

# Climate Action News **this week**

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## **A Week in Review...**

### **The War on Climate Change**

Subscribers to the Globe and Mail were in for a special treat this week with the February issue of *Corporate Knights Magazine*, and the article it contains titled *The War on Global Warming*:

“.....This is a war, a fight against old wasteful lifestyles and carbon-intensive ways of doing business in order to avert catastrophe and make the world safe through clean economies. Winning this war against greenhouse gases is not about economic boom or bust. It is about re-engineering the DNA of our economy. And like any fundamental change, there will be winners and losers.....”

Corporate Knights and Friends of the Earth Canada teamed up to launch the issue in Ottawa February 28 making a loud call for a carbon tax. Climate Action Network Canada-Réseau action climat Canada is helping to spread the message by sending every MPP and MP in Canada their own personal copies.

Read the full Corporate Knights article at  
[www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/issues/postings/war-on-global-warming.pdf](http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/issues/postings/war-on-global-warming.pdf)

For more on the carbon tax, go to Friends of the Earth Canada at  
<http://www.foecanada.org/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=296&Itemid=2>

Read the letter to MPs/MPPs accompanying the magazine at:  
[www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/issues/postings/corporate-knights-mp-letter.pdf](http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/issues/postings/corporate-knights-mp-letter.pdf)

## **Oil Sands Emissions Allowed to Rise.....**

Globe and Mail Monday Feb 26th

Greenhouse-gas emissions from Alberta's oil sands would be allowed to rise dramatically under a draft version of the government's long-anticipated climate-change plan obtained by The Globe and Mail.

Read more: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/climatechange>

## **Intensity-based targets won't solve global warming**

February 26, 2007 - The David Suzuki Foundation released a new briefing note on intensity-based targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Conclusion? They don't work.

Get the briefing at:

[http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Publications/Climate\\_Change\\_Reports/Briefing\\_Notes.asp](http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Publications/Climate_Change_Reports/Briefing_Notes.asp)

## **David Suzuki Makes Final Stop in Ottawa March 2nd**

Learn More: <http://www.davidsuzuki.org/tour/about.asp>

## **Global Warming & Human Rights Gets Hearing on the World Stage**

Sheila Watt-Coultier leads the way in bringing the impacts of climate change on human rights to the international stage. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights gets ready to hear her case.

Learn More: <http://www.earthjustice.org/>

# Inside Ottawa...

## The Hill Times, February 26th, 2007

**Environmental lobby pushes for Kyoto targets**, despite resistance. Meanwhile, political observers note the Kyoto Protocol has suffered negative media coverage nationally.

Environmental groups are stepping up their lobbying efforts to take on the daunting challenge of convincing the news media and the public that Canada can still meet its Kyoto targets.

Read the Full Article: <http://www.thehilltimes.ca/html/index.php>

## Legislative Committee on C-30

On February 26th, Sidney Ribaux, Co-founder & General Coordinator of Équiterre presented a plan on energy efficiency.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, Louise Comeau, Director, Sage Climate Project made the case for Canada's involvement in the international emissions trading system being the most sensible, cost-effective business approach to reducing emissions.

Read the full presentations: [www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/issues/c30-committee/](http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/issues/c30-committee/)

Would you like to receive draft C-30 committee proceedings a.k.a. "the blues"? Contact Ruth [redwards@climateactionnetwork.ca](mailto:redwards@climateactionnetwork.ca) to have your name added to the distribution list.

The witness phase of the C-30 committee is finished formal hearings this week and negotiations are set to begin on actual amendments to Bill C-30, *Canada's Clean Air Act*. The committee will meet over the next two weeks during the House break so now is the time to Adopt an MP!! Go to [www.adoptanmp.ca](http://www.adoptanmp.ca) today.

# Heads UP!

## Al Gore to Visit Toronto March 22nd

Learn More: <http://www.canadastop100.com/conference/>

## **National Rally Against Climate Change: MARCH 11, 2007 John Bennett, Climate Action Network Executive Director speaking in Toronto.**

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/>