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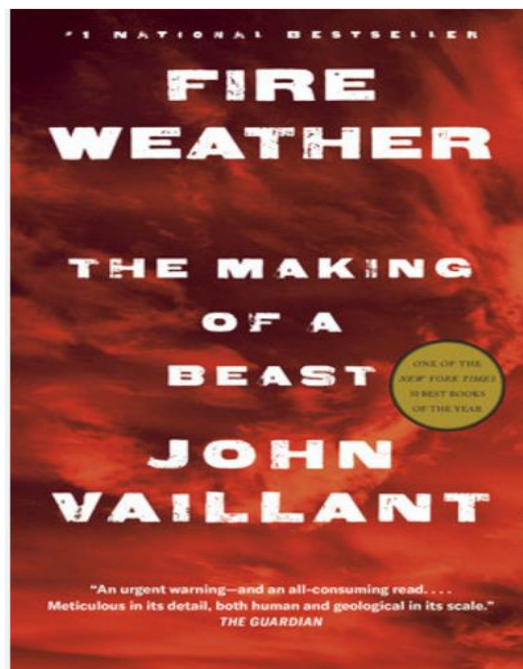
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Welcome back from the summer break!

Sign up to CALL's [mailing list](#) to receive the newsletter and invitations to monthly learning and interest group meetings.

Join us for a webinar/conversation with the award-winning author of "*Fire Weather*" John Vaillant on September 9, at 6:30 pm ET



A conversation with John Vaillant

When: Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 pm ET

Where: Online (Zoom link provided upon registration)

Presented by Seniors for Climate

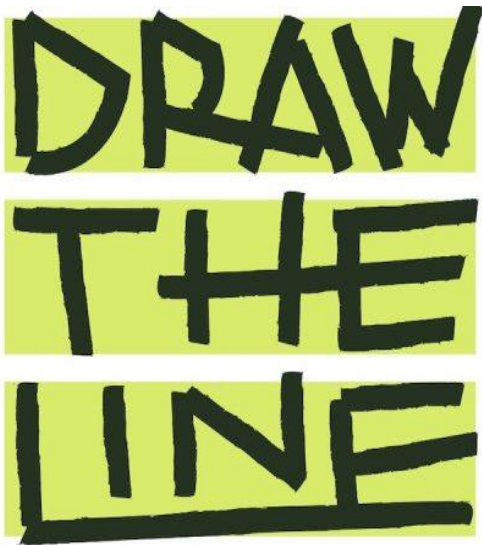
John Vaillant is a master storyteller whose work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic* and *National Geographic*. His books have won major prizes around the world, including the **Baillie Gifford Prize**, **Governor General's Award** and **Shaughnessy-Cohen Prize for Political writing**. *Fire Weather* was shortlisted for the Pulitzer Prize and has been praised across the political spectrum.

Vaillant frames the story of the Fort McMurray fire as a warning – a harbinger of a new era in which “virtually any city on Earth can burn now.” He stresses that fossil fuel use both powers civilization and superheats the atmosphere where such disasters are increasingly the norm.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) for the webinar. (Zoom link will be provided upon registration)

Q & A to follow – bring your questions! And invite friends to register!

On September 20, let's Draw the Line. For people. For peace. For the planet.



Draw the Line is an international campaign addressing the climate crisis. Seniors for Climate, along with partners across Canada, including CALL are leading the webinar with John Vaillant on the 9th and are supporting a September 20th Day of Action.

Join the rally and march on September 20th: Rally and march start at 2:00 pm (Dundas & Yonge); speakers and music at 4:00 pm (Queen's Park).

Check the Seniors for Climate website [HERE](#) for updates on plans for the 20th of September.

