* with some construction detours and on road sections.</p>
<p>Saturday Sept. 16th @ 9 am (Raindate Sept. 17th)</p>	<p>DANFORTH DELIGHTS</p> <p>Meet at the northeast corner of Yonge and Bloor A legacy of the pandemic, Danforth Avenue was remade as a complete street with on-street patios, protected bike lanes, protected intersections and more. See how the complete street has enlivened the area. Refreshment stop at Riverview Park Cafe on Logan Ave. 10k ride* using on-street bike lanes.</p>

* Distance estimates are for out and back rides. However, people can choose to continue on their own route once the destination is reached.

Podcasts



Planet A – May 26: National Bans and Global Commitments to Phase Out Fossil Fuels.

Dan Jorgensen talks to Dr. Angela Carter who is a leading expert on phasing out fossil fuels. Angela Carter is an associate professor at the Department of Political Science and Balsillie School of International Affairs at the University of Waterloo. She is also an energy transitions specialist at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IIISD).

Dr. Carter recently published the award-winning book ***FOSSILIZED: Environmental Policy in Canada’s Petro-Provinces***.

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Volts - May 19: The trouble with net-zero.

In this episode, environmental social scientist Holly Jean Buck discusses the critique of emissions-focused climate policy that she laid out in her book, ***Ending Fossil Fuels: Why Net Zero is Not Enough***.

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Energi Talks – May 30: Alberta’s electricity market is broken. Here’s how to fix it.

Journalist Makham Hislop interviews economist David Gray who helped design the de-regulation of Alberta’s power generation in the late 1990s.

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The Energy Transition Show - May 17: The Coal Trap (Note: A subscription is required to listen to the full podcast).

Why have coal-mining communities continued to white-knuckle their interests in coal long after it was clear the industry was well into decline and would never come back? How were politicians able to misdirect blame toward a “War on Coal” narrative rather than economic factors? In this episode, Jamie Van Nostrand, a lawyer who has worked both for utility regulators and utility companies, sheds light on these questions.

In his 2022 book, ***The Coal Trap: How West Virginia Was Left Behind in the Clean Energy Revolution***, he explains how the politics of West Virginia, and the actions of coal industry proponents and lobbyists, contributed to a culture of denial about the need for a clean energy transition.

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