

April 14 CCL International Call Guest Speaker

Amber Sullins, Meteorologist



With surveys showing a persistent gap between what scientists say about climate change and what the public thinks scientists believe, it's clear that Americans need more exposure to the views of scientific experts. As Amber Sullins says, the only scientist most people hear from is the person who delivers the weather forecast every evening. That's why the Phoenix meteorologist talks about climate change during her reports. Sullins, who holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Atmospheric Science from the University of Arizona in Tucson, joins our call to discuss how meteorologists are helping the public to connect the dots between climate change and our changing weather.

CCL Canada April 2018 actions at a glance:

We have two new outreach tools for you this month just in time for Earth Day.

1. Use Our New Constituent Forms When Doing Outreach.
2. Use the CCL Chapter Roster Tool to Help You Enter New Group Members in your Riding.

SPECIAL YOUTH OR PEOPLE WHO ARE YOUNG AT HEART AND/OR LOVE ART ACTION:

Join individuals, schools, and communities around the world in creating [PARACHUTES FOR THE PLANET™](#)

SPECIAL REQUEST: Earth Day April is a primed month for getting letters to the editor published. For those of you that love to write LTEs and/or you are not doing outreach nor the Parachutes Project, please use the [March Action sheets](#) to guide you to write letters to the editor.

ONTARIO ACTION: Tentative date for the CCL Ontario Online Conference, Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 4 pm ET. Keynote Speaker: Mark T. Cameron, Canadians for Clean Prosperity and possibly more. Block of at least two hours.

SPECIAL CCL ONTARIO NOTES

- For tabling, you can get resources about climate change mailed to you from the Environmental Commissioner's Office (ECO) and it says Ontario's cap and trade program is reducing emissions if you did not already know that. Lots of great visuals. Please contact the ECO for the tabling resources: 1075 Bay Street, Suite 605 Toronto, ON M5S 2B1
Toll Free: 1-800-701-6454 | 416-325-3377
commissioner@eco.on.ca
- Sign up to get updates from the ECO here: <https://eco.on.ca/about-us/get-eco-updates/#wpcf7-f723-p721-o1>
- The Environmental Commissioner of Ontario is about to release a report about electricity in Ontario. I got a taste of it last night. IT WILL HELP US.
 - Here is the press release: <http://docs.assets.eco.on.ca/reports/energy/2018/Making-Connections-Press-Release.pdf>
 - Here is the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2LJgNV0olw&feature=youtu.be>
 - Here is the report: <http://docs.assets.eco.on.ca/reports/energy/2018/Making-Connections.pdf>
 - There is webinar Tuesday. Sign up here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2029903363916616707>

Each month, we have regularly scheduled CCL calls

What	Date and Time	Call Options
Canada Call: All CCLers welcome. Check in, share field reports, and go over monthly actions.	Thurs, Apr 12, 2018 at 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET Fri, Apr 13, 2018 at 8 am PT/ 11 am ET Mon, Apr 16, 2018 at 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 .
International Call: (see above)	Sat, Apr 14, 2018 at 10 am PT/ 1 pm ET	Zoom Room 2017201717 or call +1 877.369.0926, meeting code: 2017 2017 17
Canada Education: Parachutes for the Planet™ International Youth Initiative (See below)	Tues, Apr 24, 2018 at 4 PM PT / 7 PM ET ET SHARP! Thus, please sign in at least five minutes early and even earlier if you are not technically adept.	Zoom Room 3920795005 or call +1 877.369.0926, meeting code: 3920 7950 05

CCL Canada Education Call Guest Speaker: Kallan Benson

April 24, 2018, 4 PM PT / 7 PM ET

At 16 years old, Kallan Benson is our youngest guest speaker on a CCL Canada call.

Kallan will discuss [Parachutes for the Planet](#), a collaborative art project inviting kids all over the world to express their concerns about climate change. Their original art banners are contributing to an accumulating collection of "parachutes" to be displayed in massive exhibits around the world to amplify youth voices and inspire action to protect the future of our planet.

ACTION 1: Use Our New Constituent Forms When Doing Outreach

Why: Constituents are powerful. That is why we focus locally. Our MPs need to hear from as many of them as possible about our very specific asks regarding carbon pricing.

CCL USA sure knows how to lead the way on how to do things. In preparation for the big Rotary event in Vancouver, we Canadianized the USA [Constituent-Letter-Form](#). In addition, you can use this constituent form to register new members to CCL if they tick the box. Please see below for instructions on registering new members.

ACTION 2: Use the CCL Chapter Roster Tool to Help You Enter New Group Members in your Riding.

Why? We are aiming to grow CCL Canada in 2018 and 2019. Volunteers building their groups locally is one of the most powerful ways CCL USA has taught us all to grow our groups.

Here are the instructions for the Chapter Roster tool:

1. Sign into community and navigate to the [Chapter Roster](#). Note: You don't have access unless you are a group leader or have been designated in "Privileges" tab.
2. Go to the 'Add Members' tab
3. Enter the new contact's email (or 'NoEmail' without quotes), and hit search

4. If the contact appears below, open the contact and confirm the information
5. If the contact does not appear below, click 'Add New Member' and enter contact information.