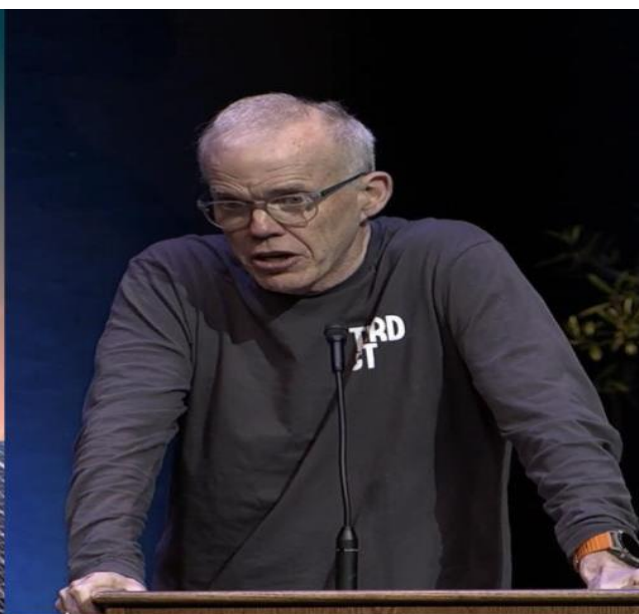
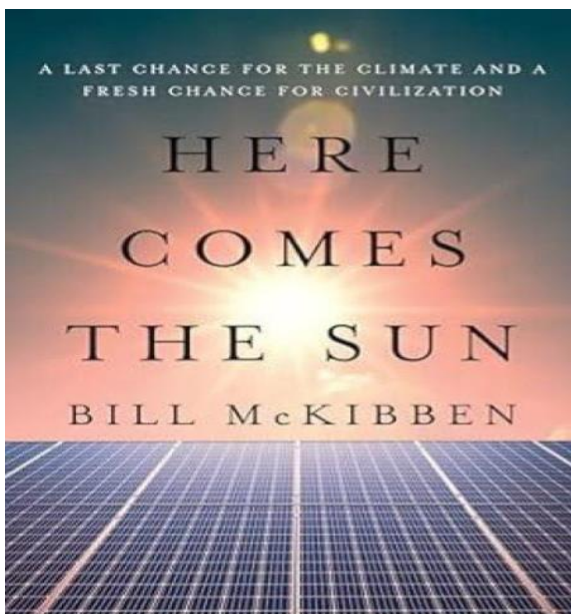
Here is a short video for the Draw the Line campaign – Draw the line: For people. For peace. For the planet.

[WATCH HERE](#).

September interest group meetings

The Individual Action and Advocacy interest groups will not meet in September but will resume meetings in October.

October book club meeting - read and discuss Bill McKibben's new book



Join CALL's online book club to discuss *Here Comes the Sun -- A Last Chance for the Climate and a Fresh Chance for Civilization* -- from the acclaimed environmentalist, a call to harness the power of the sun and rewrite our scientific, economic and political future.

When: October 15TH at 10:00 am

Where: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) (Zoom link will be provided upon registration).

Bill McKibben, the author of the first book on climate change, *The End of Nature*, has just released his latest book, *Here Comes the Sun*. In the book, McKibben finds inspiration in the transformative potential of renewable energy and how it can help power the planet and revitalize the climate movement. The book covers the rapid advancements in solar technology, the pivotal role of activism in accelerating the transition to clean energy, the geopolitical implications of fossil fuel dependency and the liberating potential of clean energy for communities worldwide. Following are links to recent interviews with McKibben on the book:

- Read an interview with Energy Mix Publisher Mitchell Beer and Bill McKibben [HERE](#)
- [LISTEN](#) to VOLTS' podcast "What does clean energy activism look like?"
- [LISTEN](#) to The Climate Pod, "What the Climate Movement Needs to do Now."

Urgent action!
**Let the federal government know that climate action is a priority for the
2025 federal budget**



HERE IS HOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION NOW!

This fall, the Government of Canada will table Budget 2025. It will lay out the government's plan to address the unprecedented challenges facing our country. The federal government has invited Canadians to share their ideas and priorities on how to better shape Canada's future.

