

July 11 Guest Speaker: Dr. Renee Lertzman, Environmental Psychologist



Feeling anxious and overwhelmed about climate change and our ability to solve the problem? Our guest this month, environmental psychologist Dr. Renee Lertzman, says we have a window of tolerance that, once we exceed it, causes us to shut down. Turning to the tools of psychology, we can acknowledge the feelings of anxiety that can immobilize us and create conditions that allow us to show up as our brilliant selves. Dr. Lertzman's unique and integrated approach brings together the best of the behavioral sciences, social sciences and innovative design sciences to create a powerful approach to engagement and social change.

CCL Canada Summer 2020 actions at a glance:

This summer, consider doing what floats your boat and savouring the planet. For example, you can focus on spending time in nature, making connections in your community that energize you, and minimizing social media time for balance and self care. You are also invited to do the following actions:

1. Reflect on our core values.
2. Do what rocks your boat: push for a lobby meeting with your MP or choose from some suggested actions.
3. Shoe-strike in solidarity with youth at the end of July or potentially August

NOTE: CCL Canada monthly calls this summer will focus on collectively laying out a plan for lobbying in the fall. For some of you, that may mean both provincially and federally and we want to make sure that we are clear about timelines, roles and responsibilities so that we can work together across the confederation and keep workflow manageable for every single volunteer in our organization.

SAVE THE DATE: We will have a second online conference and lobbying days in 2020 on **Monday, November 23, 2020**. That means lobbying asks will be updated and released in the November Action sheets. For those of you wishing to help with the Lobbying Ask please connect with us this summer. For those of you who like to get updates on Facebook, please join this event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/3072836832813402/>

Upcoming CCL Calls	Date and Time	Call Options
CCL Canada: All CCLers welcome. We check in with each other, share field reports, and go over monthly actions.	Option 1: Thur, July 9, 2020 , 6 pm PDT/ 9 pm EDT Option 2: Fri, July 10, 2020 , 8 am PDT / 11 am EDT Option 3: Mon, July 13, 2020 , 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET Pick 1 only. Sign this Doodler to RSVP.	Uberconference Line (1-888-570-6238) or log in online for free. If you can't get online, please just call in.
CCL International	Sat, July 11, 2020 10 am PDT / 1 pm EDT	Location: www.cclusa.org/meeting
CCL Canada Education Call	No CCL Canada Education calls in July or August	We might have a special climate town hall with MPs this summer. No promises. Please stay tuned via email.

ACTION 1: Reflect on our core values.

Why? [Our core values](#) are our “North Star” for our approach to our work with CCL.

Consider discussing our core values as a group, for example by reading them out loud and sharing how you might embody each core value or how you might see it embodied within your group.

Our Core Values: What We Believe In

Citizens’ Climate Lobby is a non-profit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. These core values guide our staff and volunteers along the way:

Focus

We are focused on what we see as the single most impactful solution to climate change — a national carbon fee and dividend. We know it will not solve the problem entirely, and appreciate the work that our friends in other groups are doing. So that we can be effective, we do not let ourselves get distracted by work that does not support our core purpose. After we accomplish our goal, we will tackle the next most impactful solution.

Optimism

We believe that people are good, and that democracy works. We are confident that our approach will work because we see progress. We stand for a solution, not in protest of other solutions. We don’t expect perfection from ourselves or others; this is a process and we know that people can improve. Together, we are a community that offers one another comfort, support, and fun as we work.

Relationships

We take the most generous approach to other people as possible — appreciation, gratitude, and respect. We listen, we work to find common values, and we endeavor to understand our own biases. We are honest and firm. We know that there is a place for protest, but our approach is to build consensus — that’s what will bring enduring change. That’s why elected officials and their staff, no matter what their politics, say they are happy to see us — and mean it.

Integrity

We are prepared and do our research. We are always on time for meetings. Our approach is thoughtful & thorough. We consult experts and use data. We are open to new information; in fact we solicit opposing opinions. We refine our solutions to make them better. We follow up when we are asked. We keep on.

Personal Power

We use our voices to be heard. This simple act transforms us from spectators to engaged citizens, and it reveals the true nature of democracy to us. We are volunteer-driven — trusting volunteers to make important decisions, and to create and develop things that will be valued by Citizens’ Climate Lobby.

Being Nonpartisan

Our group is open to all who are serious about solving climate change. You are welcome no matter where you live, what you wear, what you do for a living, or who you voted for in the last election. We work with elected officials and community leaders from across the political spectrum because we believe that everyone is a potential ally.

Diversity

We empower everyone in exercising their personal and political power regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, ability or political affiliation. We seek out, support, and elevate people whose voices may not have been fully heard.

ACTION 2: Do what rocks your boat: continue pushing for a lobby meeting with your MP or choose from some suggested actions.

Why? It was often difficult to get a lobbying meeting with MPs during the understandably busy parliament session. They will not be sitting in parliament for most of the summer. We are extending the last of #SpringRendezvous lobbying to August 31 and then we will start working on updating lobbying ask for November 2020 based on what is happening in Canada and around the world and your lobbying notes.

