



CLIMATEFAST

LET'S ACT ON CLIMATE - *FAST!*



Dear friends,

Well, the results were not what we were hoping for.

In our last several newsletters we invited every one of you to consider the importance of the June 2nd provincial election in moving climate action forward, and many of you stepped up. You joined cooperative voting initiatives, you worked on campaigns for climate champions, and you made sure to vote!

But despite our best efforts we did not achieve the result we hoped for, the government we need.

ClimateFast is a non-partisan organization. We call on all the parties to act on climate, and in this election we asked our supporters to talk about climate, to support candidates who are pro-climate, and to help make their vote count.

Despite our best efforts to make climate an issue in the campaign it hardly registered on the campaign trail. The NDP had the Green New Democratic deal, and Del Duca promised 'buck a ride - province-wide' but the concern that we all share for immediate action on climate did not reach a broader audience. It was not talked about enough by candidates,

or in the media. This even as we are told by scientists that we have just 3 years to turn off the fossil fuel tap, and we need to cut emissions in half by 2030.

ClimateFast has been active from beginning to end of this campaign.

During the election period we urged our supporters to be active. We offered a [webcast](#) on five climate election initiatives. These included Kitchen Table Climate Conversations (KTCC), Ontario Voters Coalition, GreenPAC debates, the Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign and Not One Seat.

ClimateFast's [KTCC](#) initiative pivoted to encourage people to talk climate justice ahead of the election. We held two **webcasts (1, 2)**, developed a [provincial backgrounder](#) and created conversation starter [reels](#). Take a look at the blog series: [Funds for Good](#), [A Better Living](#), [How to Live](#), [An Everything Issue](#), [Environmental Rule](#) and [Art and Antidotes](#) and feel free to continue using these resources going forward!

ONTARIO CLIMATE EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN - 12 POINT ACTION PLAN



MPP for Ottawa Centre Joel Harden with his signed candidate pledge.

As a member group of the **Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign (OCEC)** we participated in a very successful campaign launch on April 27th. It was held at the Queen's Park media studio just before the election was called and received considerable media attention. We

are hopeful this will lead to many more opportunities to highlight the urgency for climate action.

Watch this **short video** of the **12 points Climate Action Plan** by Sandra Dosen and a full recording of the launch at this [link](#).

Prompted by **nearly 800 letters sent to party leaders and candidates on the 12 point Climate Action Plan, we received many candidate endorsements**. Thank you to all of you who sent the action letter!

Our project was endorsed by David Suzuki & Severn Cullis-Suzuki.

You can view the Suzuki video - **and candidate endorsements** - [here](#).

We asked all the parties to respond to our 12 point plan and we received [detailed responses](#) from the Greens, the NDP and the Liberals, which you can see [here](#) . We received no response from the PCs which is par for the course as the PCs participated in very few public appearances.

We participated in the **May 1st rally at Queen's Park**. [Lyn spoke](#) at the feeder rally in Grange Park. Clips were played from this on CBC radio.



ClimateFast Co-Chair Lyn Adamson speaking at Queen's Park

We helped organize and promote the May 14th Emergency in Ontario: Rally for Climate, Communities and Nature held at Queen's Park. Over 1000 people attended. The rally was covered on CBC Radio Canada, Global News and CTV. You can watch this 3 minute [clip](#) by Yarim Angie Hinojosa of from Toronto Climate Save, or this 12 minute [video clip](#) from the Climate Channel.

This [blog](#) by Matthew Lie-Paehlke of Environmental Defence reports on the May 14 rally. Big thanks to Environmental Defence for leadership, and to all the host and co-sponsoring organizations!

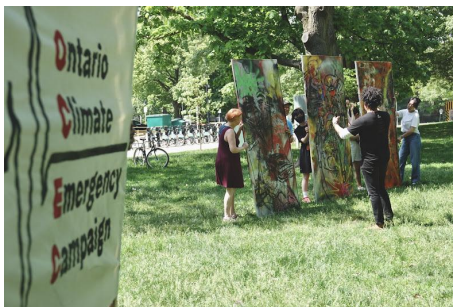


DOORWAYS - YOUTH ART JAM

Just two days before the election we co-organized a display of Youth Art Jam 'Doorways' with Andre Forsythe of School for Climate at Queen's Park.

It was a youth project about the election and about the climate choices we need to make going forward. You can watch it in this [CBC local news video](#), 36 minutes in, followed by more about youth voters. Here's a [clip from the Art Jam](#) itself on May 23rd. You can see more video clips on the [OCEC Facebook page](#).

Below are some photos of the event taken by Sandra Dosen.



School for Climate

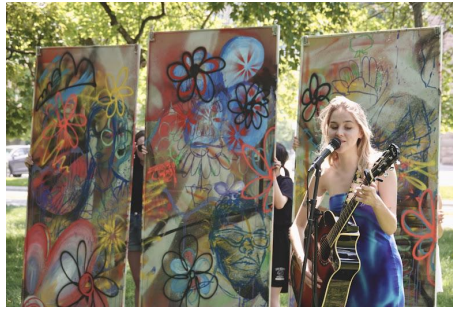
OCEC and Doorways artists

Allie Rougeot, Fridays for Future

Andre Forsythe of



Rahul Mehta of Stop Sprawl Peel.



Katrina Anastasia

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped organize a series of debates held in many key ridings in the GTA ('ONdebates') with GreenPAC. In addition, **GreenPAC** had a separate initiative supporting [climate champion candidates](#) in Ontario and nine of their thirteen endorsed candidates were elected.

[Not One Seat](#) (NOS) endeavoured to support cooperative voting in key Toronto ridings, contributing to 13 races where "unity candidates" were endorsed. Doly Begum of Scarborough Southwest was re-elected. Several ClimateFast members participated in NOS and in other candidate campaigns.

We want to commend all those who stepped forward to take active roles in the election. **You are climate heroes.**

We may be disappointed today - but we won't give up!

We are going to offer opportunities for deep reflection on the outcome and what we can learn to become more successful in promoting climate action at the provincial level. Read this article on the [election outcome](#) in The Energy Mix, with quotes from ClimateFast Co-Chair Lyn Adamson and volunteer Anne Keary.

We will continue to provide opportunities to engage constructively in climate activism at the municipal and federal levels.

At the federal level, a public consultation is being held until July 15th on a National Adaptation Strategy to help communities adapt to climate change. **Save the date! On June 14th we will have a presentation on how to contribute to this consultation.**

At the municipal level - **there will be municipal elections across Ontario on October 24th.**

In the meantime there's an opportunity to speak out on **two-stroke leaf blowers** - that will be on the agenda at City Hall in July. More on this to follow.

JUNE 5TH is World Environment Day.

In the rest of the world there is some positive news. Stockholm + 50 conference, just completed, is the first global conference to name ending fossil fuels as the way we need to go. The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty shares the [news](#).

We'd like to close by sharing with you this [ten-minute debate](#) on the climate emergency that took place the very day we were voting in Ontario. Elizabeth May initiated this exchange in Parliament.

And here's an action you can take right away. Please support the [youth climate lawsuit](#). This case has real significance now. It is challenging the climate target of the provincial government. You can add your name and it becomes part of the court record. This helps to make it clear to the judiciary that the public see the case as in the public interest. The case will come to court in September.

Thank you again for your commitment to the climate activism we need to ensure a climate justice future for Ontario. **Together, we will make it happen.**

Your ClimateFast team