

RCEN e-Bulletin – December 9th, 2009 Edition

Network News

Weekend of Global Action: December 11-14

World leaders are meeting in Copenhagen over the next two weeks to negotiate a new global climate agreement. From December 11th-14th, environmental organizations and individual Canadians are organizing events across the country to push for a “real deal” in Copenhagen.

Several RCEN members groups are involved in organizing these events and are depending on volunteers' passion, time and resources to increase the impact of their actions and to engage more Canadians.

For more information about these activities, including when and where they are taking place, please visit <http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/action/events/real-deal.php>.

Happy Holidays from the RCEN!

The Canadian Environmental Network would like to wish happy holidays to its members and all readers of the e-Bulletin. Please note that the RCEN national office will be closed from December 24th to January 3rd. The next edition of the e-Bulletin will be published on January 6th ...2010!

Calls for Delegates

ENGO Reviewers for MEND Steering Committee Reports and Research Papers

The RCEN Mining Caucus is currently seeking to build a short list of potential ENGO reviewers for Mine Environmental Neutral Drainage (MEND) Steering Committee reports and research papers. These papers are technical in nature and are focused on various aspects (ranging from prevention to remediation) of Acid Mine Drainage and Metal Leaching. Reviews will be requested periodically at presently undetermined times. Selected reviewers will be paid up to \$1,000 per review depending on the length of the paper under review. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, December 23, 2009. [More information](#)

Announcements

Apply Now for 2010 Toyota Earth Day Scholarships

The 2010 Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program is offering twenty \$5000 scholarships to students across Canada who have distinguished themselves through environmental community service, extracurricular and volunteer activities, and academic excellence. One exceptional student will also be presented with the *Toyota Earth Day Scholarship National Award* and a Panasonic notebook computer. Information and application material is available online at www.earthday.ca/scholarship. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2010.

Tree Canada's *Focus on Forests* Teaching Guide

Tree Canada, Majesta and the Ontario Forestry Association (OFA) have teamed up to distribute *Focus on Forests*, a bilingual, in depth teaching guide for elementary and high school teachers

on how to use forests and trees in the classroom. The program consists of expertly developed lesson plans which teach youth of the important role forests and trees play in our lives including cleaning our air, providing habitat for wildlife and helping our standard of life. Focus on Forests has now been distributed to every elementary school in Canada and features an interactive, bilingual website at www.focusonforests.ca.

Action Alerts

Clean Annapolis River Project – ACAP Network Seeks to Renew Partnership Agreements

A number of organizations from Atlantic Canada are asking for assistance to help renew funding from Environment Canada for the region's most dynamic conservation and environmental education network. The network known throughout the Atlantic region as the "ACAP Organization" (Atlantic Coastal Action Program) has pioneered a formula for engaging community stakeholders and providing action while advancing projects in an open and transparent forum. The partnership agreements that have enabled 18 years of project successes will expire on March 31, 2010, and the network needs to renew an agreement under Environment Canada's Atlantic Priority Ecosystem Initiative. Many ACAP organizations are seeking support and are prepared to discuss this issue directly with interested parties. For a list of contacts and more information about the ACAP, please click here.

Resources

Greenpeace Report: Failed Audits, Destructive Logging in Canada's Boreal Forest

A new Greenpeace report claims that despite receiving advice to not extend the company's licence, the Ontario government allowed AbitibiBowater to clearcut thousands of hectares of vital woodland caribou habitat in northwestern Ontario, increasing the threat to this provincially listed species at risk. The report, "Crisis in our Forests: A case study of AbitibiBowater's irresponsible forestry in the English River Forest," shows that AbitibiBowater was allowed to clearcut intact and old growth areas fragmenting 80,000 hectares of forest over a 10-year period. The report notes that, since logging began in the English River Forest, Ontario has allowed successive companies to reduce the original intact, old growth areas in the forest unit to about 300,000 hectares from approximately one million hectares. The report can be downloaded at <http://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/recent/crisis-in-our-forests>.

What is The Story of Cap & Trade?