If you have not scheduled a lobbying meeting, you can try sending a follow up call or email, calling [their "Hill Office" in Ottawa](#), and/or connecting with a staffer that you have worked with before. Basically be relentless. Our resources for lobbying this spring and summer are in the [May 2020 action sheets](#) and [Spring Rendezvous webpage](#).

Here are some other ideas for actions this summer:

1. Try to get signatures for [our e-petition](#) as per instruction in [May 2020 action sheets](#) (direct messaging and not email blasts works best).
2. Essentially, you can pull on any of [CCLs lever's of political will](#): media, lobbying, grasstops, grassroots, or growing your group. Look at your group's June updated CCL 2020 plans for inspiration and identify two or three things you would like accomplished by Labour Day, write them down and post them somewhere.

To uphold the CCL value of focus, you can ask:

How is this action strengthening carbon pricing and/or protecting carbon pricing locally in your riding, region or area?

Finally, here is a national Action Team opportunity you may be interested in:

Join the Action Team that is doing research and working on Laser Talks for improving Output-Based Carbon Pricing in Canada. Send a quick email stating your interest to join the **Output-Based Pricing Team** to canada@citizensclimatelobby.org by July 15..

ACTION 3: Shoe-strike in soliday with youth July 24/25 or in August

Why? Shoe events in lieu of in-person actions were done [in 2015 at the Paris United Nations climate talks](#) after the Paris massacre resulted that all protests were banned during the climate talks. In May, [70 climate groups in Sweden conducted shoe strikes](#). Now, Fridays For Future International has called up all groups to shoe strikes at the end of the month in July and August.

The shoes are a metaphor for the people that would have been at the strike but can't because of COVID. They are also a metaphor for "Rebooting" the economy to low-carbon and thinking about carbon footprints. Have lots of pun (fun) with the metaphor. **The July date is July 24/25. August is to be determined.**

If your local health unit allows, you can do this with your local Fridays For Future (FFF) group, your own group if there is no FFF group locally, or do it on a Saturday so as not to conflict with FFF events locally where the youth may not want to do this. Please keep the main message to #UniteBehindtheScience and create a just transition for all. Most importantly, invite local parliamentarians and the media to join your shoe strike event.

Here are some resources for the shoe-strike:

1. Register at FFF international here: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/call-to-action-local-fff-shoe-strike-infosheet/>
2. To get onto the accurate Fridays For Future Map at FFF Canada please wait until July 20 to ping them on social media. There is a separate registration for Canada because the FFF international map is inaccurate and FFF Canada would like to be able to point media, politicians, and supporters to a reliable map. More details are here: <https://fridaysforfuture.ca/register-event/>
3. Here is an info sheet: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/call-to-action-local-fff-shoe-strike-infosheet/>
4. May 2020 Video of a Shoe Strike in Sweden: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CE5Gywq7r_o

LASER TALK 1: Enshrining U.N.D.R.I.P. Under National Law

CCL Canada acknowledges that enshrining the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People (U.N.D.R.I.P.) under national law is part of our Reconciliation process and will also protect the air, water, land, and climate we all depend on. We are grateful for the exceptional work by land defenders protecting lands from exploitation by fossil fuel companies.

Indigenous Peoples play an important role in environmental management. Although, Indigenous rights are enshrined in Section 35 of the Constitution Act of 1982, they only protect their rights in generalized and abstract ways. Indigenous Peoples can only exercise their constitutionally protected rights in the court system. Litigation is very costly, and challenging to assemble evidence.

U.N.D.R.I.P. provides a higher level of protection. Of note but not limiting is Article 25 of U.N.D.R.I.P..

Under Article 25 of the United Nations Rights of Indigenous People, *“Indigenous peoples have the right to the conservation and protection of the environment and the productive capacity of their lands or territories and resources.” Further, Article 25 states: “Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinctive spiritual relationship with their traditionally owned or otherwise occupied and used lands, territories, waters and coastal seas and other resources and to uphold their responsibilities to future generations in this regard.”*

