

January 11, 2020 Guest Speaker **John Wood Jr., Better Angels**



With impeachment and the election year ahead of us deepening the partisan divide in America, we hear this month from John Wood Jr. from Better Angels, a national citizens' movement "to reduce political polarization in the United States by bringing liberals and conservatives together to understand each other beyond stereotypes."

Wood is a national leader for Better Angels, a former nominee for Congress, former Vice-Chairman of the Republican Party of Los Angeles County, and author of the upcoming book, "Transcending Politics: Perspectives for a Divided Nation."

CCL Canada January 2020 actions at a glance:

1. Using [the accompanying planning sheets](#), set your 2020 goals and plans for creating the political will locally for improving and harmonizing Canada's backstop carbon pricing plan nationally.
2. Send your MP a save the date email for our reception in Ottawa on Monday, May 11, 2020. Please send the heads-up email regardless of whether or not you plan to attend the CCL National Conference in May.

Optional: Join a CCL Canada action team that will be working on updating our [Guidelines for a National Carbon Pricing Policy](#) to be reviewed by the CCL Canada membership in March. Note these guidelines will form the foundation of what we lobby for nationally and where applicable at the subnational level. Sign up here to help us pick the date for the first meeting: <https://doodle.com/poll/4swxp89fh8urzrkk>.

CCL Ontario Actions: Using information given to us on a special CCL Ontario call with Dr. Dianne Saxe this month as a guideline, submit your ideas for Ontario's 2020 budget by February 11, 2020. Before you start, note first the instructions from the government: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2020-budget-consultations>. After you submit the recommendations, [record your submission as a "Letter to Congress" in Field Reports](#). **January 9 is the deadline to register to present to the Ontario budget committee:** <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/2020-pre-budget-consultations-843390953.html>.

Important Note from the National Office: We have made the impossible possible, a national carbon pricing policy. Thank you for your supporting and empowering others. We value everyone's time and we only expect our volunteers to donate about 10 hours per month of their time (except for the months we lobby as a collective), making it important to empower the CCL membership with a collective focus. Here are some gentle reminders:

CCL Canada's official talking points are only found in our Laser Talks and Media releases. All subnational actions, Laser talks or CCL collective lobbying events are to be included in the monthly CCL action sheets. Please submit them to the national office at least two weeks prior to the Wednesday before the CCL International calls each month. If you want to lobby for policies that do not meet CCL criteria, you may need to start or join another group without using CCL mailing lists as we have to maintain our brand and focus. (For your own protection, note that legally you can't use email lists collected by other groups for anything other than their original uses under Canadian Anti-Spam laws).

Upcoming CCL Calls	Date and Time	Call Options
Canada: All CCLers welcome. We check in with each other, share field reports, and go over monthly actions.	Option 1: Thurs, January 9, 2020 , 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET Option 2: Fri, January 10, 2020 , 8 am PT / 11 am ET Option 3: Mon, January 13, 2020 , 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET Just pick 1 to attend. Sign this Doodler to RSVP.	Uberconference Line (1-888-570-6238) or log in online for free.
CCL International	Sat, January 11, 2019 , 10 am PT/ 1 pm ET	Zoom Room 2017201717 or call +1 877.369.0926, code: 2017 2017 17
CCL Canada Education Call:	Tue, January 21, 2019 , 4 pm PT/ 7 pm ET Tips on being a spokesperson with your local media by Cathy Orlando Sign this Doodler to RSVP	Our Zoom Line https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/3920795005
CCL Ontario Call with Dr. Dianne Saxe	Tues, January 14, 2020 , 7 pm ET Please sign the Doodler if you plan to attend: https://doodle.com/poll/qgn7n354n2tqbrwa	Our Zoom Line https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/3920795005

Consider marking your calendar and making necessary preparations for these important dates in 2020:

Saturday, January 25, 2020	Livestream Memorial service for Marshall Saunders 1 pm Pacific will be broadcast.
March 7, 2020	Ontario Liberal Leadership Convention
March 8-10, 2020 in Las Vegas	Climate Reality Leadership Corps Training with Al Gore. The deadline to apply is January 31. Note there are several Climate Reality training sessions in the USA.
Saturday, March 28, 2020	Earth Hour at 8 pm local time
Wednesday, April 22, 2020	50th Anniversary of Earth Day. One billion people wanted on the streets. FFF USA is striking April 22-24. FFF International & Canada plans unknown.
Mon, May 11- Tues. May 12	CCL Canada Spring Rendezvous on Parliament Hill - half day conference, evening reception and lobbying day. Please refer to action #2. Registration opens in February. Bookmark this page.
June 7-9, 2020	CCL International Conference and Lobbying in Washington, DC
June 27, 2020	Conservative Leadership Vote https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/conservative-leadership-vote-scheer-1.5414024
October 17-21, 2020 (tentative)	CCL Canada Conference and Lobbying in Ottawa and 10-year Celebration of CCL Canada. Note that an election could be called, so we will finalize this in June.
October 26, 2020	Saskatchewan Election, with school board elections on November 9.
November 3, 2020	US Election
November, about a week after US election	CCL Congressional Education Day in Washington, DC
November 9-20, 2020	COP26 in Glasgow

