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Network News

The Toronto Bottled Water Ban and Environmental Behaviours

Last Wednesday, Toronto City Council voted to [ban the sale of bottled water](#) in city-owned facilities. In doing so, Toronto becomes the largest municipality in the world to impose such a ban and joins 17 municipalities across the country that have already banned bottled water. While this approach may seem harsh to some, it definitely has the potential to influence Canadians' behaviour towards waste.

Statistics Canada has published an article that examines six environmental behaviours and found that almost half of Canadians are "very active" when it comes to using reduced volume toilets, low-flow showerheads, CFL bulbs, recycling, composting and lowering temperatures! Have a look at the *Resources* section to learn more.

Announcements

2009 Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program

Toyota Canada and Earth Day Canada have established the Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program to encourage young people to become dedicated leaders and environmental advocates of tomorrow. The program highlights the efforts of graduates of secondary schools or colleges in Canada who have distinguished themselves through community service and volunteer activities and focus on the environment while having demonstrated excellence in their studies. The Program offers 15 scholarships of \$5000 each awarded each year. Applications are accepted until January 31, 2009. For more information, please visit <http://www.earthday.ca/scholarship/index.php>.

Resources

Articles: Canadian Environmental Behaviours and Household GHG Emissions

On December 9th, Statistics Canada published two articles on the environmental impacts of Canadians' lifestyles. The first article, [Canadian participation in an environmentally active lifestyle](#), examines six environmental behaviours at the household level and the positive level of activity shown by Canadian households across this range of behaviours. The second article, entitled [Greenhouse gas emissions: a focus on Canadian households](#), examines households' direct and indirect GHG emissions and how they were responsible for almost half of Canada's total emissions in 2004. To read the articles in a pdf document, please [click here](#).

Events

Sustainable Transportation Webinars

Over the next three months, a series of webinars on sustainable transportation will be available at no cost for the first 85 Canadian participants. The sessions will be paid for by Transport Canada's Urban Transportation Showcase Program. The January 27th webinar will provide an introduction to the Urban Transportation Emissions Calculator, a web-based tool that estimates greenhouse gas and criteria air contaminant emissions from urban transportation. The February 3rd session

will feature the Canadian "Walkability Roadshow", which aims to engage communities of all sizes in promoting walking. Finally, the March 3rd session will feature a case study on the TravelSmart pilots conducted in six different Vancouver neighbourhoods with differing urban environments and levels of transit service. For more details and to register for these webinars, please visit www.webinars.cullbridge.com.

5th World Environmental Education Congress

The 5th World Environmental Education Congress, which will be taking place in Montréal from May 10-14 2009, is now accepting registrations online. Intended for all educators and actors in environmental education, the Congress will examine contributions that environmental education can make towards the development of relationships amongst different spheres of understanding at a critical period in Earth's history. Keynote speakers for the event include Stephen Lewis, Riccardo Petrella and Adriana Victoria Puiggrós. Advance registration at a reduced price will be possible until February 15th. Please visit <http://www.5weec.uqam.ca/EN/> for more information.

Employment

New Brunswick Environmental Network - Web and Outreach Coordinator

The New Brunswick Environmental Network is currently seeking a Web and Outreach Coordinator for its Moncton office. The Coordinator will be responsible for website design and maintenance, organizing events and meetings including an annual meeting, office management of a small non-profit environmental communication network including; e-mail management, database management, graphics, volunteer coordination, and exploring fundraising and sponsorship opportunities. Candidates must have strong organizational and coordination skills, Web management and design skills, and strong oral and written communications skills in English and French. The deadline for applications is December 16, 2008. For more information, please visit http://nben.ca/nben_index.htm.

Ottawa Riverkeeper - Communications Coordinator

Ottawa Riverkeeper is seeking a creative, strategic and highly motivated communications professional to join their team. Candidates must demonstrate the ability to undertake writing assignments, marketing, and communication tasks: know how to plan, organize and carry out events and be able to prioritize effectively. Skills and experience required include: a post-secondary education in a relevant discipline or 3 years of progressive and pertinent work experience, excellent communication skills, demonstrated experience with event organization and fundraising, experience developing, implementing and evaluating communication plans and materials, and excellent skills in English and French. The tentative start date for this position is mid-January 2009. Please visit http://ottawariverkeeper.ca/get_involved/job_opportunities/ to view the full job listing.

Pembina Institute - BC Energy Solutions Analyst

The Pembina Institute is seeking a bright and resourceful analyst and advocate who will contribute to a sustainable future for British Columbia by working to limit impacts from oil and gas development and accelerate the transition towards clean energy. The successful candidate will write clearly and concisely, be at ease with numbers, and have sound knowledge about energy and sustainability issues. S/he will be flexible, motivated and adept at juggling multiple files. S/he will be a self-starter, enjoy teamwork, and be passionate about creating social change. The

deadline for applications is December 18, 2008. For more information, please visit <http://www.pembina.org/about/jobs>.