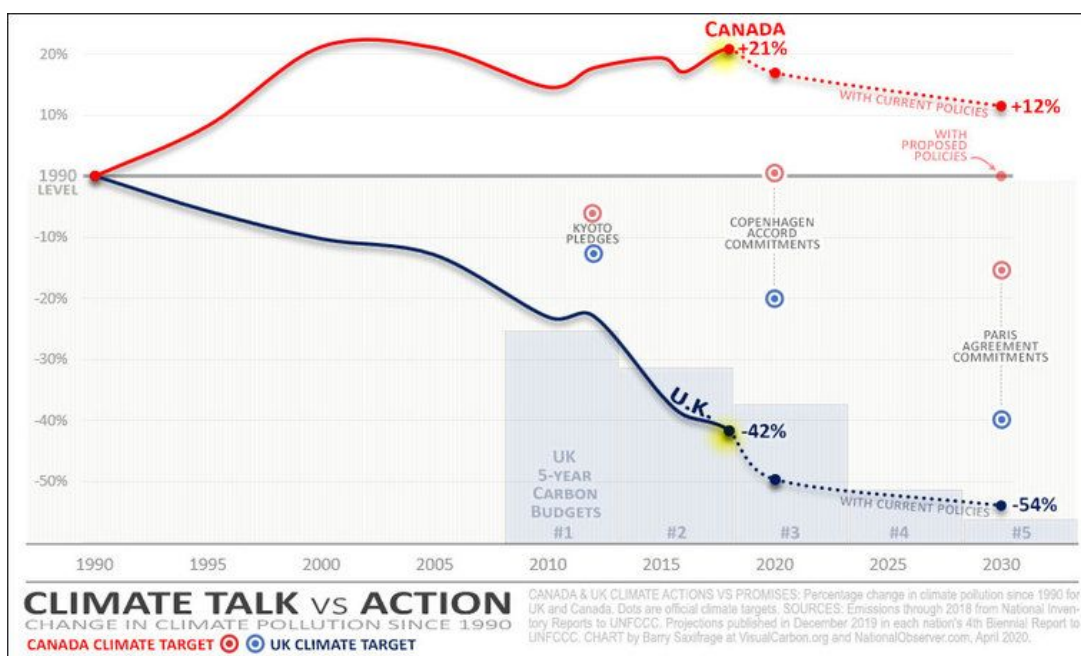
Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) is a specific right that pertains to indigenous peoples and is recognised in the U.N.D.R.I.P. It allows them to give or withhold consent to a project that may affect them or their territories.

References:

- https://indigenousfoundations.arts.ubc.ca/constitution_act_1982_section_35/
- <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/const/page-16.html>
- https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP_E_web.pdf

LASER TALK 2: CCL Canada's Climate Accountability Recommendations

VERSION ONE OF MANY TO COME: Please note these ideas are still being formulated by Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada. We will be looking to our members, Canadian Civil Society groups, and our parliamentarians to guide us as we collaborate to respond to the climate emergency and embrace the opportunities a [just transition](#) to a low carbon economy can bring to all Canadians.



BACKGROUND: Many [countries and jurisdictions](#) including [New Zealand/Aotearoa](#), [Denmark \(June 2020\)](#) and the [United Kingdom \(2008\)](#) have implemented climate accountability frameworks as a way of meeting their long-term climate commitments. Similar frameworks are also found in two Canadian provinces: [Manitoba](#) and [British Columbia](#). These jurisdictions provide valuable examples for other Canadian governments looking to implement accountability frameworks.

UK CLIMATE ACT + CONSIDERATIONS IN A CONFEDERATION: In 2008, the United Kingdom enacted the [2008 Climate Change Act](#) which is a climate accountability framework. As the graph above clearly illustrates, the UK has been highly successful in reducing their carbon emissions. However, unlike the UK, Canada is a federation of provinces and territories and that must be considered when planning.

CANADA, NGOs AND CLIMATE ACCOUNTABILITY: Since joining the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Canada has never met a climate target. In May 2010, a Climate Accountability private member's bill ([Bill C311](#)) passed through the House of Commons and [was killed in the Senate without ever being read by two Conservative senators](#). Soon after Canada enacted the [Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act](#), Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) Canada volunteers [collectively came to the conclusion](#) that Canada needed climate accountability laws like the UK and began lobbying for them in May 2019. Fortunately, CCL Lobby Canada is not alone in its desire to see climate accountability laws enacted. Canada's largest environmental law association, Ecojustice, the Climate Action Network Canada, the West Coast Environmental Law Association, Environmental Defence, the Pembina Institute, Equiterre and the Canadian Institute of Climate Choices are all working on climate accountability.

KEY ELEMENTS OF CLIMATE ACCOUNTABILITY: Canada is a confederation and has a Westminster model of democracy. Thus, both must be considered when designing climate accountability laws. We want Canada's climate accountability laws to look like we are in an emergency [because we are in an emergency](#). There is also some valuable advice from Canadian NGOs to consider. Here are some general elements we think should be in a climate accountability law for Canada:

1. We recommend five-year GHG budgets, with mandatory public reporting on progress in meeting these targets and budgets. The United Kingdom's Climate Change Act 2008 provides an example of legislation that implements these concepts.
2. National carbon budgets should be split equitably and with informed expert advice with the provinces and territories.
3. Provincial and territorial carbon budgets must be clearly delineated within the federal budget.
4. The federal budget must be binding.
5. The carbon budget must be determined 10 years in advance so appropriate planning can take place.
6. Climate accountability must be about more than cutting GHGs. It needs to include not only mitigation but also adaptation, equity, First Nations considerations, burden-sharing, and a just-transition for all.

Key Climate Accountability Resources

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/27/contents>
- <https://www.ecojustice.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Policy-Brief-New-Canadian-Climate-Accountability-Act-1.pdf>
- <https://climatechoices.ca/reports/marking-the-way/>
- [https://www.wcel.org/sites/default/files/publications/CarbonBudget%20\(Web\)_0.pdf](https://www.wcel.org/sites/default/files/publications/CarbonBudget%20(Web)_0.pdf)