ACTION 1: Set Goals for the Year of 2020

Why: Early in the year is typically a valuable time to take stock of our journey and set a clear vision for the year ahead.

Through collective, sustained, and focused effort, we have been instrumental in birthing a national carbon pricing policy with a backstop that is like carbon fee and dividend. We really appreciate the intention and effort you have put into making this a reality. And to ensure a liveable world, new commitments can be made to make this policy more predictable and grounded in science.

CCL operates on a framework of building political will locally for an effective carbon fee and dividend policy by pulling on the 5 levers of political will. This month's planning sheets can give your group an opportunity to reflect on these 5 levers, as well as set clear intentions for how you would like to pull on them.

[Consider printing out the attached 2020 planning sheets](#) and using them as a guide to set clear targets for your group to aim for. As a group, also consider reflecting on [whether these goals are SMART](#) (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-bound), anticipating potential roadblocks, and planning how to deal with them. Each group leader gets a tally of field reports each month, which you can use to monitor your progress.

Thank you for making CCL Canada a part of your journey. We wish you all the best in your endeavors this year and beyond.

ACTION 2: Send your MP(s) a Save-the-date for our May 2020 Reception in Ottawa

Why: Lobbying our MPs in Ottawa builds relationships with them and shows them that we are more than an internet group.

At this point, we are sending just “save-the-date” emails because it is too early for an MP to give an RSVP for this reception but they can try to save the date as they plan their year. As well, sending your MP an email now as a head's up touches base with them. These constant touches builds relationship and trust. Please only invite your own MP.

A gentle reminder: after you send your email and/or phone call, record your email as a “letter to congress” in field reports: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/tools/field-reports>

Sample Save-the-date E-mail

Dear [MP NAME],

Thank you for [SOMETHING THEY'VE DONE RECENTLY THAT YOU ARE GENUINELY GRATEFUL FOR. TWITTER MIGHT BE A GOOD PLACE TO RESEARCH].

You are invited to save the date and time of Monday, May 11, 2020 from 6:30-9:30 pm for a reception co-hosted by fellow MP(s) and Citizens' Climate Lobby near Parliament Hill. We would like to connect with you, hear your thoughts on current climate policy and carbon pricing in Canada, and work on shared goals for tackling the climate crisis together. Closer to the date, we will be sending you an invite with the details.

We look forward to opportunities to connect. Thank you for all you do for our communities.

Sincerely,

[NAME]

Volunteer, Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada

CCL ONTARIO ACTIONS

Why: Ontario is a climate laggard and this how we will show the Ford Government that Ontarians are concerned.

1. **Attend or listen to the recording of Dr. Dianne Saxe** on climate change in Ontario **Tues, January 14, 2020, 7 pm ET**, CCL Canada Zoom Line <https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/3920795005> . Please sign the Doodler if you plan to attend: <https://doodle.com/poll/qgn7n354n2tgrwa> Feel free to invite your local CCL members to listen to the call.

2. **Only if applicable: Register to present at the pre-budget the Province of Ontario** by **January 9**. The Committee intends to hold public hearings in **Toronto on January 17, 2020** and in **Sioux Lookout, Thunder Bay, Kitchener-Waterloo, Belleville, and Niagara** during the week of January 20, 2020. <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/2020-pre-budget-consultations-843390953.html>

3. **Submit your ideas for Ontario's 2020 budget by February 11, 2020**. Use the information shared with us on the special CCL Ontario call with Dr. Dianne Saxe this month as a guideline. Before you start, note first the instructions from the government: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2020-budget-consultations>.

After you submit the recommendations, [record your submission as a "Letter to Congress" in Field Reports](#).

LASER TALK 1: Carbon Fee and Dividend

Carbon Fee and Dividend is a revenue-neutral price on carbon that functions as follows:

- A fee is placed on carbon-based fuels at the source (well, mine or port of entry)
- This fee increases steadily each year so that clean energy is cheaper than fossil fuels within a decade
- All of the money collected is returned to Canadians on an equitable basis
- Under this plan [most Canadian households](#) would break even or receive more in their dividend check than they would pay for the increased cost of energy, thereby protecting the poor and middle class.
- A predictably increasing carbon price will send a clear market signal which will unleash entrepreneurs and investors in the new clean-energy economy.

