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A Week in Review...

Sir Nicholas Hits Bay Street

Former World Bank Chief Economist Sir Nicholas Stern spoke to a sold out luncheon and heavy media coverage at the Toronto Economic Club Monday. The event was Sir Nicholas' only Canadian stop on a worldwide speaking tour to warn humanity of the costs and missed economic opportunities of inaction against global warming.

You can read the original Stern Review at http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/independent_reviews/stern_review_economics_climate_change/sternreview_index.cfm

Sheila Watt-Cloutier Nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

Sheila Watt-Cloutier, the former chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference has been nominated alongside Al Gore for the Nobel Peace Prize.

News Article:

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20070222.wnobel0222/BNStory/International/home>

Fair Share, Green Share An Affordable Plan for Canadian Industry to Do Its Part on Climate Change

(Ottawa) Matthew Bramley, climate change director at the Pembina Institute, outlined an affordable plan for Canadian industry to do its fair share towards meeting Canada's Kyoto target to cut greenhouse gas pollution.

The Fair Share, Green Share proposal was presented on behalf of Pembina and the Climate Action Network-Réseau action climat (CAN-RAC) to the legislative committee studying the government's Clean Air Act.

Learn more: <http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/news/2007/greenshare-2007-02-20.html>

Inside Ottawa...

Excerpted from:
The Hill Times, February 19th, 2007
By Bea Vongdouangchanh

PM Harper, Hill, Kenney say Kyoto private member's bill won't sway Conservative plans

'Nobody in their right mind believes that Liberals didn't do anything for 13 years' on Kyoto, says Liberal MP McGuinty. The passage of a now controversial Liberal private member's bill legally forcing the government to implement the Kyoto Protocol won't change the Conservatives' own environmental plans, say Prime Minister Stephen Harper and members of his ministry.

<http://www.thehilltimes.ca/html/index.php>

From the Provinces....

Quebec releases budget, announces vote for March 26th

There was little new for climate watchers in the 2007-08 Quebec provincial budget tabled March 20. The QST rebate on hybrids will be doubled from \$1,000 to \$2,000. For the full budget text, go to:

http://www.budget.finances.gouv.qc.ca/budget/2007-2008/index_en.asp

The Quebec election was called Wednesday, with the vote to take place on March 26.

BC releases no-money budget to implement bold climate plan

Environmental organizations are scratching their heads at BC's 2007-08 budget tabled Tuesday. On the heels of announcing what is being touted as the most progressive climate change plan in North America, government has announced a mere \$4 million to set up the Premier's climate change team.

BC government Press Release:

http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2007/pdf/2007_News_Release.pdf

And Backgrounder:

http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2007/pdf/2007_Backgrounder.pdf

Heads UP!

Federal budget to be tabled March 19th

The federal Conservative budget will be delivered on March 19, one day earlier than many had anticipated. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty made the announcement Tuesday in the House of Commons.

C-30 hearings on the 'Clean Air Act'

Appearing next week:

Monday, Feb 26th. Sidney Ribaux, Equiterre

Tuesday Feb 27th. Louise Comeau, Sage Centre

To view by webcast and find out exact times and other witnesses:

http://cmte.parl.gc.ca/cmte/CommitteeList.aspx?Lang=1&PARLSES=391&JNT=0&SELID=e17_.4&COM=12396

National Rally Against Climate Change: MARCH 11, 2007

The *Canadians For Kyoto* (CYK) an organization of social and environmental organizations and networks, is planning a national rally for March 11. So far demonstrations are planned for Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge. The ultimate goal is to pressure the Government of Canada to recommit to the Kyoto Protocol. Actions include:

1. Building consensus with environmental groups, labour organizations, members of the business community, and the general public
2. Securing prominent speakers and musical performers who are strong advocates of the Kyoto Protocol
3. Securing prominent speakers from each of the four major national political parties
4. Bringing all these groups together at rallies across the country.
5. Receiving national media coverage to raise the profile of the issue with all Canadians
6. Helping to make climate change the number one issue in the next federal election

Learn more:

<http://www.canadiansforkyoto.com/>

International Polar Year

The International Polar Year is a large scientific programme focused on the Arctic and the Antarctic from March 2007 to March 2009.

Learn More: <http://www.ipy.org/index.php?/ipy/about/>

David Suzuki on tour!!

Edmonton -- Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007 -- Evening Event
Kamloops -- Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 -- Morning Event
Kelowna -- Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 -- Evening Event (Sold out)
Princeton -- Monday, Feb. 26, 2007 -- Noon Event
Maple Ridge -- Monday, Feb. 26, 2007 -- Evening Event
Surrey-Langley (Cloverdale) -- Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007 -- Morning Event
New Westminster -- Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007 -- Afternoon Event
Vancouver -- Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007 -- Evening Event
Victoria -- Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007 -- Noon Event
Ottawa -- Friday, March 2, 2007

More info: <http://www.davidsuzuki.org/tour/find.asp>

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Global Warming can be scary and confusing. That's why Members of Parliament (MPs) on the C-30 Committee to amend Canada's flawed "Clean Air Act" so desperately need the gentle guidance of a climate protection parent – that would be you!

We have designed a simple way for you to choose a member(s) of the C-30 Committee to adopt as your very own climate child.

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To watch the C30 Committee meetings live online go to <http://parlvu.parl.gc.ca>

Kyoto Report Card

Don't forget to read the Sierra Club of Canada's Kyoto Report Card at <http://www.sierraclub.ca/national/media/item.shtml?x=1060>