



CLIMATEFAST

**LET'S ACT ON CLIMATE - *FAST!***

## **ACTION ALERT - January 8, 2022**

PARTICIPATE IN THE ENVIRONMENT MINISTER'S CONSULTATION BY JAN 14TH

**HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT CANADA'S CLIMATE PLAN!**

### **UPCOMING WORKSHOP! JANUARY 10, 2022 - 7 PM**

Thanks to the implementation of Bill C 12 which we fought for before the election last spring, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change must establish Canada's plan to achieve our 2030 Greenhouse Gas emissions reduction target. Before that, he must hold public consultations about what should be in the plan. Those consultations are occurring right now! And they are focused on hearing Canadian citizens like all of us. You can be sure that right now the oil and gas industry is lobbying the government on this - let's be sure to raise our voices too!

**The next six days are crucial for you to have your say about Canada's climate plan:** The [government public online consultation platform](#) closes Jan 14th. It may look daunting so we are offering this workshop to make it easy for you to respond.

### **JOIN US ON MONDAY NIGHT TO LEARN MORE!**

With:

- Colleen Lynch of ClimateFast and Toronto 350 and
- Rolly Montpelier of Climate Messengers and Below 2 degrees

**[REGISTER HERE](#) and we will send you the zoom link on Monday**

You could also use the [Climate Messengers toolkit](#) that allows you to choose between:

1. prepared answers for those with no time
2. editable prepared answers for those with a medium amount of time.
3. a guide to creating your own answers that will be well informed and intelligent for those with more time.

Here are some key points to keep in mind:

- Overall Canada's NDC (nationally determined contribution) is massively insufficient and must be boosted in 2022 if 1.5 is not to slip between our fingers.
- Net zero by 2050 is the wrong target. We must halve emissions by 2030. (at least: 60% is a fair share target)
- Incremental change is not enough. Subsidizing the oil and gas industry, capping emissions and not production, will not work. We need to have a moratorium on all new oil and gas, and we need a fast phase out of dependence on fossil fuels.
- We need a Fed-prov agreement to enhance a seamless electricity grid for 100% renewable (no new nuclear,, no new big hydro) to have a grid to act as battery storage for clean energy. North south and east West.
- We need to cancel TMX and convert the crown corporation to work in adaptation and resilience, and maybe even to helping build the interties between provinces, (Note, the TM Corporation was used to rebuild highways in BC after the fall land slides and floods.)
- The call for a large role for indigenous lands in renewables is consistent with UNDRIP.
- We need to ban fracking due to its devastating toxic air pollution and groundwater contamination..

We are in a climate emergency. Call for what is required, not what is politically easy.

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS!** Together we can change the future!

You can fill in the [consultation form](#) right now - or join us on Monday night for tips and discussion.

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## **LET'S PUT CLIMATE IN THE BUDGET!**

**Webcast Wednesday, January 19th at 7 pm.**

What will the Toronto 2022 budget look like?

Will there be the necessary funds for TransformTO to implement the Net Zero by 2040 plan?

The city budget is under extreme pressure - let's make sure the climate emergency measures are funded.

### **JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY JAN 19TH TO LEARN MORE!**

With:

- Host Lyn Adamson, ClimateFast and
- Councillor Mike Layton

[REGISTER HERE](#) and we will send you the zoom link on Wed Jan 19th.

For more info check out the [City of Toronto budget page](#):

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## **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Jan Gehl - Green and Grey**

Tues. Jan. 11th, 11 a.m. - noon

Jan Gehl is world renowned Danish architect, visionary, advisor, creator of cities centered around people, not cars. Author of Life Between Buildings: Using Public Space, and Cities for People, and many other books. His research focuses on the ways people actually use—or could use—the spaces where they live and work. Hosted by 8-80 Cities.

[Register here](#)

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## **EarthNet: Scaling Climate and Ecological Action Through the Power of Social Networking**

January 11th, 1-2 pm

With Rik Logtenberg and Max Deacon

The Sustainability Network invites us to the launch of this new online social network for the Canadian environmental movement.

[Information and Registration](#)

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## **Climate Action Club**

We are invited to the Climate Action Club's 2022 kick-off webinar on Wednesday, January 12 from 10:00 to 11:30 am EST.

Lloyd Alter is our special guest speaker – he will reflect on his recent book “[Living the 1.5 degree Lifestyle](#)”. Lloyd shares his journey as he lives within a personal carbon budget of 2.5 tonnes per year, which is the 2030 budget all world citizens would need to achieve (on average) for us to have a chance at limiting global heating to the Paris 1.5°C goal. He shows us what climate action means at a personal level (and its challenges) – what we can and should do in our everyday lives to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions affected by our own actions and choices. “*Governments and businesses cannot solve this problem [alone] without actions by each of us as individuals, and Alter tells us how.*” (quotation from F. Kaid Benfield, in his endorsement of Lloyd's book.) Lloyd Alter is a writer, public speaker and sustainable design instructor at The Creative School at Ryerson University, and former architect and developer. He has written thousands of articles for [Treehugger.com](#) and lives in Toronto.

[Register Now](#): You will be sent to an immediate registration page for the webinar.

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