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

Note that CALL is taking a break in July and August and there will be no newsletter or meetings. We will be back in September to share more climate news and exciting activities with you. Look forward to seeing you then. Have a great summer.

This month we are highlighting Toronto Climate Week events from June 1 – 7, 2026



Toronto Climate Week (TOCW) is a city-wide initiative with events backed by the City of Toronto and climate-sector partners. This year, the timing overlaps with the Canadian Environment Week which runs from May 31 to June 6.

In Toronto, CALL is hosting **A Walk in Biidaasige Park** on June 5 led by three avid hike leaders and nature enthusiasts. CALL has also teamed up with SCAN! and other climate groups to host an event on June 7 at the Fairview Public Library on the **Power of Local Action**.

To find a complete list of events for TOCW and to register, see the [TORONTO CLIMATE WEEK](#) website. For events across the country in a community near you, see Senior for Climate's **BREAK THROUGH THE CLIMATE SILENCE Campaign** on the [SENIORS FOR CLIMATE](#) website.



Biidaasige is pronounced “bee-daw-si-geh” and means “sunlight shining toward us”. See [Wikipedia](#) for information on this new park.

Join CALL’S Nature Based Solutions Group for a ‘Walk in the Park’

Biidaasige Park on Friday, June 5

Your walking experience will be hosted by avid hike leaders and nature enthusiasts, Dr. Phillip Wood, JoAnne Hunter and Judy Sheridan as we stroll through Toronto’s newest greenspace **Biidaasige Park** in the Port Lands.

This sweeping greenspace lines the new mouth of the Don River and it’s the largest park to open in Toronto in a generation as well as the first public space to open on Ookwemin Minising, a 98-acre artificial island in the Port Lands. The park was built as part of an innovative approach to flood protection and offers exciting opportunities to observe Toronto’s biodiversity.

Advance registration for the walk is required. [REGISTER](#) here.

Meeting point: In front of the Old Fire Hall 30 at 39 Commissioners Street at 10:30 am (intersection of Commissioners Street and Munition Street).

TTC directions: Take the subway to Union Station. From Bay Street at Front Street West south side, take the 114 Queen’s Quay East bus.



Find out how to make a real difference

**Sunday June 7, from 2:00 – 4:30 pm EDT
at the Fairview Public Library**

This interactive event invites you to hear from people already engaged in climate action, take part in round table discussions, learn what you can do in your neighbourhood and beyond, find out about useful resources and perhaps find an organization that attracts you.

Climate Action for Lifelong Learners (**CALL**) and Seniors for Climate Action Now! (**SCAN!**) have teamed up with diverse groups that address climate solutions to host this event at the Fairview Public Library, 35 Fairview Mall Drive in North York.

Expect lively conversations, plus snacks and music.

To learn more about this event and join, [REGISTER](#) here.



How a faster energy transition brings hope to the climate conversation

**Tuesday, June 2 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm EDT
at the Centre for Social Innovation**

Mitchell Beer from The Energy Mix and **Markham Hislop** from Energi Media are co-hosting a free in-person workshop to discuss the energy transition. Topics include how the rise of renewable electricity and the clean climate economy is bringing an end to the era of fossil fuels and how the energy price shock will lead to faster, deeper carbon cuts.

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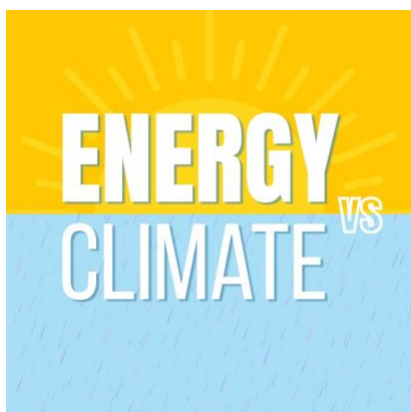


Heat Pump Party: Clean Energy Canada x Sarah Grant, Goldfinch Energy

**Thursday, June 4 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm EDT
at a home in East Toronto**

Clean Energy Canada is kicking off its “Heat Pump Summer” challenge with an informal heat pump hangout in a local home in East Toronto. This is a chance to see the technology up close, hear first-hand experiences and ask questions in a relaxed, no-pressure environment.

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Join the hosts of Energy vs Climate for a town hall: Critical mass - Where should Canada's nuclear energy go from here?

**Friday, June 5 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm EDT
MaRS Discovery District**

The nuclear power discussion in Canada is changing and the politics, financing, urgency, and stakes are raising compelling questions about Canada's energy future: what role should nuclear energy actually play?"

The event brings together voices from industry, policy and civil society for an honest reckoning with difficult questions about cost, speed, regulation, public trust and global competition.

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CALL's June Interest group meetings



Join the Individual Action Interest Group For an in-person discussion on **Voting for climate change with guest speaker Roberta Tevlin** Monday, June 8 at 1:30 pm EDT

Roberta will help us explore how changing voting systems might be the most powerful climate work we can do. We'll look at evidence-based research and analysis on voting systems, including studies involving countries around the world which show how reform to the voting system can lead to more effective climate action.

LOCATION: Midtown – further details will be provided when you register at membership@climatelearners.ca

This will be a lively discussion with lots of time for Q & A.



Advocacy Interest Group Wednesday, June 17 10:00 - 11:30 am EDT on Zoom

At our June meeting, we'll take stock of the direction the federal government is taking to meet its Paris Agreement commitments and review the various critiques of the government's direction. As background to this discussion, [listen to the Herle Burly's podcast Environment vs Energy: The Shift in Public Policy](#).

We will also follow up on the actions discussed at the May meeting regarding Ontario's climate policies.

[CLICK HERE](#) to join the meeting on June 17 (advance registration is not required.)

A webinar from the Centre For Future Work

The Centre's new report: [A sequel we don't want: What the 2026 oil price shock will cost Canadians](#) was discussed on their recent webinar. Jim Stanford, the author of the report, comments that the large turnout for this webinar likely "reflects the anger that many Canadians are feeling at the prospect of another painful cycle of inflation, falling living standards, higher interest rates and possible recession – all because of a war on the other side of the world that has no connection to our domestic energy system."

Watch the Centre's webinar on their [YouTube channel here](#).

Major reports and articles

CBC's The Sunday Magazine	Data centres are hot, but sustainability concerns are cooling some enthusiasm. Two experts explore sustainability concerns around AI data centres on the May 24 Sunday Magazine with Piya Chattopadhyay. LISTEN
The Energy Mix Weekender	Now what? With carbon pricing eroded and pipeline politics advancing, here are the pathways for climate success. This isn't the way most of us expected the climate conversation to go. But it's what we've got – this is our world “as it is”. So, what's next? READ
Thoughtful Journalism	A viewpoint from the west: Alberta's pipeline optimism has turned into a delusion. Markham Hislop, an interesting voice from Western Canada on the energy transition, climate policy and clean energy, writes that the era of endlessly expanding oil demand is ending. IEA and Bloomberg NEF reports prove that EVs are destroying global oil demand—or soon will be. READ
World Wildlife Fund Canada	Restoring the land after wildfires: What I learned on a field visit to the B.C. interior. Finding hope and rejuvenation amid scenes of devastation. READ
The Guardian	Could nature itself hold the solution to climate change? Technological interventions face huge financial or practical challenges, but there is another way. READ
440 Megatonnes	Canada's climate policy is getting smaller. For the first time in years, more Canadian climate policies are ending or running out of funding than are being introduced. An update to the Canadian Climate Policy Inventory shows the country's emissions-reducing policy mix is shrinking and, in some cases, weakening. READ
International Renewable Energy Agency	24/7 Renewables: The economics of firm solar and wind. This report explores the rapidly changing economics of firm solar and wind. It identifies key drivers of firm renewable costs and examines the policy levers that are proving decisive in translating cost competitiveness into deployment at scale. READ

Three podcasts worth listening to

The Herle Burly: The shift in public policy with Aaron Wherry (senior writer at the CBC), Rick Smith (President of the Canadian Climate Institute) and Andrew Leach (energy and environmental economist and professor at U of Alberta) explores the government's recalibration of its climate policy and environmental regulation. This podcast discusses the politics, the issues with the industrial carbon price and the economics of pipelines. [LISTEN](#)

Zero: Reform's Richard Tice wants to end decades of UK climate action. Reform UK is currently the most popular party in Britain. This discussion is a reminder that climate deniers continue to be a political force. [LISTEN](#)

Can we understand nature’s language? This is a wonderful podcast to leave you with this summer – advances in artificial intelligence are helping decode patterns in animal signals once thought to be beyond human understanding. Kristin Andrews, philosophy professor at York U and Suzanne Simard, forest ecologist and author of *When the Forest Breathes* discuss communication, connection and the implications of treating animals and even forests as social beings. **A podcast on The Rundown.** [LISTEN](#)

Take action

<p>Environmental Defence Canada</p>	<p>No Jets T.O. Save our waterfront! Public space on the waterfront is important to Torontonians as a place for residents and families to gather and spend time enjoying year-round activities i.e., swimming, boating, skating, cycling, walking while enjoying nature. Our waterfront attracts 17 million visits a year.</p> <p>An expanded island airport will ruin all of this with jets, and we cannot let this happen! The decision if this project goes ahead is completely in the hands of the federal government. Tell your local MP that this is the wrong plan for our waterfront, the Toronto Islands and Lake Ontario. TAKE ACTION</p>
<p>Ecojustice Canada</p>	<p>Stop the gutting of Canada’s pesticide laws. Canadians deserve pesticide decisions based on science, not political convenience but the federal government is trying to ram through the biggest rollback of pesticide protections in a generation. Your MPs need to hear from you. TAKE ACTION</p>

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