



CLIMATEFAST NEWS FOR MAY 2021

There's lots happening at ClimateFast and your voice is needed now!

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CALLS TO ACTION

Strengthen the Climate Accountability Act

What if you had 10 years to save their future?

**Guess what? You do.
So make Bill C-12
the Act it needs to be.**

- Stronger target for 2030: a 50% reduction in GHG emissions
- More transparency, accountability, and a 2025 milestone to ensure we're on track
- Meaningful collaboration with provinces, Indigenous peoples and all citizens

Craft a climate law that gives all our kids a liveable future.

FOR OUR KIDS

The Canadian Net-zero emissions accountability act has passed 2nd reading and is heading into committee hearings. Make sure your MP knows that you want it to be a serious and effective bill! Several changes are urgently needed. Use the advocacy tool on [For Our Kids website](#)..

CLIMATEFAST ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Environment Day Webcast Planning Meeting

SUNDAY MAY 2ND 8 PM - ClimateFast hosts a planning discussion for a webcast on Environment Day June 5th. We are researching a series on food and farming through a climate lens. Would you like to join us? Contact lyn@climatefast.ca for zoom link. Join us!

Report on Kitchen Table Climate Conversation Training Series

**KITCHEN TABLE
CLIMATE
conversations**

Join the
Conversation!

climateconversations.ca

We had a fabulous turnout for our series of 4 trainings for the Kitchen Table Climate Conversation initiative. Thanks so much to Colleen Lynch for her leadership in organizing this series and to our amazing tech team led by Ray Nakano. We are delighted that 187 people attended at least one of the sessions! Our participants came from 7 provinces in Canada, the US, and other international locations. We had participants from more than 37 ridings in Ontario and 44 across Canada. This is a fantastic start towards getting the climate conversation going in advance of elections that will be coming in the next 18 months at federal provincial and municipal levels. Recordings can be found on our youtube channel [ClimateFast Action](#).

CAN YOU HOST A CLIMATE CONVERSATION?

We can help you plan your conversation! Who will you invite? How will you to set it up? Do you need facilitation or tech support? Your KTCC team is here to help!

Support sessions are offered monthly. The first one is Sunday May 2nd at 3 pm. Contact ktcc@climatefast.ca for more information.



Earth Day Webcast - Healing Our Earth Together

Our wonderful [webcast](#) is now on our YouTube channel! Watch these excellent speakers: Shelba Deer (Nishnawbe-kwe and Haudenosaunee) and Gail Whitlow (Mohawk elder) Guy Dauncey - Economics of Kindness Poem by Colleen Lynch Drs. Courtney Howard (CAPE) and Leslie Solomonian (NEST) Suleiman Khamis (ACAI) on mangrove restoration MC David Burman - on Drawdown Solutions MC Lyn Adamson - of ClimateFast on mobilizing and Kitchen Table Climate Conversations

NEWS



Drawdown Labs is Project Drawdown's private sector testing ground for accelerating the scaling of climate solutions quickly, safely, and equitably. Five new partners have just joined this consortium of 14 organizations, which spans nearly every industry. These partners are using their resources, influence, employees, community members, and customers to help the world reach drawdown.

EVENTS



GREEN NEIGHBOURS NETWORK - MEMBER CELEBRATION - ALL WELCOME!
SATURDAY MAY 15 - 3 PM

Come celebrate our amazing member groups and volunteers!

GNN celebrates its first year as a non-profit on Saturday, May 15th at 3pm. Guest speakers from some of the network's most impactful member groups will discuss how they got started, challenges they have overcome, and projects they have underway.

[Information and Registration](#)

[Stop The Big Sprawl: Defeating Ontario's Sprawl Agenda at Your City or Regional Council](#)

Environmental Defence webinar May 6, 7:p.m.-8 p.m. (EDT). Join this expert panel and Q&A to learn how to make a winning case for fixed urban boundaries and defeat The Big Sprawl in your community.

[Whistleblowing: Putting Health First](#): May 2, 2021 7pm - 8:30pm EDT

This is the second of a 3-part series presented by CAPE-BC and CFMS-HEART.

Hear from the inaugural winner of Ryerson University's whistleblower award about his advocacy against the oil sands, and an environmental scientist about her fight against the fracking establishment—and how and why we must strengthen Canada's accountability on the environment now.

[Click here to sign CAPE's open letter](#) urging a healthy climate target in the lead up to the Leaders' Summit on Climate Change this Earth Day.



Become an [Every Day Advocate](#)! Join GreenPac, a community-led movement to ensure Canadian politicians and policymakers know the importance of environmental leadership and remaining accountable to their environmental promises. GreenPAC is non-profit and non-partisan. Want to find out more about Every Day Advocates? [Fill out the Google Form](#).



[Creatively United Community](#) presents a Climate and the Arts webinar series

Starts May 5 and continues every second Wednesday, from 2:00 to 3:00 EDT, until May 19th. Registration is free and includes free video replays

[More information/registration](#)

RESOURCES!

[My Climate Change Website](#), by Ray Nakano.

This website shows daily posts from mainstream media. It is a repository of organizations, documents, materials, and actions, all climate related. Most anything you would want to know about climate change is contained in this website, or points you to where you can find it, organized into helpful groupings.

Seniors for Climate Action Now (SCAN): March 2021, [SCAN! Report: A Discussion Paper on the Liberal Government's Climate Action Plan, "A Healthy Environment & A Healthy Economy"](#), written by members David Robertson & Terry Moore for the Education Committee.

SCAN has many helpful [educational and resource materials](#).

[Climate Solutions 101](#), presented by Project Drawdown, is 100% free, full of hope, and streaming today. This, presented in a six-part video series along with in-depth conversations, combines our trusted resources with the expertise of inspiring thought leaders from around the world. Enjoy a brain-shift toward a brighter climate reality—and spread the word.

The [Mind and Life Institute](#) is offering a six-day live, online speaker series entitled “The mind, the human-earth connection and the climate crisis”, in which you will explore the path to sustainable interconnection with our planet. Registration fee is \$125.
[More information/registration](#)

The [LIFE Institute at Ryerson](#) presents “The environment: changes and challenges in the anthropocene epoch”, facilitated by Dr. Vermila Verma, University of Toronto. This is an eight-week lecture series starting on Friday, May 7th @ 12:30 pm. Courses are only open to [members](#) of the Life Institute. [More information/registration](#)

DO YOU WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

ClimateFast seeks volunteers – your skills are needed! fill out our [volunteer application](#)

CAN YOU MAKE A DONATION TO CLIMATEFAST?

We very much appreciate your support! If you are able to donate click [here](#)

THANK YOU EVERYONE! WE ARE CREATING THE FUTURE TOGETHER!!!!



ClimateFast participants are volunteers; your donation will be used for expenses such as flyers, room rental and transportation. Your support is very much appreciated!

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