

**May 11 Guest Speaker: Carlos Curbelo, former U.S. House member (R-FL)**



Before leaving Congress, Carlos Curbelo did more than any Republican to tone down the divisive rhetoric on climate change and start a movement to turn it into a bipartisan issue. Along with Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL), he led the formation and growth of the Climate Solutions Caucus, which had 45 Republicans and 45 Democrats at the end of the previous Congress. In January, he joined the Center on Global Energy Policy at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, and he also joined the advisory board of the [Millennial Action Project](#), a nonprofit focused on getting younger lawmakers to work across the aisle and to bring civility to the governing process. He joins this month's call to talk about building the momentum for a bipartisan approach to solving climate change.

**CCL Canada May 2019 Actions at a glance:**

1. Support GreenPAC by hosting an October 7 environmental town hall with local federal election candidates and like-minded groups.
  2. Connect local municipal climate champions with the Canadian Climate Leadership Caucus.
- COORDINATED ONLINE ACTION (~2 min):** From now until May 13, help get 1000 "agrees" for [We Don't Have Time](#) to market Canada's hard-earned carbon pricing policy.
- HEADS UP:** Start preparing for the big global strike on September 27. Details to follow.

**May 13-14, 2019 Make Tomorrow Canada Conference Checklist:**

- \_\_\_ [Register now](#) for the May 13-14 event in Ottawa,
- \_\_\_ Invite your MP to the May 13 reception (invitation is under "Parliamentarian Invitation..." [on our webpage](#)) and follow up.
- \_\_\_ Friday, May 3, 2019: Send the MP bio by May 3. Here is the outline in [Word](#).
- \_\_\_ Friday, May 10: Please get us your lobbying appointments as soon as you get them. NEW THIS YEAR: Once you have secured an appointment send the following information by [filling in this form](#).

CCL Calls in May	Date and Time	Call Options
<b>Canada:</b> All CCLers welcome. We check in with each other, share field reports, and go over monthly actions.	Option 1: <b>Thurs, May 9, 2019</b> , 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET Option 2: <b>Fri, May 10, 2019</b> , 8 am PT / 11 am ET Option 3: <b>Mon, May 13, 2019</b> , 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET Just pick 1 to attend. <a href="#">Sign this doodler</a> to RSVP.	Uberconference Line (1-888-570-6238) or <a href="#">log in online for free</a> .
<b>CCL International:</b> Carlos Curbelo	<b>Sat, May 11, 2019</b> , 10 am PT/ 1 pm ET	<a href="#">Zoom Room 2017201717</a> or call +1 877.369.0926, code: 2017 2017 17
<b>CCL Canada Education Call:</b> TBD	<b>TBD</b> 4 pm PT / 7 pm ET <b>SHARP</b>	<a href="#">Zoom Room 3920795005</a> or call +1 877.369.0926, meeting code: 3920 7950 05

# **ACTION 1: Support GreenPAC by hosting an October 7 environmental town hall with local federal election candidates and like-minded groups.**

**Why?** To help get your local 2019 federal election candidates to consider lasting environmental policy.

Team up with GreenPAC and other local, nonpartisan groups to host and lead debates on October 7. Check out GreenPAC's message below for more information.

## **The 100 Debates Project**

**On October 7th, 2019, we are organizing 100 strictly non-partisan all-candidate debates on the environment in ridings across our country.**

It's a massive project and we're working with local organizations and businesses from across Canada to help pull it off. If you can help out, please email Ari at [100debates@greenpac.ca](mailto:100debates@greenpac.ca).

### **Why debates**

Despite overwhelming public support for the environment, opponents often frame critical issues like climate change and clean water in opposition to economic prosperity. To address this, we'll need to engage Canadians from across the political spectrum. So, we're launching a Canada-wide conversation between political candidates and constituents in the form of local, environmentally-focused election debates.

**These debates will demonstrate citizens' support for environmental issues and have a lasting impact on policy.** Candidates will be challenged to put their best ideas forward and voters will be empowered to hold future MPs accountable for those ideas. MPs consistently and vividly recall the issues raised at all-candidates' debates, which can translate into policy gains once a government is formed.

Coordinated, issue-based, debates have never been held on this scale in Canada. If successful, they could generate enough attention to directly impact voter and party priorities.

### **Making it happen**

While we will ensure there's a national narrative around the campaign, we're counting on local organizations, individuals, and businesses to host and lead debates. We'll be available every step of the way to provide advice, and are developing a detailed website to help local organizers make their debate a success! The website is likely to include:

- ✓ Tool kit: A detailed package of instructions for hosts
- ✓ Support: webinars, FAQs, a messaging service
- ✓ Key materials: debate questions, posters, logos
- ✓ Interactive portal: to connect hosts with staff & guests National scale, locally relevant

A majority of the questions will be set by local organizing groups, however, we are providing four questions to be asked at each debate so that candidates' answers can be compared nationally.

Each debate will be taped and shared online, providing fodder for an extensive social media campaign in the weeks leading up to the election. To get involved in your community, please contact Ari at [100debates@greenpac.ca](mailto:100debates@greenpac.ca)

## **ACTION 2: Connect local municipal climate champions with the Canadian Climate Leadership Caucus.**

**Why?** The Canadian [Climate Leadership Caucus](#) aims to build political will for climate action among elected representatives at the municipal level.

This group will lobby at the provincial and national level for climate action, and will share solutions for local climate actions. This initiative was started by our BC CCLer Rik Logtenberg who is also a City Councillor.

Please reach out to friends and family to identify climate friendly councillors and mayors, and send names to Judy at <[judy.e.oleary@gmail.com](mailto:judy.e.oleary@gmail.com)>. Rik will contact them about joining this group.

## **COORDINATED ONLINE ACTION (~2 min): From now until May 13, help get 1000 “agrees” for We Don’t Have Time to market Canada’s hard-earned carbon pricing policy.**

**Why?** We Don’t Have Time has agreed to start marketing Canada’s carbon pricing framework if we get 1000 “agrees” in our online campaign through their website.

We have already reached level 1 in our online campaign. Help get us to level 2 by [follow this link to our online campaign](#) and clicking on “I agree” and asking your friends and family to do the same on social media. We hope to share this online campaign in a coordinated fashion on May 13.

At the various levels We Don’t Have Time will:

Level 1 - 100 agrees - send Minister McKenna some love

Level 2 - 1000 agrees - start marketing Minister McKenna's carbon pricing policy

Level 3 - 5000 agrees - escalating the marketing

Level 4 - 10,000 agrees - they will have someone write an article about Canada's carbon pricing policy

Level 5 - 100,000 agrees - full on PR campaign

## **HEADS UP: Start preparing for the big global strike on September 27. Details to follow.**

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## **LASER TALK: CCL Canada and the Green New Deal**

**Question:** Where does CCL Canada stand on the Pact for a Green New Deal?

**Answer:** On May 6, 2019, a coalition composed of unions, Indigenous groups, environmentalists and celebrities called on Canada to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030 as part of a proposed ["Pact for a Green New Deal."](#) We share their goal of transitioning away from fossil fuels while creating jobs and boosting the economy.

With a divided Parliament, it’s crucial for a climate plan to be nonpartisan. Carbon pricing is also [a core component of a cost effective climate plan](#). To be effective, CCL Canada will endorse initiatives in line with [our core values and purpose](#). [CCL has taken a similar stance](#) on the Green New Deal in the USA.

CCL Canada is grateful for the work that groups supporting the Pact for a Green New Deal have done to bring climate to the top of the priority list for Parliament.

# LEAVE BEHIND: Our ask of the Federal Government – May 2019

[Download a PDF copy here](#). French translation to follow.

## Meeting the Most Urgent Challenge of Our Time

**The urgency:** We are in a global emergency. Youth, scientists, local governments and citizens worldwide demand major changes to keep global warming below 1.5 °C and to have a chance of protecting our future from worldwide ecological collapse. Recent reports, such as the [IPCC 1.5°C Report](#), [Canada's Changing Climate report](#), the [UN 1 Million Species Extinction](#) report and the latest Mauna Loa CO<sub>2</sub> reading of [415 ppm](#), highlight the need for urgent action.

**Canadians are demanding action:** As of May 6, 2019, climate emergencies have been declared in [382 Canadian communities](#), covering over 10 million people. In August 2018, teenager Greta Thunberg from Sweden sparked the global Fridays for Future movement by striking from school to demand that leaders protect her future. On May 3, 2019, thousands of youth in 97 Canadian cities engaged in a nationwide strike. An international global Earth Strike is set for September 27.

**The good news:** Our present challenge calls for a whole suite of beneficial solutions. With the right policies, including pricing carbon as a [core component of a cost-effective climate plan](#), we can help save lives, improve health, conserve nature, promote equity and be poised to capture part of the [26 trillion dollar opportunity](#) in climate smart growth by 2030.

**Why Carbon Fee and Dividend:** A carbon fee offers the most cost-effective lever to reduce carbon emissions at the scale and speed that is necessary. Fairness and political viability are maximized by returning all revenues as dividends or equal rebates to Canadians. Most families, including the most vulnerable, receive more in dividends than they pay in increased energy costs.

**Support for pricing carbon:** [Canada's Chamber of Commerce](#), [major Canadian oil companies](#), the [Canadian Mining Association](#) and the [Canadian Medical Association](#) are among the many organizations that endorse pricing carbon. In the USA, 3554 economists, including 27 Nobel Laureates, have endorsed the [Carbon Dividends](#) model of pricing carbon.

In Canada, Carbon Fee and Dividend has been endorsed by Canadians for Clean Prosperity, Canada's Ecofiscal Commission and the Post Media editorial board.

**We appreciate Canada being a [world-leader on carbon pricing](#), the [Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act](#) and the two years of negotiations for the [Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change](#). We request you support the following improvements:**

1. Increase the national carbon price past 2022 as part of a plan for Canada to do its fair share in reducing worldwide greenhouse gas emissions by 45% below 2010 levels by 2030, as per the IPCC 1.5 °C report.
2. Immediately identify and phase out federal subsidies to the fossil fuel industry that distort the market signal a carbon price provides.

3. Establish CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent fees for other GHGs, including measurable methane, nitrogen trifluoride, sulfur hexafluoride, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), nitrous oxide and perfluorocarbons, at a minimum.
4. Study the replacement of the output-based pricing system for large emitters with border carbon adjustments to protect businesses that are genuinely vulnerable in the international marketplace.
5. We need science-based, legally binding greenhouse gas targets, transparent progress reporting and cross-party cooperation. Please use the [United Kingdom's Climate Change Act \(2008\)](#) as a model, which was the recommendation of Ontario's Environment Commissioner in: Climate Action in Ontario: What's Next?

*CCL Canada is grassroots, nonpartisan and volunteer-run. We are here to help in this time of massive change.*

*It's time to treat the climate crisis as the nonpartisan issue that it truly is.*