1. **ADD YOUR NAME TO the Citizens' Climate Lobby's (CCL) well-researched letter** with recommendations for the federal Budget. CALL supports these recommendations. It will only take a few minutes to sign the letter. Note that the deadline for this action is August 26.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN CCL's Open Letter](#)

2. **Respond to the federal budget questionnaire or send a formal submission.** It takes less than five minutes to respond to the questionnaire or write your own submission. Note that the deadline for both is August 28.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE](#)

3. **Send an email to yourbudget-votrebudget@fin.gc.ca** by the 28th. Set out your recommendations on the key steps the government should take to meet its net-zero target and support adaptation. You could also call on the government to support nation-building projects that are consistent with Canada's commitment at the UN Climate Conference (COP28), to triple renewable energy, double energy efficiency and for the first time to transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ)



Top UN court issues landmark ruling affirming liability for climate harm

On July 23, 2025, in a unanimous advisory opinion, the fifteen judges of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) found that a 'clean, healthy and sustainable environment' is a human right and thus failure to prevent such harm could be the basis of legal action domestically and internationally. The case was commenced by Vanuatu, a Pacific island nation, and joined by more than 130 countries. The Court found:

- The duty to protect the environment applies to all states, regardless of whether they are part of the climate change treaties--the duty is owed under international law.
- If a treaty obligation applies, there is a duty to comply with it, and in any event, there is a duty to prevent harm to the environment and to cooperate to protect the environment.
- The duty owed applies not only to governments, but to the private sector including carbon-intensive industries.

This advisory opinion will likely be the basis for more climate-related litigation and may also encourage the adoption of better measures to address the environment.

READ the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) for more on this historic opinion.

Climate reports and articles



440 Megatonnes tracks
Canada's progress in
reducing Canada's emissions
to 440 Mt by 2030

Combining industrial carbon pricing with an emissions cap could offer less than the sum of their parts: July 23, 2025. The Canadian Climate Institute projected that the two policies with the greatest impact on emissions would be industrial carbon pricing and an emissions cap for the oil and gas sector. Yet, as the analysis explained, there is a catch. These two policies are designed to overlap, creating a risk that one measure could undermine the other and lead to fewer emissions reductions than the policies' full potential.



This article explains some of the challenges. **READ**

Canada's National Observer

Chris Hatch Zero Carbon
World Court throws F-bombs (and lots of 'em). In naming the main cause of climate change, the judges fingered "fossil fuels" 35 times in their summary alone as being the main culprit.
READ

We Don't Have Time	Will the ICJ opinion change the game? A legal expert talks about what's next. READ
David Suzuki Foundation	Our current economic path leads to disaster. But with some people experimenting with better ways, there's hope. READ
The Energy Mix	Cenovus, Enbridge misled investors, greenwashing complaint alleges. READ
440 Megatonnes	What has moved the needle on provincial emissions? Detailed new analysis reveals progress and challenges in federal and provincial GHG emissions reductions – 2005-2022. READ
CBC What on Earth	Will regular power cuts soon be part of Canadian summers? READ
Policy Options Politique	Integrating environmental considerations is key to Carney's seven priorities. Housing, economic growth, national security and immigration may seem separate from climate change and biodiversity loss. But that is both artificial and costly. READ
Ecojustice Canada	Global plastics treaty negotiations conclude without a clear path forward, but the fight continues. READ

Podcasts and YouTube videos

	<p>What does clean energy activism look like? Movement veterans Bill McKibben and Jamie Henn have been thinking about where climate activism goes from here. They argue for a new focus on celebrating and accelerating the miraculous global boom in solar power. With David Roberts, the host and an acclaimed climate activist, they get into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What it looks like to fight for building stuff ▪ How to win the online information war for clean energy, and ▪ Why the sun offers not just cheap power, but a form of liberation. <p>McKibben addresses these same themes in his latest book <i>"Here Comes the Sun"</i>. Here is a link to this must listen to podcast: LISTEN</p>
	<p>Trump's one big, beautiful bill vs climate: Hot take with BlueGreen Alliance's Jason Walsh.</p> <p>Along with the discussion about how the Trump bill reshapes the clean energy landscape, Jason Walsh has interesting observations on how the BlueGreen Alliance brings together labour and climate activists. They discuss how they navigate difficult issues such as nuclear and what political durability looks like for climate policy heading into 2026.</p> <p>Here is a link to this YouTube presentation: WATCH</p>

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

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