

# Climate Action News **this week**

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

### **PM Harper fails the test at the United Nations**

On Monday Prime Minister Stephen Harper attended a high-level meeting on climate change at the United Nations (UN) in New York, convened by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Judging by his speech at the Thematic Roundtable on the Role of Technology the Prime Minister is continuing to present weak proposals on the international stage, thereby undermining meaningful progress in climate change discussions.

Read the full CAN-RAC press release:

<http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/news/2007/harper-fails-test-2007-09-24.html>

### **Canadians Tell Harper: Stand with EU, Not Bush on Climate Change**

New Harris/Decima Poll: As Canada heads into critical international talks, more than six out of ten Canadians want to see the federal government aligned with European countries and other nations committed to establishing further Kyoto-like targets and not with countries like the US and Australia who want to break away from Kyoto-like targets.

Read the full press release and poll results:

<http://www.climateforchange.ca/?q=MR-09-24-2007>

### **National Roundtable says plan isn't good enough to meet Kyoto**

Ottawa, June 27th, 2007 – The National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy (NRTEE) released its interim report to the Minister of the Environment containing preliminary research and analysis as it relates to the federal government's Clean Air Regulatory Agenda.

Read the full interim report:

<http://www.nrtee-trnee.ca/eng/publications/ecc-interim-report/index-ecc-interim-report-eng.htm>

**In case you missed it last week.....**

## **Canada facing legal challenge for breaking federal global warming law**

The Government of Canada is once again facing a legal challenge for failing to take action on global warming -- this time for refusing to respect a federal law that requires reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. An Application for Judicial Review was filed with the Federal Court seeking to force the Government to comply with the Kyoto Protocol Implementation Act.

Read more:

<http://www.foecanada.org/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=340&Itemid=2>

## **Vote for Clean Energy**

On October 10th, 2007 , Ontario votes – the winner of this election will decide whether to replace our aging electricity system with dirty, dangerous, and expensive coal and nuclear power or whether Ontario’s future will be fueled by clean alternatives and conservation.

Will you consider the future of clean energy in Ontario when you decide who to vote for? [www.voteforcleanenergy.ca](http://www.voteforcleanenergy.ca)

## **Guide to Greener Electronics**

Greenpeace’s guide ranks the 14 top manufacturers of personal computers and mobile phones according to their policies on toxic chemicals and recycling.

Read more:

<http://www.greenpeace.org/international/campaigns/toxics/electronics/how-the-companies-line-up>

## **Nuclear - not clean, not green**

Check out the YouTube video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9urIsyoWEa4>

## Take Action!

### **International Demonstrations on Climate Change Saturday 8th December 2007**

The Climate Chaos Coalition is working with the Global Climate Campaign to publicize and promote plans for demonstrations on climate change, to coincide with the United Nations Climate Talks(COP13/MOP3) in Bali, Indonesia, December 3rd to 14th 2007.

Ottawa organizing event: Ottawa-Gatineau Climate Assembly, 7PM. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007, LOCATION: (TO BE CONFIRMED). Organized by ACT for the Earth.  
<http://www.ACTfortheEarth.org/climatechaos>  
613-859-6996

## US Matters....

### **In Brief: The Evolution Of Climate Change Negotiations**

**National Environmental Trust:** 'Despite global warming's high profile as an issue, the U.S. has regrettably been a principal stumbling block (and at times opponent) of advancing negotiations to reign in and reduce emissions of global warming gases. Read a brief summary of the history of climate change negotiations and an introduction to both of the high-level climate meetings taking place during the week of September 24th, 2007, as well as an analysis of the Bush administration's apparent motivations to potentially sidetrack international progress.

**The brief:** <http://www.net.org/warming/climate-negotiations.vtml>  
Listen to a press briefing featuring Sen. John Kerry & the U.N. Foundation:  
<http://www.net.org/warming/climate-negotiations-briefing.vtml>

## Inside Ottawa....

### **Fall election buzz heats up following Quebec by-elections**

The Conservative government is awaiting winning conditions for a "highly probable" fall election, which may now hinge on whether the Ontario Progressive Conservatives win the provincial election on Oct. 10, pollster Jean-Marc Léger says.

Read the full Hill Times article:  
<http://www.thehilltimes.ca/html/index.php>

## **Prime Minister Harper's government can't push climate off the table**

Conservatives are trying to change the channel away from climate change. It's not going to work.

Hill Times opinion piece by Aaron Freeman, Environmental Defense. Read the full article:

<http://www.environmentaldefense.ca/pressroom/viewnews.php?id=208>

## **Prorogation and the Throne Speech**

The Governor General informed the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons that the First Session of the 39th Parliament was prorogued on Friday, September 14, 2007. Prorogation is the ending of a parliamentary session.

The Speech from the Throne, which will open the Second Session of the 39th Parliament, will be read on Tuesday, October 16, 2007.

For further information, please consult the following documents:

Prorogation of Parliament:

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/information/about/process/info/prorogation/Prorogation-e.htm>

Opening of a Parliament or a Session:

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/information/about/process/info/prorogation/OpeningOfParl-e.htm>

## **Looking Ahead....**

### **October 10th - Ontario Provincial Election**

[www.electionsontario.on.ca](http://www.electionsontario.on.ca)

### **October 16th - Parliament returns.**

[www.parl.gc.ca](http://www.parl.gc.ca)

### **October 30th - Business of Climate Change Conference.**

[www.thebusinessofclimatechange.com](http://www.thebusinessofclimatechange.com)