LASER TALK 2: The Many Ways to Price Carbon

Our governments have 6 basic options to confront climate change. They are listed from least transparent to most transparent:

1. **The status quo** – Our whole society finances fossil fuels – the most expensive option by far.

2. **Regulation** – boots on the ground, eyes on emissions. This approach requires the government to hire regulators to keep tabs on everyone's emissions and is dependent on the budget for enforcement. This approach is only as effective as the number of sources it can monitor, but hiring regulators is expensive, so it will only catch the largest carbon-emitting companies, not your car or your neighbour's lawn mower or your friend's boat.

3. **Cap and Trade** – creates an artificial market. It involves putting a cap on emissions, but lets companies trade the emissions they produce. It still requires hiring regulators to tell us who is emitting how much (and all the problems that come with regulations) and creates a market where a select few people make money and the rest of us are left with a fluctuating fuel market.

4. **Subsidies** – government picks winners and losers. It can be really hard to predict the future and what will be the best option down the line. We know how this has failed us in the past when the government decided to subsidize fossil fuels.

5. **Carbon Tax** – a sin tax that puts pressure on consumers. The positive is that carbon taxes are highly effective at reducing carbon emissions because they hold companies monetarily accountable for the negative consequences of the emissions

they use, and , if the tax is put at the source (such as the coal mine or the oil refinery) they don't require many regulators. The downside is that, with just a tax on carbon emissions, companies will push the extra cost off to consumers and make all products more expensive. When things get more expensive, people won't be able to afford as much so it will slow down our GDP growth and economy.

6. Carbon Fee and Dividend – This is CCL's preferred solution. It is simple and effective. Carbon fee and dividend includes a fee on carbon emissions at the source, then the revenues from that fee go back to households – It's this dividend that grows the economy and protects the most vulnerable.

LASER TALK 3: Canada's Carbon Pricing Policy

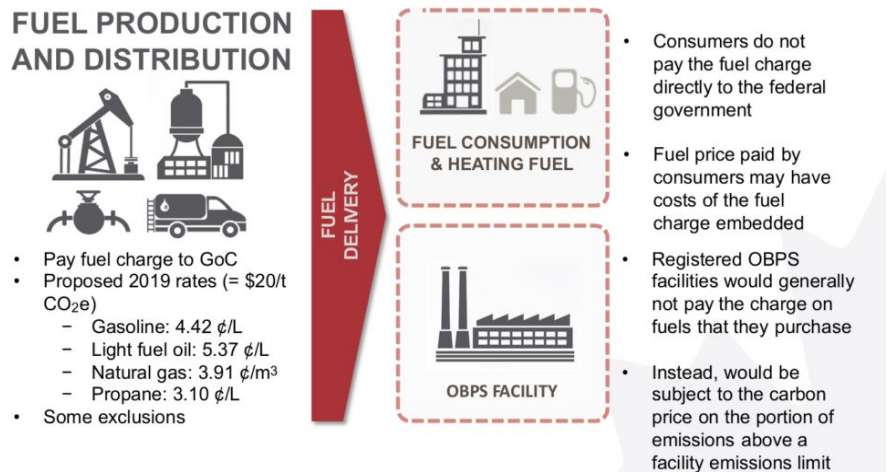
In June 2018, the [Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act](#) achieved Royal Assent and became law of the land in Canada. All provinces and territories must have a carbon pricing policy of at least \$20 tonne by January 1, 2019, raising \$10 per tonne each year until 2022, with flexibility for provinces to have carbon taxes or an equally stringent cap and trade system. How equivalency will be determined is unclear. In jurisdictions that do not have carbon pricing policies, the Federal Backstop Carbon Pricing Policy will apply.

There are two elements of the federal carbon pricing policy:

1. A charge on fossil fuels that is generally payable by fuel producers or distributors, with rates for each fuel that are equivalent to \$10 per tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) in 2018, rising by \$10 per year to \$50 per tonne CO₂e in 2022. The carbon fee for the federal backstop policy is revenue-neutral. PM Trudeau says the money will go directly back to the people in jurisdictions without carbon pricing. The revenue will be recycled back to the citizens in their income taxes under the line 449 "climate action incentive". CCL also recommends the price be economy-wide and rise past 2022.