Be sure to enter

- The correct group (you can [search for the closest group by postal code here](#))
- Riding if possible (can [search by postal code here](#))

And if you ever have a lot of contacts to import, you can send them to sara.wanous@citizensclimatelobby.org in the spreadsheet found on the 'Add Members' tab of the roster.

SPECIAL ACTION: Join individuals, schools, and communities around the world in creating [PARACHUTES FOR THE PLANET](#)™

Why: In the 1990s, thousands of HIV/AIDS Quilts (blankets) were exhibited in Washington, DC, to bring attention to a disease that was previously not understood. The result of this exhibition was dramatic – people became more aware and governments began to fund research to find a cure. Using artwork and comments displayed on parachutes, the Mother Earth Project hopes to accomplish similar goals for saving the environment. Also, engaging youth and art are powerful outreach tools. The youth remind us of our intergenerational responsibility. Art is soothing to our souls at this time of massive change.

[Parachutes for the Planet](#) is a collaborative art project inviting kids and adults all over the world to express their concerns about climate change. Their original art banners are contributing to an accumulating collection of "parachutes" to be displayed in massive exhibits around the world to amplify all voices and inspire action to protect the future of our planet. They are aiming to have artwork displayed in Washington, DC, USA at the [#ThisIsZeroHour](#) event on July 21, 2018.

To get involved, please watch this [video](#) or visit <http://motherearthproject.org/parachutes/>. If assistance is needed to help a community be involved, please let Mother Earth Project know. They want all creative voices and concerns to be represented.

If you want to learn more be sure to sit on CCL Canada's Tues, Apr 24, 2018 at 4 pm PT / 7 pm ET in Zoom Room 3920795005 (see above for full instructions). Kallan Benson is the guest speaker and she will discuss [Parachutes for the Planet](#).

Please tell Cathy Orlando at cathy@citizensclimate.org if you want to make a CCL parachute. We want to know how many CCL groups are participating around the world. CCL Zambia was the first group in the world to complete one.

Laser Talk: Canada Can Outshine the US

Canada is the 2018 President of the [Group of Seven Nations](#) (G7). In June, leaders from the G7 Nations will gather in Charlevoix, Quebec for the G7 Summit. It is anticipated given President Donald Trump's strong and ongoing tendency for dismissing the climate crisis, that there will be some discord on climate action at the G7.

Many Canadians may not know that Canada is one of the world leaders in carbon pricing. Case in point: Canada is the high-level co-chair of the [Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition](#) (CPLC). The CPLC is a voluntary partnership of **32** national and sub-national governments, **150** businesses from a range of sectors and regions, and **67** strategic partners representing civil society organizations, NGOs, and academic institutions

Happily, next year's G7 president is France — and it, too, is a world leader on carbon pricing. French President Macron says it is "[mad](#)" to do a trade deal with the USA after their pullout of the Paris Climate Accord.

It is 2018 and there are clear business and moral cases for carbon pricing. As president of the G7 now, it is not the time for Canada to lose its nerve. We could really outshine the U.S. at the G7 meeting in Charlevoix, Que.

Laser Talk: The Impact of Climate Change on Wildfires in Canada

Climate change is a contributing factor that can make wildfires become more frequent and severe. Some factors that increase the [risk of wildfires](#) include:

- hotter and drier springs and summers
- earlier snowmelt
- more insect infestations
- increase in lightning strikes

These [conditions have intensified](#) in Canada in recent years due to climate change and are [influencing wildfires](#), particularly in [western Canada](#) and the [boreal forest](#).

Recently, we have seen several catastrophic wildfires in Canada, all following unusually hot and dry conditions. Examples include the [Slave Lake](#) (2011) and [Fort McMurray](#) (2016) fires in Alberta and the [British Columbia wildfire](#) season in 2017. Such fires have huge impacts on people's livelihoods and health. For example, the Fort McMurray fire was the [costliest natural disaster](#) in Canadian history forcing 88,000 people to evacuate their homes on very short notice.

As our climate continues to warm this century we [can expect](#) more [severe fires and longer fire seasons](#). In some places, the climate may change to a point that the same forest ecosystems [will not be able to regrow](#). A [recent study](#) concluded that Alberta could lose more than half its boreal forest within 80 years.

More wildfires also increase our greenhouse gas emissions. Since 2002 Canadian forests have become [a net carbon source](#), rather than a carbon sink: net carbon emissions from forests grew to [247 Mt CO₂e](#) in 2015 due mainly to forest fires. Even the oil and gas sector accounted for less: [189 Mt CO₂e](#) in the same year.

In order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, it is crucial that we rapidly decrease our carbon pollution. Pricing that pollution through [carbon fee and dividend](#) will help reduce our emissions and protect Canadians from price shocks as we transition to a clean energy economy.



Our role as Citizen Climate Lobbyists is to encourage and inspire our leaders to do the right thing. To let them know that we will build a coalition behind them. That we are not just here at this moment but as long as it takes to have enough people speaking out for the planet.