The Story of Cap & Trade is a fast-paced, fact-filled look at the leading climate solution being discussed at Copenhagen. Host Annie Leonard introduces the energy traders and Wall Street financiers at the heart of this scheme and reveals the "devils in the details" in current cap and trade proposals: free permits to big polluters, fake offsets and distraction from what's really required to tackle the climate crisis. If you've heard about cap and trade, but aren't sure how it works (or who benefits), this is the film is for you. Visit <http://storyofstuff.com/capandtrade/> to watch it now!

Environmental Regulations in Plain Language

Nimonik.ca is a service that offers plain language guidance text on environmental regulations for every Canadian jurisdiction. Updates on environmental changes, important environmental reporting dates and a lively blog keep your team up to date. Nimonik is looking to establish partnerships with NPOs via its Affiliate Program. The affiliate program allows groups to use

Nimonik's system, distribute content, write blog articles and participate in video interviews - increasing your exposure on the Canadian environmental scene. Visit www.nimonik.ca/affiliate to find out more. A 20% discount is also offered for environmental non-profits.

Events

Webinar on Building Model Green Communities

On December 15th, the U.S. Department of Energy's Building Technologies Program is hosting a webinar focusing on Greensburg, Kansas, a town that has been pursuing a vision of a model green community since recovering from a massive tornado in May 2007. This Webinar focuses on the town's efforts to rebuild green and features: a detailed look at Greensburg's built environment in a 100% renewable city; Greensburg's approach to wind-generated electricity, successes in other rural communities, and the impact community wind is having in America; and John Deere's plans for green dealership buildings throughout North America. The Webinar is accessible via your computer and phone line free of charge, but participants must register in advance at <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/webinars.html>.

29th Annual Guelph Organic Conference

Save the dates January 28-31 for the 29th Guelph Annual Organic Conference – *Our Canadian Organic Identity* and January 30-31 for the Organic Expo & Tasting Fair with 160+ exhibitors at the Guelph University Centre in Ontario. Margaret Webb, author of *Apples to Oysters* and the Toronto Star series "Crisis on the Farm," will deliver the opening address. Her talk, "Think Big Canada – The Organic Food Fix" will consider the implications of a totally organic Canada - and what we need to do to get there. The 29th Annual Organic Conference is loaded with workshops from learning to farm or selling your own products to supporting farmers and businesses that advance these efforts. The 4-day event has something for everyone, visit www.guelphorganicconf.ca.

Environmental Technology Trade Show in Quebec

RÉSEAU environnement is proud to announce the 8th edition of the Salon des technologies environnementales du Québec in Quebec (STEQ), which will take place on March 16th-17, 2010 at the Congress Center in Quebec City. This year, the STEQ will host over 2 500 participants, 170 exhibitors and 100 speakers. The event provides a forum for exchange of knowledge and practical experience providing solutions to economic and environmental problems. In addition to the trade show, participants will have access to more than 100 conferences that focus on six themes on major strategic issues: water, air and climate change, solid waste, soil and groundwater, wastewater and finally sustainable development. Visit <http://steq.reseau-environnement.com> to learn more (in French).

Employment

The Pembina Institute - Community Energy and GHG Planner

The Pembina Institute is seeking a bright and resourceful individual with experience related to energy and GHG planning who is committed to helping Canada and Alberta to transition towards a sustainable energy future. The Community Energy and GHG Planner will be working through Pembina's Sustainable Communities Program in Calgary. The work will focus on: supporting energy and GHG planning with Canadian municipalities and First Nations; working with stakeholders on sustainable community development in the Calgary region; and supporting the

advancement of provincial and national energy efficiency and renewable energy policies as they apply to local communities. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2009. For more information, please visit www.pembina.org/about/jobs.

Stratégies Saint-Laurent - Executive Director

Stratégies Saint-Laurent is looking for an Executive Director to work from its office in Québec City. The Executive Director will be responsible for planning and coordinating meetings of the Board of Directors and the Annual General Meeting, preparing the planning of activities for the organization and the planning and monitoring of the budget and administrative management. Ideal candidates will have a university degree in a relevant discipline and experience in fundraising, event coordination, project management and budget monitoring. The deadline for applications is December 9, 2009. Visit <http://www.strategiessl.qc.ca/> for more information (in French).