



Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada



December 8 Guest Speaker Per Espen Stoknes, Psychologist



On our December call, we are joined by Per Espen Stoknes, a Norwegian psychologist and politician for the Green Party who served as a deputy representative to the Parliament of Norway. He weaves together psychology and economics in imaginative ways, often revolving around our human relationships to the natural world and to each other. He is the author of the book, *What We Think About When We Try Not to Think About Global Warming*. Stoknes posits that people have five inner defenses that stop them from engaging on climate change, and he offers ways to “flip” those defenses.

CCL Actions this month

1. Give the gift of money to help fund CCL Canada in 2019
2. Send a Christmas card to your local MP(s) and select Ministers

Social Media Action – Cheer on carbon pricing and increasing ambition efforts by the Honourable Catherine McKenna during the COP24 in Katowice Poland, December 3-15, 2018

Direct Action – Consider helping [youth strike from school](#) on Friday, January 11, 2018. Youth in nine Canadian cities are [striking from school](#) Friday, December 7.

Instead of a Laser Talk - Help us finalize the FAQ for Canada’s carbon pricing policy.

| Each month at Citizens' Climate Lobby we have regularly scheduled CCL calls | | |
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| Canada: All CCLers welcome. Discussion on the UK Climate Change Act. | Option 1: Thurs, Dec 6, 2018 at 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET Option 2: Mon, Dec. 10, 2018 at 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET Just pick one. Sign this Doodler to RSVP. Marlo Firme will be hosting both calls this month. | Uberconference Line 1-888-570-6238- no pin or log in online for free |
| International: See guest speaker above. | Sat, December 8, 2018 at 10 am PT/ 1 pm ET https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/2017201717 | Zoom Room 2017201717 or call +1 877.369.0926 code: 2017 2017 17 |
| CCL Canada Education Call with Mark Reynolds | Tues, Dec.18, 2018 at 4 pm PT / 7 pm ET Celebrate all we achieved in 2018. https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/3920795005 | Zoom Room 3920795005 or call +1 877.369.0926 code: 3920 7950 05 |

ACTION 1: Give the gift of money to help fund CCL Canada 2019

Why: December/January is the only time we fundraise at CCL Canada. We are raising money specifically for events, including national and regional conferences in 2019 to defend the hard won carbon fee and dividend policy Canada just enacted.

Please consider donating today or asking someone to donate \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500, or \$1000 to help fund our 2019 actions and events. Any amount helps. Our goal is to match a \$10,000 donation total and raise the most amount of money ever.

On average, the fees that we have collected at the doors at our five national conferences have only covered about a third to a quarter of the cost of our national conferences. Financial contributions have also allowed us to reduce or waive fees for people who would otherwise not be able to attend.

There are 2 ways to donate: through cheque (preferred) and Paypal from our website:

<https://canada.citizensclimatelobby.org/donate/>

You can make out your cheque to “Citizens’ Climate Lobby” and mail it to:

Citizens’ Climate Lobby Canada
435 Notre Dame Ave,
Lower Floor Sudbury ON
P3C 5K6

Att’n: Dr. Sanjiv Mathur

Also, please check out [our newly updated donation page](#) to learn more about the work of CCL and how donations are spent.

Feel free to share it with friends on social media.

ACTION 2: Send a Christmas card to your local MP / MPP / MLA / MHA(s) and MPs of interest

Why: We have been doing this every year. It is a tradition at CCL Canada. Handwritten cards are personal, stand out, and a great way to rack up field reports.

Consider having a Christmas card writing party on the week of December 10 and then tweeting your pictures of your writing party to your MP and to canada@citizensclimatelobby.org. Be sure to record the metric as a letter in the field reports <https://community.citizensclimatelobby.org/field-reports>

SOCIAL MEDIA ACTION: Cheer on carbon pricing and increasing ambition efforts by the Honourable Catherine McKenna during the COP24 in Katowice Poland, December 3-15, 2018

<https://unfccc.int/event/cop-24>

Why: Because the Minister is getting bullied in social media and needs our support.

Ask your volunteers who are in social media to support the Honourable Catherine McKenna, specifically during the UNFCCC negotiations in Katowice. Like, retweet, and support her posts with comments on Facebook and Twitter. And if you are comfortable – report and block the abusive posts.

WARNING: Don't feed the trolls!

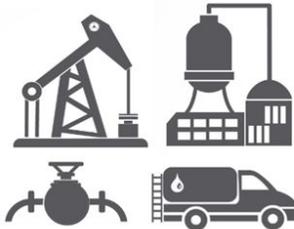
RECORD YOUR METRICS: If the Minister retweets or likes something, Be sure to record the metric as a social media interaction with an MP in our database

<https://community.citizensclimatelobby.org/field-reports>

FAQ for Canada's carbon pricing policy

Overview of the federal backstop

FUEL PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION



- Pay fuel charge to GoC
- Proposed 2019 rates (= \$20/t CO₂e)
 - Gasoline: 4.42 ¢/L
 - Light fuel oil: 5.37 ¢/L
 - Natural gas: 3.91 ¢/m³
 - Propane: 3.10 ¢/L
- Some exclusions

FUEL DELIVERY



FUEL CONSUMPTION & HEATING FUEL



OBPS FACILITY

- Consumers do not pay the fuel charge directly to the federal government
- Fuel price paid by consumers may have costs of the fuel charge embedded
- Registered OBPS facilities would generally not pay the charge on fuels that they purchase
- Instead, would be subject to the carbon price on the portion of emissions above a facility emissions limit

What are the main components of Canada's carbon pricing policy?

Canada's carbon pricing policy, frequently called the federal backstop, applies only to provinces and territories that either opt-in or don't have a carbon pricing policy. Under the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act, the federal backstop has two parts:

1. **A regulatory charge applied to fossil fuels** (a.k.a. carbon fee), including natural gas, gasoline, and diesel will be imbedded into the cost of everything. The carbon fee on fuels will take effect starting in April 2019 and in the territories where it will apply in no later than July 2019.

2. **An output-based pricing system (OBPS)** for large industrial emitters. It is somewhat like cap and trade system, except that the carbon price only applies to the portion of a facility's emissions that are above sector-specific carbon intensity benchmarks. Facilities that outperform the benchmark (i.e. emit less pollution per unit of output than specified) receive credits that can be traded to other firms. The OBPS takes effect in January 2019 except in the territories, where it will apply in July 2019.

Reference:

<https://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2018/10/23/government-canada-fighting-climate-change-price-pollution>

What are the key facts?

- Only fossil fuels are covered by Canada's carbon pricing backstop policy.
- It starts at \$20 per ton in 2019, rising \$10 per tonne annually until it reaches \$50 per tonne in 2022.
- Residents in the four provinces (Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and New Brunswick) and two territories (Nunavut and Yukon) will be subject to the federal carbon price. The vast majority of households will receive "Climate Action Incentive" that will exceed the amount of the carbon fees paid by the average family.
- Approximately 50% of the Canadian population will be covered by the backstop carbon pricing policy.
- Canadians in jurisdictions where the federal backstop policy applies will get their climate action incentive payments from the government in April 2019 before the carbon fee starts.

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What are the major uses of revenue?

- 90% of revenues will be returned directly to households through what the Federal government is calling **Climate Action Incentive** payments. Under the proposed approach, individuals will receive the full amount of the Climate Action Incentive payment for the year, after having filed their tax returns ([starting in early 2019](#)) before the carbon fees are applied in April.
- The remaining 10% of carbon pricing revenues be reserved for targeted funding programs to support municipalities, universities, school boards, hospitals, not-for-profits, Indigenous communities, and small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs) in reducing their emissions. That equates to about \$1.5 billion over the next four years to support carbon reduction programs in Ontario, with roughly two-thirds of that earmarked for Small and Medium sized Enterprises. Further details on these new funding programs will be released in early 2019.
- [Read more here http://taf.ca/lowdown-new-federal-carbon-pricing-system/](http://taf.ca/lowdown-new-federal-carbon-pricing-system/)
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/pricing-pollution-how-it-will-work/putting-price-on-carbon-pollution.html>

Do large industrial emitters get a free pass?

An output-based pricing system (OBPS) for large industrial emitters will apply. It is similar to the cap and trade system, except that the carbon price only applies to the portion of a facility's emissions that are above sector-specific carbon intensity benchmarks. Facilities that outperform the benchmark (i.e. emit less pollution per unit of output than specified) receive credits that can be traded to other firms. The OBPS takes effect in everywhere it will apply starting in January 2019 except in the territories where it will apply in July.

The fact is the world must move together on climate action. If the government of Canada moves too quickly and too fast, Canadians would lose jobs and those jobs would go to high emitting countries.

In summary, output-based carbon pricing sends a market signal while protecting our large industries from leaving Canada and going to lower emitting countries (a.k.a. leakage).

What are the possible reasons Canada's carbon pricing policy does not include border carbon adjustments to prevent leakage?

Border carbon adjustments are complex, take time to set up, require a huge expenditure of political capital especially for a small country like Canada and are not really needed at low prices. Plus, it is best to sort things out with trading partners in a congenial way and not impose border taxes on your trading partners without discussion. Of note, CCL Canada sent an official request and got an official response from a regulatory body that reports directly to the Privy Council to study border carbon adjustments as the price rises.

How much will the carbon fee impact the average household?

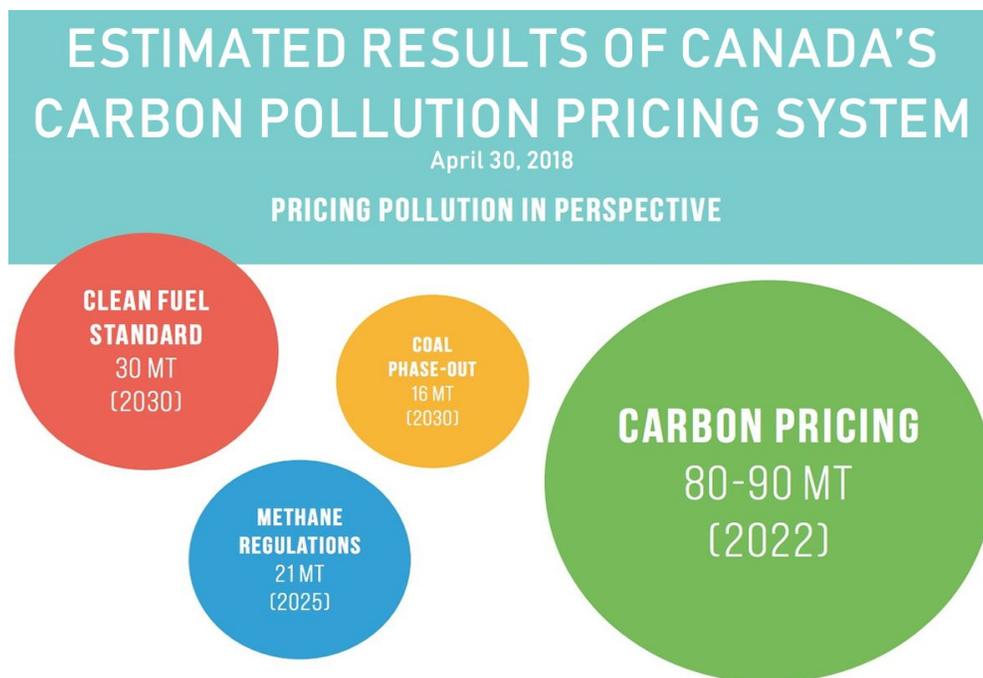
Please refer to the tables on the right for data from the Canadian Government.

What are the predicted emission reductions?

It is expected that the emissions reduction from carbon pricing will be 80-90 Mt/year by 2022. Note this is for all of Canada's emissions reductions - not

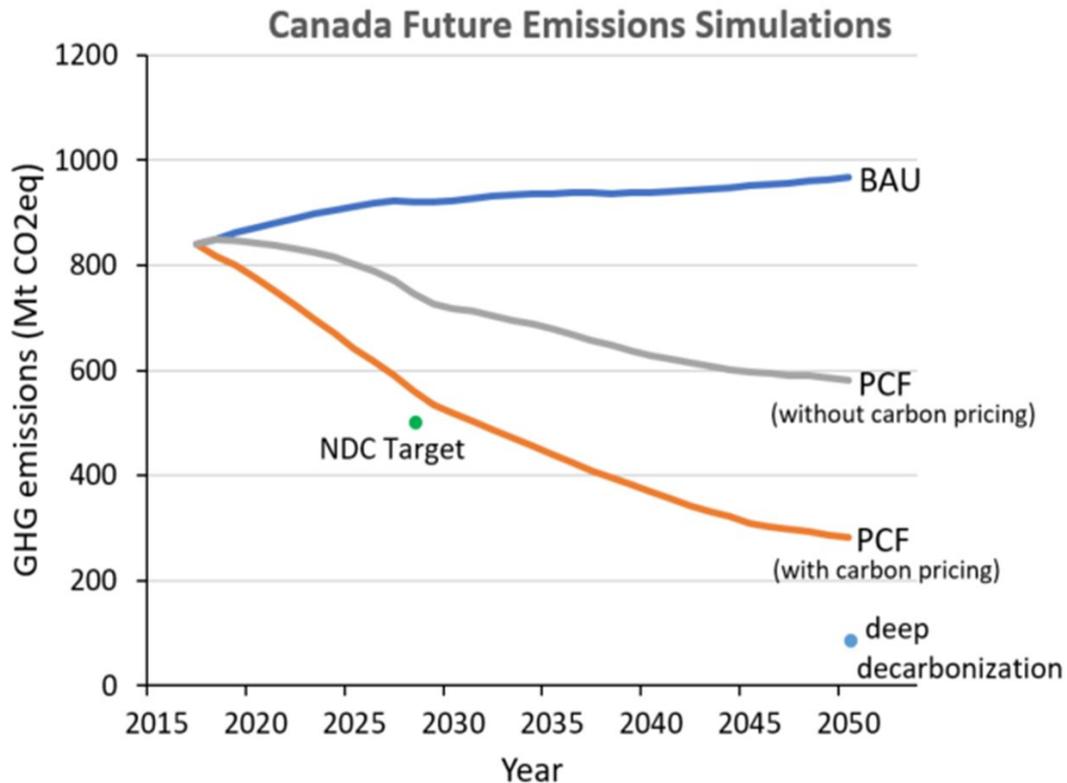
| Carbon tax: how much will you pay vs. how much will you get back? | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | |
| ON | \$244 | \$357 | \$463 | \$564 | Average cost per household* |
| | \$300 | \$439 | \$571 | \$697 | Rebate |
| | \$56 | \$82 | \$108 | \$133 | Difference |
| NB | \$202 | \$296 | \$386 | \$470 | Average cost per household* |
| | \$248 | \$365 | \$476 | \$583 | Rebate |
| | \$46 | \$69 | \$90 | \$113 | Difference |
| MB | \$232 | \$342 | \$447 | \$547 | Average cost per household* |
| | \$336 | \$495 | \$649 | \$797 | Rebate |
| | \$104 | \$153 | \$202 | \$250 | Difference |
| SK | \$403 | \$588 | \$768 | \$946 | Average cost per household* |
| | \$598 | \$883 | \$1,161 | \$1,419 | Rebate |
| | \$195 | \$295 | \$393 | \$473 | Difference |

just the four provinces and two territories under the federal backstop policy.



Can Canada achieve our Paris targets without carbon pricing?

Canada cannot achieve deep decarbonization without carbon pricing. Just try to achieve it on the Pembina Policy simulator: <http://www.pembina.org/pub/try-out-your-climate-policy-ideas>



Should carbon pricing revenue be used for reducing emissions?

Given that 48% of Canadians are within \$200 every month of financial insolvency, how do you think it will go over with the general public if environmental groups start asking for carbon pollution fees to be used for projects?

Revenue-neutral carbon pricing will spark innovation and free market investments. Consider, that energy companies are sitting on piles of money. Why do they need taxpayer dollars in the first place? Consider ending fossil fuel subsidies and other tax-reforms to fund the programs we need to transition our future.

Read more here:

<https://canada.citizensclimatelobby.org/laser-talk-balancing-the-budget-the-climate-crisis-and-social-concerns/>



**Balancing the Federal Budget,
Social Concerns and the Environment**

1. End fossil fuel subsidies: **\$1.6 billion/year**
2. Close the CEO stock option loophole: **\$750 million /year**
3. Tighten tax havens laws: **\$14.6 billion/year**
4. Tax inheritance – **\$??** Canada only G7 country without an inheritance tax
5. Enact Carbon Fee and Dividend


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Are there any provisions to address concerns of frontline communities?

Families not living in big cities will get 10% more in their climate action incentive payments.

Source: [Global News](#)

Any Regulatory Rollback?

No regulations will be rolled back as we did not have an Obama-era equivalent federal policy because provinces did much of the heavy lifting before Trudeau came into power.

Tort liability immunity?

There are no provisions for or against suing oil companies in this policy for their negligence. Unfortunately, it looks like Canadian taxpayers might be on the hook not only for climate damages but at least a portion of the \$260 billion clean-up of orphaned wells and tailings ponds in Alberta. Lastly rumblings from major NGOs are beginning for "Juliana vs Governments" in Ontario, Saskatchewan and the government of Canada.

A network of young people in Quebec have also applied to [sue the Canadian government](#) for stronger action on climate change.

Can you suggest any good videos to watch?

- Watch and share Cathy Orlando tell the story of carbon fee and dividend in Canada at the no-fly conference, The Climate Emergency:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHeE3Z6SdVg&feature=youtu.be&t=7750>
- Watch and share this Global TV video on Climate Action Incentives:
<https://globalnews.ca/video/4588094/how-climate-action-incentive-payments-work>

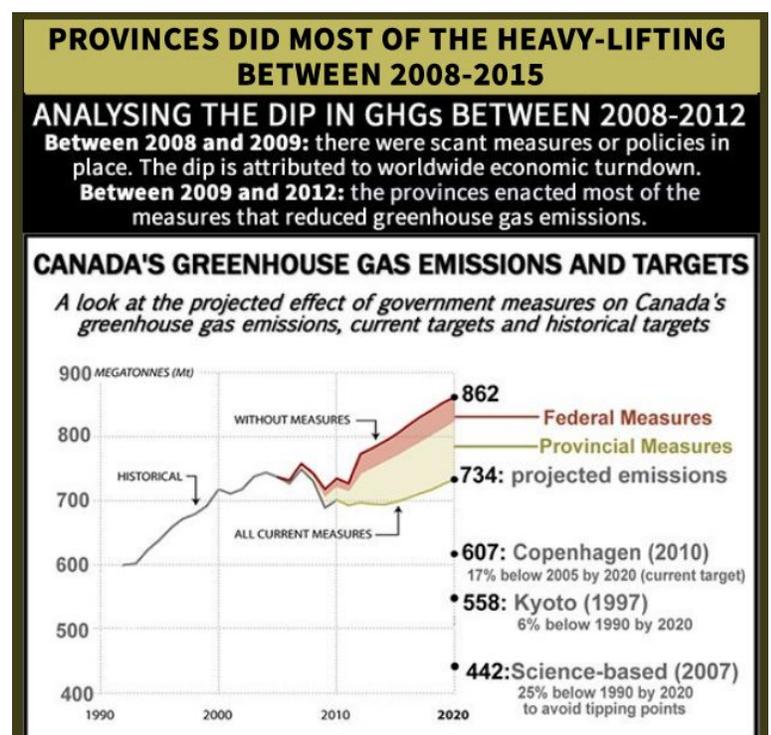
Is Canada's carbon pricing policy safe from being dismantled by wedge politics?

There are politicians in Canada in power who are dismissive of the climate crisis and carbon pricing and are using climate change as a wedge issue.

Our carbon pricing policy is under attack and there is a lot of disinformation being spread on social media. That is why we are empowering our volunteers to stay focused on protecting carbon fee and dividend in their ridings over the next year by pulling on the five levers of political will.

The best thing people outside of Canada can do to help is build political will for carbon fee and dividend in your ridings.

Happily, Ireland is showing the way forward. Listen to Eamon Ryan the Leader of the Green



Party / Comhaontas Glás introduce on Carbon Fee and Dividend in the Irish Legislature. Every cent raised would be returned equally to each citizen in a direct payment. Then, the best part is when Leo Varadkar, the Taoiseach (a.k.a. the Irish Prime Minister), agreed with him and talked about Canada!

Our actions our powerful and reverberate throughout the world. Climate change is now being treated as a bridge issue in Ireland.

You can watch this development here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27fNX5mSdEU&t=&fbclid=IwAR2anh0xNz57DQliSJNv4Bz6MQtZhgeLbtv8mBBojrYVgTEsdvx2qBa9oTo>