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**Sign up to CALL's mailing list to receive the newsletter and invitations to monthly learning and interest group meetings.**

**OCEC pre-election province-wide public town hall meeting  
February 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on Zoom**



Join industry experts for a non-partisan webinar that will help you understand critical election issues and party policies.

**VOTE! FOR OUR FUTURE**  
**The Ontario Election And You**

**February 13th**  
**7:00PM - 8:30PM**  
**ZOOM**

Kathryn Bakos on Affordability  
Dr. Mili Roy on Health  
Brent Preston on Agriculture & Food Security  
Louise Comeau on Sustainable Options

Hear key policy records of each party and an expert panelists' discussion of the real-life impacts of those policies on you and your loved ones. Ask the panelists your questions during the Q+A to follow.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE TOWN HALL](#)

**Save the date for CALL's monthly learning meeting on  
Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 11:30 am on Zoom**



**Choose Hope: Good news and solutions  
for climate and nature**

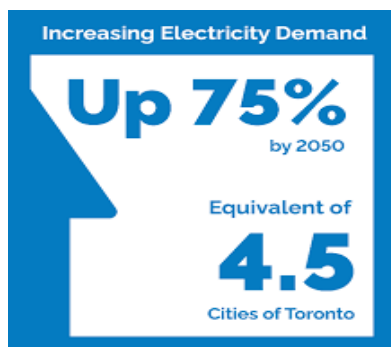
Explore good news stories about progress on climate solutions and biodiversity loss and share how to stay hopeful in difficult times.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:](#) You will receive an email confirmation with your personal link to join the meeting.

## Interest group meetings

### Advocacy Interest Group

Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month (except Dec, Jul, and Aug).



**Next meeting:** Wednesday, February 19 at 10:00 – 11:30 am on Zoom.

The group will discuss concerns about the government's latest policy paper – *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future and The Affordable Energy Act, 2024*. This paper, and the related legislation, set out the priorities that will guide the province's first "Integrated Energy Resource Plan" expected to be released this year.

To discuss the paper and the Act, we will be joined by David Robertson, Chair of the Ontario Project Group with SCAN!

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

### Individual Action Group

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month (except Dec, Jul and Aug).

*En-ROADS is quite simply a climate crisis game-changer for policymakers and people across the country.*

*Everyone is hearing more and more about the science, but sometimes it takes a demonstration tool like En-ROADS for people to see first-hand that everyone of us needs to be on a war footing and mobilize to fight this crisis head-on...*

*En-ROADS is the ultimate conversation starter."*

John Kerry, former US Special Climate Envoy

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, February 11 from 1:30 pm -- 3:00 pm at 355 St. Clair Ave W, Suite 1704.

This will not be a lecture – it's a unique opportunity to ask questions and learn about the powerful **En-ROADS Climate Solutions Simulator** with the help of Roberta Tevlin, an experienced En-ROADS facilitator.

En-ROADS is a global climate simulator that allows users to explore the impact that dozens of policies such as electrifying transport, pricing carbon, and improving agricultural practices have on hundreds of factors like energy prices, temperature, air quality and sea level rise.

[Click here](#) for a sneak-peek at the En-ROADS Climate Solutions Simulator.

**You must RSVP before Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> by e-mail to [membership@climatelearners.ca](mailto:membership@climatelearners.ca) to secure your space.**

### Nature-Based Solutions Group

Learn and advocate for biodiversity and nature-based solutions and join guided nature walks, and nature-based events.

The group meets on an ad hoc basis.

**Next meeting:** Watch for details on a guided nature walk in April.

For more information:

[nature.based.solutions@climatelearners.ca](mailto:nature.based.solutions@climatelearners.ca)

## People power: Taking action for the climate



Protesters take part in a climate march in Ottawa on Sept. 21, 2024.

Photo by: The Canadian Press/Spencer Colby.

