



CLIMATEFAST

LET'S ACT ON CLIMATE - FAST!

CLIMATEFAST NEWSLETTER MAY 2022

The ClimateFast newsletter shares information about the Climate Crisis that may interest our readers, and does not necessarily reflect the views of ClimateFast members. If you have an event or resource you would like to share, please send it to newsletter@climatefast.ca.

ELECTION CAMPAIGNS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

The election is only two weeks away! On June 2nd we will use our votes to ensure the next Ontario government implements the urgent, bold measures needed to create a livable future for us all. ClimateFast is supporting several election initiatives. **Please get involved!**

Your vote matters! Advance polls open today. [Find out when, where, and how to vote here.](#)



NotOneSeat.ca

[Not One Seat](#) - a grassroots network that harnesses the power of social media along with teams of volunteers to promote a cooperative voting strategy in swing ridings.

[Sign up for canvassing or poster this weekend & next!](#)



[Ontario Voters Coalition](#) is doing deep canvassing in swing ridings to help elect a government that values people and communities and will build a thriving, sustainable economy based on fairness and equity.



Ontario, we have a Climate Emergency!

Let's flood the offices of every candidate with thousands of messages they can't ignore. We need immediate commitment to a transformative climate action plan.

[Send a message to your riding candidates and party leaders now.](#)



Please share 10 seats in Ontario

A grassroots effort initiated by Paul Overy and David Burman is calling on the three opposition party leaders to cooperate in 10 key swing ridings, [Please sign and share.](#)



ON DEBATES

[Scarborough Southwest](#) - May 19, 7-9 pm (online)

[Willowdale](#) - May 25, 4-6pm, Earl Haig Secondary School

[View recordings of past debates](#)



For the 2022 Ontario Provincial Election, GreenPAC put together an expert panel of unaffiliated political experts who, based on research and input from multiple sources, recommended the endorsement of 13 candidates.

[Read more.](#)



MAUDE AND MILLIE

This is a very [creative short video](#). It's humorous, but with an important point - our need to change direction.

CALLS TO ACTION



Resisting Corporate Colonialism, Why we must stop EACOP Now

June 1: 10:00 am ET: online panel and rally

Hear from speakers from around the globe about how you can take action on the financing behind the East African crude Oil Pipeline, and how it affects local communities and will have devastating climate impacts. [Register](#)

National Adaptation Strategy Consultation

On May 16th, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault launched a public consultation to develop Canada's first National Adaptation Strategy, a whole-of-society blueprint for coordinated action across the country, ensuring communities and Canadians are prepared for the impacts of climate change. To kick off the public consultations, the Government published a [discussion paper](#) that sets out guiding principles as well as goals and objectives for five key areas of focus: Health and Well-being, Natural and Built Infrastructure, Environment, Economy, and Disaster Resilience and Security.

[Read the press release.](#)

Participate on the [dynamic online consultation portal](#).

NEW BLOGS



Every two years, World Fish Migration Day culminates in a global celebration dedicated to raising awareness of the value of migratory fish and flowing rivers, coordinated by the World Fish Migration Foundation. Fish stocks are threatened by climate change. Up to 40% of the potential seafood catch is predicted to disappear from tropical regions by 2050. The migration of fish is crucial to spawning and to prevent species extinction. [Read more](#)



Read the latest instalments in the [Provincial KTCC Backgrounder](#) series, written by Colleen Lynch. The Backgrounder is divided into three main categories, Climate, Biodiversity and Strong Communities,

Read [Part 3: How to Live](#)

Read [Part 4: An Everything Issue](#)

Read [Part 5: Environmental Right](#)



More than a thousand keen activists came out for a high energy festive rally for Climate, Communities and Nature on Saturday, May 14th.

This [12 minute video by the Climate Channel](#) includes some clips from Dr. Mili Roy of Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign.

Several volunteers worked the ClimateFast information table and distributed flyers throughout the event. [View more photos of the rally here.](#)

Let's continue to raise energy for climate action for the next two weeks!

EVENTS



From Climate Change Ignorant to Climate Change Educator, presented by Jennifer Rudd

Thursday, 19 May 2022, 9:00-10:00 am EDT (online)

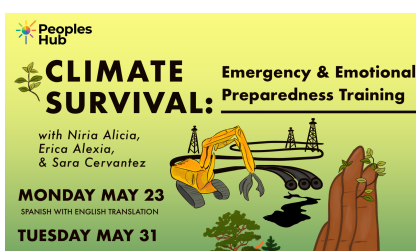
This talk is for anyone interested in communicating climate change, preventing climate change and changing behaviors. [Register](#)



Climate Art Web Launch

May 23, 2022 01:00 PM EDT

The [Climate Art Web](#) (CAW/WAC) is launching an online mapping resource of artists, projects and organizations related to climate art in northern Turtle Island. [Register](#)



Climate Survival online workshop

ESPAÑOL with English translation: May 23rd, 8-10 pm ET
ENGLISH with Spanish translation: May 31st, 8-10 pm ET

This training will explore various climate threats and give participants tools to make a plan today for themselves and their community. Presented by [The Peoples Hub](#).

