

Climate Action News **this week**

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A Week in Review...

Toronto Leads Ontario Sustainable Community Index

Toronto emerges as Ontario's most sustainable community in a new study published by the Pembina Institute. The Ontario Community Sustainability Report - 2007 looks at 33 indicators of sustainability in three broad categories - smart growth, liveability and economic vitality - and develops an overall community sustainability index for each of 27 Ontario municipalities.

Read more: <http://www.pembina.org/media-release/1513>

That's one sticky ride

From August 15th through September 7th, the folks at 'to the tar sands' will cycle north across Alberta to the belly of the beast, the biggest mega-industrial project in the world, the Alberta Tar Sands. They want to know how the tar sands impact people's lives, be it for good or bad.

Read more: <http://www.tothetarsands.ca/>
Want a quick fact sheet on the Tar Sands? If so, read:
<http://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/recent/tarsandsfaq>

Getting naked for the planet

600 people striped naked on a glacier for a global warming protest, sending a chilling message from wear-nothing activists to do-nothing politicians.

Read more: <http://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/recent/600-strip-naked-on-glacier-in>

Students on Ice

Students on Ice provides students from around the world with inspiring educational opportunities to foster a new understanding and respect for our planet.

Learn about their recent trip up north at:

http://studentsonice.com/arctic2007/html/august_13.html

UN High-Level Event on Climate Change, September 24th in New York

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who has called climate change the "defining issue of our era," has invited world leaders to attend a special one-day event to help map out how the world can move forward to address climate change and support progress at the Climate Change Conference in Bali this December.

Have a look at the UN's Climate Change Gateway website:

<http://www.un.org/climatechange/>

Vienna Climate Change Talks 2007 (August 27th-31st)

Around one thousand representatives from more than 150 governments, business and industry, environmental organizations and research institutions have gathered in Vienna to set the stage for a major United Nations conference in December in Bali.

To view webcasts, press releases and analysis of the final outcome:

<http://unfccc.int/2860.php>

US Matters

NASA cancels Climate Observatory

NASA's Deep Space Climate Observatory (DSCOVR) was designed to measure the energy budget of the warming planet. NASA quietly cancelled the project altogether in January 2006 citing "competing priorities".

Read more: <http://www.desmogblog.com/a-desmogblog-exclusive-investigation-into-nasas-dscover-climate-station>

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

Sign this petition and tell Harper to implement Kyoto now!

Public support for the Kyoto Protocol is higher than ever. So why is Prime Minister Harper defying the will of the public by refusing to meet Canada's Kyoto targets?

Sign the petition: <http://www.sierraclubaction.ca/main.html>

Inside Ottawa....

When is Parliament sitting again????

From a recent article in The Hill Times.....

Although the House is scheduled to return on Sept. 17, Conservative sources said the government is likely to prorogue Parliament and that the House would not return until after the Ontario provincial election on Oct. 10. One source said the government will definitely prorogue and return after the Ontario election. Another Conservative source said "it wouldn't look good" if the government prorogued Parliament and delivered a Throne Speech before the Ontario election. The government is likely to prorogue before Sept. 17 and return on Oct. 15, after three federal by-elections in Quebec and a scheduled

Thanksgiving break. "My guess is that they'll prorogue," the Conservative source said. "We're approaching two years. It's almost a given."

Looking Ahead....

September 4-11th – Asia Pacific Economic Summit (APEC) in Sydney Australia.

September 9-11th – Gleneagles Dialogue 3rd Ministerial, Heiligendamm Germany

September 24th – UN High Level summit in New York on Climate Change.
<http://www.un.org/climatechange/2007highlevel/index.shtml>

September 27th-28th – US 'major emitters' meeting in Washington DC.

October 10th – Ontario Provincial Election www.electionsontario.on.ca

And also.....

September 19th - Ottawa's 6th – Annual Teddy Bear Festival.
www.teadybearsonvacation.com