

RCEN e-Bulletin – April 29th, 2009 Edition

Network News

Mayor of Edmonton to speak at BiodiverCity AGA

Our second keynote speaker is now confirmed! Stephen Mandel, Mayor of Edmonton, will be addressing AGA participants on Saturday, June 13th. [View the preliminary agenda](#)

We've also created an info package that summarizes all relevant information currently available on the AGA website. Please [have a look](#) and pass it around to your friends and colleagues.

The registration deadline for those who wish to stay at MacEwan Residence is May 8th. Vacancy at the residence, which is located next to the AGA venue, is not guaranteed after that date. [Register Now!](#)

Important Changes at CIELAP

After 17 years of dedicated service with the [Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy](#) (CIELAP), Executive Director Anne Mitchell has chosen to leave the organization to pursue new challenges. CIELAP has been and will hopefully remain an important, active member of the RCEN. Best of luck in your new pursuits Anne!

E-Bulletin to be published every two weeks

Following the May 6th edition, the RCEN e-Bulletin will be published every two weeks. "Calls for Delegates", however, will still be announced to members on a weekly basis, when necessary. Thank you for your understanding.

Announcements

Delegate Selections – MEND and NOAMI Committees

The RCEN has selected two delegates to serve for two years on the Mine Environment Neutral Drainage (MEND) Steering Committee, and the National Orphaned/Abandoned Mines Advisory Committee (NOAMI). The selected delegate for the [MEND Steering Committee](#) is: Maya Stano, Sierra Club - BC Chapter. She will join Catherine Coumans from MiningWatch Canada, the current active ENGO delegate to this committee. The selected delegate for the [NOAMI Advisory Committee](#) is: Ramsey Hart, MiningWatch Canada, ON. He will join Brennain Lloyd from Northwatch, the current active ENGO delegate to this committee.

New Website for Watershed Sentinel Magazine

The Watershed Sentinel, one of BC's premiere environmental news magazines, has launched a newly designed website that offers web users a great research tool. Archived back issues, browse by topic, a blog and an e-subscription will help make the online reading experience even better. The award winning magazine, known for its independent news coverage of environmental issues in BC and beyond, is not just about forestry and fish. In an age where social justice, politics, economics and the earth are recognized as inseparable spheres the Watershed Sentinel

provides a voice to discuss how we approach the challenges that face us. Find the Watershed Sentinel at www.watershedsentinel.ca.

Environmental Photographer of the Year Competition

CIWEM (The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management) runs the Environmental Photographer of the Year, a serious competition that seeks to celebrate photographers who use their ability to raise awareness of environmental and social issues. It is open to all professional and amateur international photographers of any ages. This year's categories are Changing Climates; A World of Difference; Quality of Life; The Natural World; and the Young Environmental Photographer of the Year. Entries that are contemporary, creative, experimental, resonant, original and beautiful are encouraged. For more information about participation in this competition, please visit www.ciwem.org/arts/photographer. The competition is open until July 31st, 2009.

Resources

SAICM Citizens Report Available for Download

The International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN) is proud to announce that the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) Global Outreach Campaign Citizens Report is now available for download at www.ipen.org/campaign/documents/citzreport_09.pdf. This report describes the state of SAICM implementation around the world from the perspectives of public interest NGOs and civil society organisations (CSO). It documents progress, and points to directions where more work is needed. It also provides a sample of the work of some public interest NGOs and CSOs around the world to protect human health and the environment from hazardous chemicals. The report describes the extent to which national plans have been created, multi-stakeholder mechanisms set up, and much more.

Report - Green Jobs: It's Time to Build Alberta's Future

More than 200,000 green jobs could easily be created in Alberta if the government made renewable energy a priority, according to a new report by Greenpeace, Sierra Club Prairie Chapter and the Alberta Federation of Labour. The report, *Green Jobs: It's Time to Build Alberta's Future*, suggests that transitioning to a green economy will breathe new life into Alberta's economy and help improve its environmental track record. The three groups joined forces to encourage the province to turn away from "unproven, expensive technologies like Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)". The emerging cooperation between labour and environmental groups also aims to flip the traditional story of "jobs vs. environment", and to create a new way to see the environment and the economy. Download the report at www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/recent/green-jobs-report.

Events

Clear Air Foundation's *Mow Down Pollution* Event

Until May 3rd, the Clean Air Foundation invites you to bring your working or non-working gas-powered mower or trimmer to any Home Depot location across Canada during this event and receive up to a \$100 instant rebate on the purchase of a new push-reel, electric, rechargeable or low-emission alternative mower or trimmer. Old equipment is recycled for free! Since 2001, the Clean Air Foundation and The Home Depot have recycled over 26,800 mowers and trimmers and

reduced over 748 tonnes of smog forming and greenhouse gas emissions. For more information, please visit www.cleanairfoundation.org/mowdownpollution/.

Employment

Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy - Executive Director

The Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy (CIELAP) is currently inviting applications for an Executive Director interested in guiding CIELAP in growing and diversifying its existing mandate and funding base. Based in Toronto, the Executive Director is responsible for providing leadership, management, fundraising, and policy guidance to support CIELAP's respected position and reinforcing its 40-year reputation as a balanced and independent environmental policy voice in Canada. Candidates should have proven management abilities, environmental policy knowledge and experience, contacts in the environmental community in Canada, fundraising and networking skills, a collaborative working style, and the ability to plan, delegate, and multi-task in complex situations. The deadline for applications is May 18, 2009. Visit http://cielap.org/CIELAP_2009ED.php for more information.

Pembina Institute - Director, Arctic Energy Solutions Program

The Pembina Institute is seeking a bright and resourceful individual with experience in energy resource management and the environment who is committed to helping Canada and Alberta to transition towards a sustainable energy future. The director position will require you to understand a number of factors affecting energy consumption, the environmental, social and economic implications of current and forecast energy development, as well as the Institute's role in raising awareness about the implications of if this development, and the Institute's approach to engaging with provincial and federal government, first nations, corporations and other NGOs on energy issues. The one-year position is based in Yellowknife, NWT. The deadline for applications is May 11, 2009. For more information, please visit <http://www.pembina.org/about/jobs>.

Greenpeace – Forest Campaigner (Toronto)

Greenpeace Canada is seeking an experienced campaigner to work on their Boreal Forest campaign. Candidates should have a minimum of 2 years' campaign experience, and a proven record on developing and implementing successful campaign strategies. As a Greenpeace campaigner, you will be required: to represent Greenpeace at meetings with senior industry and government officials; to act as a spokesperson to the media and at public events; to work with scientists and policy makers. A successful candidate will have excellent communication and negotiation skills, and preferably a degree in forestry, ecology or environmental science. This position is based in Toronto, ON. Visit <http://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/job-opportunities> for more details.