[Register](#)



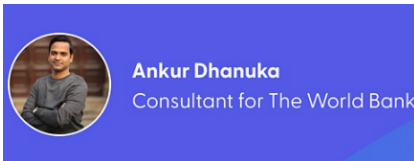
Deep Retrofit Challenge Introductory Webinar

Thursday, May 26, 12:00 pm EDT

Learn about the City of Toronto's Deep Retrofit Challenge. Grants of up to \$500,000 are available to support deep energy retrofits in existing multi-residential and commercial buildings. [Register](#)



50 years after the very first UN Environment Conference, Stockholm welcomes the world again in June 2022. [We Don't Have Time](#) and [UNDP](#) will host a public arena for the entire week of Stockholm+50, from May 31-World Environment Day 2022 on June 5th. [More info](#)
[Register](#)



Climate Tech: Technology Solutions for Climate Change

June 14, 2022, 8:00 AM – 9:00 am EDT (online)

Ankur Dhanuka, electrical and nuclear engineer, has led climate projects at Harvard and is currently consulting for the World Bank. [Register](#)

NEWS



Fundraiser for 1.5 Degrees Of Peace Successful!

Congratulations to ClimateFast volunteer Mark Shapland for running the May 1st Toronto Marathon of 42.195 km, in 3:24:30, beating his goal of 3.5 hours. This run was also a fundraising campaign for the youth documentary film, [1.5 Degrees of Peace](#). Over the course of 54 days, (March 23rd - May 15th), 48 donors raised \$3,500 to hire a camera operator for the upcoming production shoot, at the [Stockholm +50 Conference](#)

[Read more](#)



Atmospheric CO2 exceeds 420 ppm

Scientists at Hawai'i's Mauna Loa Observatory measured atmospheric carbon dioxide levels at more than 420 parts per million (ppm) in April, far surpassing 350 ppm that climate scientists agree is a safe level. The levels have risen steadily since 1958, when they stood at 317.51 ppm.

[Read the article in the Energy Mix](#)



Toronto's Deep Retrofit Challenge

Through the Deep Retrofit Challenge, the City will provide grants of up to \$500,000 to support deeper-than-planned energy retrofits in up to 16 buildings to accelerating emissions reductions. [More information](#)



Hawaii State Legislature adopts FFNPT resolution

On May 5, 2022 the State Legislature called for the State of Hawai'i to endorse the [Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty](#). Hawaii was the first US state to make a Climate Emergency Declaration and may now become the first state to join the call for the FFNPT. [Read more](#)



Geothermal Exchange System at U of T

This geothermal exchange system, at the St. George campus, will reduce the need for fossil fuels for heating and cooling. It will become operational in 2023 and will cut out 15,000 tonnes a year of emissions. [Read the article in the National Observer](#),



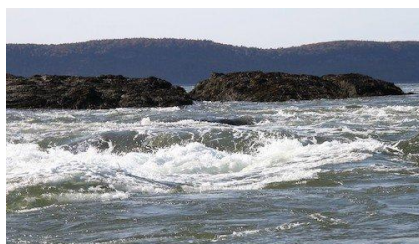
Scientist Rebellion

Between April 3-9, 2022, over 1,000 scientists and academics in over 25 countries took disruptive, non-violent actions targeting governmental, scientific and corporate institutions. The [Scientist Rebellion](#) will continue to highlight the urgency and injustice of the climate and ecological crisis.. [Read the press release](#)



Petition to save migratory freshwater fish

402 organizations from 86 countries signed a [petition calling for urgent action to save migratory freshwater fish](#) to protect biodiversity, food sources, and livelihoods. This petition will be presented at the 2022 Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15). [Read the Open Letter](#)



Milestone for Canada's marine energy

The [Energy Mix](#) reported that a [floating tidal energy project in the Bay of Fundy](#) has been successfully connected to Nova Scotia's grid. The bay's tidal resources could be harnessed for thousands of megawatts of clean energy in the future.

RESOURCES



[Seniors for Climate Action Now!](#) informs and mobilizes seniors in an effort to prevent more climate catastrophes, and recognizes that climate action is also a demand for social justice and economic transformation. Their latest campaign, [Ontario Election 2022](#), contains some great election resources.

Watch [Doug Ford's climate crimes](#).



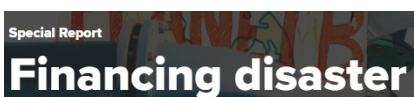
Drawdown Lift's "Climate-Poverty Connections: Opportunities for synergistic solutions at the intersection of planetary and human well-being" [fact sheet](#) is now available in both English and French.



Check out [Climate Solutions 101](#), a FREE video series showcasing science-based strategies for putting the brakes on climate change.



New from the David Suzuki Foundation: [The Living Green Digest](#). Get tips and resources to live sustainably by adopting practices that lower your climate impact, protect, respect and restore nature, and support safer, healthier communities.



Canada's National Observer has published a special report on how major banks are helping the fossil fuel companies most responsible for climate change get even bigger. [Check out this series of articles](#).

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