Back in Oct/24, Ontario's top court ruled that a **youth-led lawsuit against the province on climate change can go to trial**. The suit said the province's lack of action endangers people's lives and well-being. In Dec/24, the Ontario government sought leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, and recently the youth have also sought leave to appeal asking the court to act quickly and comprehensively. [Read](#)

In Ontario, **Scugog's Town Council** voted down a development project that threatened a significant wetland area. Strong community and indigenous advocacy helped sway the vote. [Read](#)

In B.C., a decades-long fight to save the **old growth forest of Clayoquot Sound** has resulted in the creation of 10 new conservancies that will nearly double the area that's protected: a total of 76,000 hectares. [Read](#)

## Climate, net zero and other words you must stop using



Source: EXTINCTION TODAY

That tumbleweed moment when you try to explain desertification in the context of climate change and the biodiversity crisis.

We try to include new information on how to communicate climate and biodiversity loss more effectively in the Newsletter on a regular basis.

Below is a link to an excellent article from EXTINCTION TODAY by Mark Campbell. He has taken a list of common environmental terms and suggested alternatives.

The author of this article points out that if we want more people to connect with crucial news about the climate, we need to stop over-complicating the message.

[Read:](#) Climate, Net Zero and other words you must stop using: Our crisis messaging must be simplified.

## [ZERO] CARBON with Chris Hatch

### Can my city burn? Let's ask John Vaillant.

Chris Hatch from Canada's National Observer said "I know I'm not the only one watching the Los Angeles fires and asking myself an almost forbidden question: "Could my city burn too? "

In this feature story, Chris poses the question to John Vaillant, author of *Fire Weather*, the award-winning book about the Fort McMurray "Beast" of 2016.

[Read the feature story here](#)

## Climate news articles

The Guardian	Scotland's Court of Session just ruled the approval of the massive Rosebank oil field to be unlawful as the permits did not take into account CO2 emissions. A major blow to the field's owners Equinor and Ithaca Energy and a much needed climate win for 2025. <a href="#">Read</a>
The Energy Mix	New guide helps cities put nature on the balance sheet as "essential infrastructure". <a href="#">Read</a> Trump's tariff threats could prompt Canada to break free from oil. <a href="#">Read</a>
CarbonBrief	Media reaction: The 2025 Los Angeles wildfires and the role of climate change. <a href="#">Read</a>
David Suzuki Foundation Science Matters	Los Angeles wildfires illustrate the climate "whiplash" effect. <a href="#">Read</a>
The Nature Conservancy	Yes, climate change is raising the risks and stakes of extreme wildfires. A warming climate with dry forests and shifting weather patterns is fuelling severe wildfires with unprecedented impacts. There's still time to act. <a href="#">Read</a>
Scientific American	Here's how climate change fueled the Los Angeles wildfires. <a href="#">Read</a>
Canada's National Observer	Chris Hatch Net Zero. Donald Trump's rule by Sharpie. <a href="#">Read</a>
The Energy Mix Weekender	Trump's 'annexation' of Canada has already begun. Here's how energy alternatives help smother it. An article by Sierra Club of Canada's Conor Curtis. <a href="#">Read</a>
Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada	The climate legacy of Justin Trudeau: A perspective from Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada. <a href="#">Read</a>
CBC Radio Quirks and Quarks	An interview with Canadian climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe who argues that it's time to ditch the "myth of neutrality". <a href="#">Read/listen</a>
CBC What on Earth?	How food waste apps can help climate and save you money. <a href="#">Read</a>
London Review of Books	What energy transition? Adam Tooze on the history of energy. <a href="#">Read</a>
We Don't Have Time	Cancel culture in climate. An interview with British author and journalist Jon Ronson. Includes free access to a chapter on "Green Greenwashing, Greenhushing and Greenrecanting from her book "So You've Been Publicly Shamed". <a href="#">Read</a>
440 Megatonnes	The steel industry is on track for major emissions reductions. <a href="#">Read</a>

## Climate reports

World Economic Forum	A new report: Financing the energy transition: Meeting a rapidly evolving electricity demand. <a href="#">Read</a>
Ecojustice Canada	New report "Toxic harvest: Canada's pesticide crisis" reveals dramatic increase in overuse of toxic pesticides in Canada. <a href="#">Read</a>