2. For businesses and industries that qualify, they will enroll in an Output-based Carbon Pricing System. They will pay a carbon price based on their emissions intensity relative to a best in the class of their industry and surplus credits will be traded. This system will send a market signal because good actions are rewarded. This component of the act protects emissions-intensive trade-exposed industries from trade pressures and carbon leakage. However, it may not be stringent enough. CCL recommends that the carbon price should be economy-wide and thus the Output-Based Pricing System should be temporary, and ultimately replaced with Border Carbon Adjustments.

Overview of the federal backstop



REFERENCES:

<http://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/42-1/bill/C-74/royal-assent>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/cai-payment.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/tax-return/completing-a-tax-return/deductions-credits-expenses/line-449-climate-action-incentive.html>

Addendum - Cabinet, Parliamentary Secretaries Shadow Cabinet, and Critics - Is your MP on any any of these list?

Cabinet appointments. Please note that all current and former cabinet ministers are formally addressed as “The Honourable” or “Hon.” The full list of cabinet appointments is here: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/cabinet>

Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence
Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
Dominic LeBlanc, President of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada
Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry
Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance
Jean-Yves Duclos, President of the Treasury Board
Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport
Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Mélanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages
Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue
Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defence
Maryam Monsef, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development
Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion
Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health
Bardish Chagger, Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth
François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Karina Gould, Minister of International Development

Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
Seamus O’Regan, Minister of Natural Resources
Pablo Rodriguez, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons
Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade
Filomena Tassi, Minister of Labour
Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard
Joyce Murray, Minister of Digital Government
Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement
Mona Fortier, Minister of Middle Class Prosperity and Associate Minister of Finance
Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Canadian Heritage
Marco E. L. Mendicino, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
Marc Miller, Minister of Indigenous Services
Deb Schulte, Minister of Seniors
Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs

CPC Shadow Cabinet

See the full list here:

<https://www.conservative.ca/team/shadow-cabinet/>

Hon. Kerry-Lynne Findlay, Environment and Climate Change
Shannon Stubbs, Natural Resources
Cathy McLeod, Natural Resources (Forestry and Mining)
Randy Hoback, International Trade
Hon. Mike Lake, International Development
Todd Doherty, Transport
Marilyn Gladu, Health
Luc Berthold, Infrastructure and Communities
Matt Jeneroux, Infrastructure and Communities (Associate)
Dan Albas: Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion
Karen Vecchio: Women and Gender Equality

NDP Critics

See the full list here: <https://www.ndp.ca/team>

Jagmeet Singh, Intergovernmental affairs, Indigenous issues
Laurel Collins, Caucus Vice Chair & Critic for Environment and Climate Change
Richard Cannings, Natural Resources
Daniel Blaikie, Democratic Reform, Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Export Promotion and International trade, Western Economic Diversification
Heather McPherson, Deputy House leader & Critic for International Development
Niki Ashton: Public ownership, Transport
Don Davies: Health
Taylor Bachrach: Infrastructure and Communities
Lindsay Mathyssen: Deputy whip & Critic for Diversity, inclusion and youth, post-secondary education, women and gender equality

Parliamentary Secretaries

<https://pm.gc.ca/en/cabinet>

Omar Alghabra, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Public Service Renewal) and to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

Will Amos, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry (Science)

Gary Anandasangaree, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

René Arseneault, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and Official Languages)

Larry Bagnell, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages (Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency)

Terry Beech, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

Rachel Bendayan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade

Chris Bittle, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport

Élisabeth Brière, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages (Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec)

Julie Dabrusin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage

Pam Damoff, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indigenous Services

Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages (Western Economic Diversification Canada) and to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (Canada Water Agency)

Ali Ehsassi, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry (Innovation and Industry)

Neil Ellis, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Greg Fergus, Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Treasury Board and to the Minister of Digital Government

Andy Fillmore, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

Darren Fisher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health

Sean Fraser, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance and to the Minister of Middle Class Prosperity and Associate Minister of Finance

Anthony Housefather, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour

Gudie Hutchings, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development

Yvonne Jones, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Northern Affairs

Kamal Khara, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development

Irek Kusmierczyk, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion

Kevin Lamoureux, Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and to the Leader of the House of Commons

Stéphane Lauzon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Seniors

Paul Lefebvre, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources

Joël Lightbound, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Steven MacKinnon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Services and Procurement

Soraya Martinez Ferrada, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

Rob Oliphant, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Darrell Samson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence

Peter Schiefke, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Terry Sheehan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages (FedNor)

Francesco Sorbara, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue

Anita Vandenbeld, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence

Adam van Koeeverden, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth and to the Minister of Canadian Heritage (Sport)

Adam Vaughan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development (Housing)

Arif Virani, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Kate Young, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages