



Citizens' Climate Lobby Lobby Climatique des Citoyens

CCL Monthly Conference Call, Saturday, July 11, 2015

Groups meet at 9:45am PT / 12:45pm ET. The conference call starts at 10am PT / 1pm ET.
The call lasts for a little over an hour and then the groups meet for another hour after that to plan actions.

Call-in number: 1-866-642-1665: Passcode: 440699#

Instructions: Sign on to the call at least 5 minutes before the start time. When you first join the call, announce your name, city, and how many people are in the room.

July 2015 ACTIONS



GUEST: Patrick Carolan, Executive Director of Franciscan Action Network: Now that the Pope has released his encyclical on climate change, how can we best leverage Francis' message for policy action? In the run up to the Pope addressing Congress and the UN in September, what messages should we be putting forward in the media? For answers, we'll turn to Patrick Carolan, Executive Director of the Franciscan Action Network, a grassroots organization amplifying the justice efforts of Franciscans and Franciscan-hearted people around the country.

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Ongoing:

2. Review and revise if necessary the actions your group planned in June to create the political will for a liveable world in the lead up to election 2015. Use June's actions sheets to guide you:
<http://citizensclimatelobby.ca/sites/default/files/files/CCLCCActionSheetsJune2015.pdf>
To have long term effectiveness it is essential for your plans to be non-partisan and Gandhian:

WISE ADVICE: Partisanship on the climate issue is capitulation and it will not work in the long run ...

When climate advocates take a side on the issue - they could be possibly engaging in vendetta politics ...
And it is innocents, the young people that have no say, that will pay the price for this emotional recklessness ...

From a well-seasoned CCL member

Please note: Gerry Labelle will be hosting this month's CCL Canada calls. He will facilitate discussions that will help you prepare for the world changing work ahead of us in the next three months. There will be only two CCL Canada calls this month and they are at:

TIME 1: Thursday, July 9, 2015: 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET: 1-866-642-1665 440699#

TIME 2: Monday, July 13, 2015: 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET: 1-866-642-1665 440699#

SPECIAL CCL Ontario Action: Please use the postcard images to help you with your outreach.

Possible Upcoming CCL Event in Ottawa: Sunday, November 22 to Tuesday November 24, 2015: CCL Canada's Post Election Rendez-Vous and Lobbying Days - circle the date but NOTE this is not firm, Many things have to fall in place for this to happen. Planning will begin in earnest in August. By September we will have a better idea if connections on Parliament Hill are able to work with us. However We will keep you posted. Please note that the UNFCCC talks in Paris start November 30 - thus we don't want to overlap.

Updated Laser Talk: Climate Change is a Medical Emergency

The threat to human health from climate change is so great that it could undermine the last 50 years of gains in development and global health, experts warned in the Lancet in June 2015.

The report said direct health impacts of climate change come from more frequent and intense extreme weather events, while indirect impacts come from changes in infectious disease patterns, air pollution, food insecurity and malnutrition, displacement and conflicts.

The good news is the panel also said burning fewer fossil fuels reduces respiratory diseases, for example, and getting people walking and cycling more cuts pollution, road accidents and rates of obesity, diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

Previously, Canadian Health associations sounded the alarm about the health impacts of climate change. In June 2014 Dr. Eilish Cleary, Chief Medical Officer of Health for New Brunswick, expressed the necessity of considering human health when making decisions about emissions. She said, “There hasn’t been adequate recognition by all levels of policy-makers and decision-makers that it is really a problem that we have to do something about.” Nova Scotia’s Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Robert Strang concurred, adding that the discourse has been too focused on adaptation to the exclusion of mitigation planning.

Public health officials know: if you are concerned about public health you should also be concerned about climate change. If we want to prevent the health consequences of climate change, we need to work to decrease our fossil fuel emissions. That’s why Citizens’ Climate Lobby supports a revenue-neutral carbon tax: carbon fee and dividend as proposed by MP Bruce Hyer repeatedly in the House of Commons since November 2013. The return of 100% of the proceeds from the tax is the spoonful of sugar that helps the medicine of a carbon tax go down smoothly. It’s time to take action.

REFERENCES

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<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/health-and-fitness/health/canadas-most-pressing-health-issue-is-climate-change-public-health-experts/article19186733/>

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OPEN LETTER TO YOUR PREMIER(S)

Dear Premier []:

You have important work to do at the July 15 to 17th meeting of the Council of the Federation in St. John's. Canadians are counting on you and all Premiers to conclude an agreement on a Canadian Energy Strategy. We beseech you that the Canadian Energy Strategy commits to ensuring provinces/territories develop credible climate protection plans that includes carbon pricing.

One of the largest market failures in the history of humanity is the exclusion of the damages caused by the consumption of fossil fuels. **Until this market distortion is corrected, humanity is on track for a global increase well above the safe limit of 2° C**, which experts agree will seriously compromise civilization. It is time Canada internalized the costs of carbon pollution.

Recognizing that global carbon pricing is inevitable and a desire for Canada to reclaim our environmental leadership on the international stage like we did for Acid Rain and Ozone Depletion, we urge the Premiers to consider these 5 core principles of effective carbon pricing when determining a carbon pricing policy that must ultimately be synchronized across Canada, North America and the World.

- 1) A steady, resolute and rising carbon price.
- 2) Internalizing costs incrementally, steadily and with no leakage.
- 3) Simple, transparent, effective at reducing emissions.
- 4) Building economic value at the human scale.
- 5) Easy to implement: country by country, harmonizing across borders.

<A paragraph of how climate change has and/or will impact your province or in the case of BC, Quebec, Alberta or Ontario, thanking them for pricing pollution, and there being a need to think nationally globally when pricing pollution. Contextualize it to your province.>

We encourage all Premiers to advance a Canadian Energy Strategy that delivers climate protection with a robust carbon pricing policy and thus a path forward toward a climate-friendly economy for Canadians today and into the future.

Sincerely,

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- **protects consumers:** 66% will break even or have more money in their pockets!

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Questions for Cap and Trade Champions

- 1) How hard and increasingly stringent will the caps be?
- 2) What sorts of carbon offsets will be allowed?
- 3) What financial penalties will taxpayers pay if citizens want out of cap and trade?
- 4) How many free allocations will be awarded to industry?
- 5) What criteria will the governments use when redistributing the money collected and when awarding free allocations?
- 6) How much will it cost governments and industry to monitor, report and verify emissions?
- 7) How much more red tape will there be for small businesses?
- 8) How are people on fixed incomes supposed to pay for the price increases with cap and trade?
- 9) Although we trust the intentions of all involved, there is potential for abuse by external persons. Who will be held legally accountable if the carbon credit component is scammed, what sort of penalties will be enforced and what sort of preventative measures will be put in place to prevent fraud?
- 10) Without global caps on carbon emissions, how exactly will cap and trade be able to curtail the exploitation of the oil sands? Under cap and trade would not Canada be able to trade and offset emissions without cutting actual emissions?
- 11) Do you think cap and trade has what it takes to generate long term political will past the next election cycle?

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REGARDING CARBON CREDITS:

“The strategy of buying and selling “carbon credits” can lead to a new form of speculation which would not help reduce the emission of polluting gases worldwide. This system seems to provide a quick and easy solution under the guise of a certain commitment to the environment, but in no way does it allow for the radical change which present circumstances require. Rather, it may simply become a ploy which permits maintaining the excessive consumption of some countries and sectors.”

**Clause 171, Laudato si’
June 18, 2015**

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