## Podcasts and YouTube videos

	<p><b>Do voters no longer care about climate change?</b> On the heels of the fires in Los Angeles, the Copernicus Climate Change Service report that 2024 was the first calendar year that was 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels – the limit agreed upon in the Paris Climate Agreement. Yet, support for climate policies here in Canada seem to be on the wane.</p> <p>According to Abacus Data, concern about climate change has decreased 14 points between 2023 and 2024, from 76% to 62% of Canadians. And, according to an Ipsos poll from this month, climate change or the environment was ranked ninth among the list of priorities for Canadian voters.</p> <p>Housing, healthcare, the economy, inflation/interest rates and immigration rounded out the top five. Do we simply no longer care about climate change in this country – especially at the ballot box?</p> <p><a href="#">Listen</a></p>
	<p><b>To understand Trump's climate moves, look to the Reagan years.</b> On Zero, Yale University historian Paul Sabin talks about how present-day Trump priorities -- such as dismantling government agencies, questioning scientific expertise, and ramping up oil and gas production – were also pursued by the Reagan administration.</p> <p>But Jonathan Lash, who was an environmental lawyer in the Reagan years, also offers an important reminder that Reagan's efforts to dismantle environmental protections had mixed results.</p> <p><a href="#">Listen</a></p>
	<p><b>Insurance? What insurance? Climate changes that too (January 26):</b> We used to take insurance for granted. Climate change is upending that.</p> <p>The LA wildfires have people talking about the future of home insurance in the face of more climate-charged disasters. In this episode, Laura Lynch talks to a woman in Nova Scotia who worries about the future of her current home.</p> <p><a href="#">Listen</a></p> <p>Trump's first moves on climate (BONUS January 26): <a href="#">Listen</a></p>
	<p><b>International Energy Agency (IEA) Outlook 2025 (Episode #242):</b> What important trends are shaping the energy transition today? And what is the outlook for oil and gas demand?</p> <p>In this conversation, Tim Gould of the IEA discusses key insights from the agency's flagship annual report, including the enormous implications of the IEA's view that global demand for all fossil fuels will peak and begin a slow decline within the next five years.</p> <p><a href="#">Listen</a></p>



## Upcoming local and global climate events

February 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm (in person)	<b>Partners in Project Green</b> Sustainability leaders social: Kickoff 2025 with PPG at Toronto Metropolitan University. <a href="#">More information and register</a>
February 7 (online silent auction)	<b>Green Neighbours Network of Toronto</b> GNN is launching its first ever online silent auction. This is a unique fundraiser bringing together businesses, individuals and organizations committed to building a greener, healthier Toronto. <a href="#">More information</a>
February 12 at 9:00 am eastern time (online)	<b>We Don't Have Time: Stockholm series of public lectures on climate change and democracy</b> <b>From limits to growth to an earth for all.</b> Co-author and Earth4All Executive Chair Sandrine Dixon-Declève will share insights from Earth4All's findings and core strategies for steering the world towards a sustainable future at this complex time. <a href="#">More information and register</a>

## Take action

STAND.earth	A developer lobby group in Ontario is suing Toronto for its Green Development Standards which are meant to improve efficiency and resiliency while bringing down pollution and monthly energy costs in new homes and other buildings. Tell their board to drop their legal action. <a href="#">Act now</a>
Ontario Clean Air Alliance	Another handout for the Ford government's friends. The Ford government has just given a \$285 million handout to TC Energy for pre-development work for its proposed pumped storage facility on the Niagara escarpment near Meaford. This project would cost consumers \$4-7 billion. <a href="#">Act now</a>
Ontario Nature	Immediate action needed to restore provincial wetland protections in Ontario. <a href="#">Act now</a>

## Volunteer with CALL

CALL is fuelled by the energy and passion of our volunteers. We hope you will consider volunteering with us. Here a few of the many things you could do:

- Join the Program Committee and help organize monthly learning meetings
- Help edit the monthly newsletter – select and publish newsletter content
- Get involved with one of the interest groups and help organize discussions and activities

To volunteer contact: [Membership@climatelearners.ca](mailto:Membership@climatelearners.ca)

## Donate to CALL



CALL doesn't have a membership fee. We ask that friends and supporters make a voluntary donation on occasion to help with CALL's work. This year, your donation will help us with improvements to CALL's website.

[Click here](#) to go to the Small Change Fund website. Donors to our Small Change Fund project will receive a charitable tax receipt.

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