

Climate Action News **this week**

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A Week in Review...

Keep BC's Coast oil tanker Free!

The coastal waters of Northern BC have been protected by a moratorium on oil tanker traffic since 1972. There are now six oil and gas projects proposed for the north coast that will need tanker traffic. Sign the petition to keep BC's coast oil tanker free: <http://www.notankers.ca/>

Oil tankers in BC facilitate the massive projected expansion of the Alberta tar sands, the single largest contributor to the growth of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions.

Tips for green summer living

Check out Greenpeace Canada's page on keepin' it green this summer
<http://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/campaigns/greenpeace-s-top-five-tips-for-2>

Energy Inspections for low income households in Québec

Équiterre offers free energy inspections to low income households. For more information and to see if you qualify:
<http://www.equiterre.org/en/energie/devenez/#Inspection>

WiserEarth

WiserEarth is a community directory and networking forum for organizations and people addressing climate change, poverty, the environment, peace, water, hunger, social justice, conservation, human rights, and more.

Check it out: <http://www.wiserearth.org/aof/134>

Action Alert

So Others Might Eat: The Climate Emergency Fast

On September 4th, give up food for a day, and send a powerful message on global warming.

As global warming rapidly intensifies, the prospect of much more extensive hunger worldwide becomes increasingly likely, especially in poor countries, due to drought, Katrina-like storms, glacial melting and sea level rise.

To draw attention to this threat and its moral implications, the US Climate Emergency Council is calling for volunteers to give up food for one day on September 4th, 2007.

More info:

http://www.climateemergency.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=65&Itemid=192

Inside Ottawa....

Six by-elections likely to be called in the fall

September is a likely choice for three seats in Quebec. November is a good bet for two seats in Toronto and one in Vancouver.

Read the full CanWest news Story at:

<http://www.canada.com/ottawacitizen/news/story.html?id=6f51730f-527d-4a85-b5a4-422dcde2c177>

Expect fall Speech from the Throne, Parliamentary prorogation, say experts

The Hill Times, www.thehilltimes.ca, is quoting John Reynolds former Conservative MP, who was the party's national campaign co-chair in the last federal election and is expected to be named to the post in the next election as saying, "I would expect that there would be a Throne Speech in the fall, I would expect it, I think so, yeah. It would be normal after a year and a half to set some guidelines down as to where the government's going to go."

Looking Ahead....

The following three events are organized by the Council of Canadians in response to the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP). Prime Minister Stephen Harper will be meeting in Montebello, Quebec with U.S. President George Bush and Mexican President Felipe Calderón August 20th and 21st. Also visit the Council of Canadians SPP summit website:

<http://www.canadians.org/integratethis/summit/index.html>

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 7:00 p.m. — PUBLIC FORUM

The Council of Canadians is working with other labour and social justice groups to organize a public forum near Montebello. This event will feature Canadian, U.S. and Mexican speakers, focusing on how the SPP affects energy security, water, the environment, security policy, and other key issues. More details to come.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20 — NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

The Council of Canadians will be organizing a National Day of Action Against the SPP on August 20. This will allow people across Canada to “plug in” to the resistance at the Montebello summit. Council of Canadians’ chapters will be organizing public forums and community picnics, lobbying of Members of Parliament, distributing handbills, and speaking to the media. We will be posting information about events across the country at IntegrateThis.ca, as details develop.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20 — PROTEST IN MONTEBELLO

The Council of Canadians will be joining with other groups from across Ontario and Quebec to protest at the summit site in Montebello. More details to come.

Other Events:

SATURDAY, JULY 21— Canada Parks Day—Celebrate Canada’s parks and historical sites with numerous events taking place all over the country.

www.parksday.ca/eng/index.html.

Aug. 1-Aug. 3 – CONSERVATIVE NATIONAL CAUCUS MEETING in Charlottetown, P.E.I. For more information, call Conservative MP Rahim Jaffer, chair of the Conservative caucus, 613-995-7325.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 Council of the Federation—Chair of the Council of the Federation, New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham will host other premiers at this summer meeting. August 8-10. Hotel Beauséjour, Moncton, N.B.

For more details please visit www.gnb.ca/cf.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 – NDP MPs will gather in Montreal from Aug. 25 to 27 for their annual summer caucus retreat.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26 – US National Remembrance of Hurricane Katrina

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 – Federal Liberal Caucus meeting—The Liberal Party holds its summer caucus meeting. Aug. 28-30. The Fairmont Hotel, St. John's, Nfld. For more information, please call 613-783-8400.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 – Ontario Provincial Election
www.electionsontario.on.ca