

Climate Action News **this week**

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Global Warming, Meet Election Fever:

There has been an explosion of activity over the past week and lots of opportunities to get involved, so please do what you can to make your voice heard!

Over the next 33 days, Climate Action News This Week will be tracking the action around climate change and connecting you with Canada's climate community.

PowerUP Canada Launched:

PowerUP Canada, a new citizens movement calling for stronger action on climate change, had its official launch yesterday in Toronto. For more information, see: www.powerupcanada.ca/

Youths Pledge to Vote for the Environment:

Power Vote Canada is a new non-partisan voter's pledge, aimed at encouraging young people to make the climate a top priority in their vote.

Check it out at: <http://petitions.takingitglobal.org/powervotecanada>

Voteforclimate.ca Hits the Web:

Vote for Climate is a grassroots campaign to elect a federal government committed to bold action to reduce the emissions which cause climate change.

Find out more at: www.voteforclimate.ca

4 Former PMs Join in Call for Climate Change Action:

Four of Canada's former prime ministers have joined together with business leaders, environmentalists and academics in demanding that the country do more to tackle climate change. To view the statement see: www.pembina.org/pub/1682

To view the coverage see: <http://powerupcanada.ca/news/2008/09/news12/>

CUPE: Tories Fail on Green Jobs, Climate Change:

The Canadian Union of Public Employees released its assessment of Canada's party platform and declared that: "Canada is neither reducing its greenhouse gas emissions nor shifting to a sustainable economy with green jobs. This election gives us a chance to change this."

See the statement at: <http://cupe.ca/environment/green-jobs-climate-change>

Sierra Club of Canada Launches Climate Crisis Blog:

You can track the Sierra Club's thoughts on the Climate Crisis Election on their new blog at: www.sierraclub.ca/climatecrisis/

The PM wants to lower the price of carbon?

PM Harper wants to cut taxes on diesel fuel. Is the Prime Minister extending a helping hand to hugely profitable oil companies, ignoring the need to put a real price on greenhouse gas pollution, playing politics with the planet, or all of the above? For some useful perspectives on PM Harper's announcement, see below:

"Conservatives Diesel Tax Will Have Minimal Economic Impact"

<http://winnipegsun.com/News/Manitoba/2008/09/10/6725416.html>

"Excise Tax Cuts Won't Fuel Climate Change, Harper Says"

www.thestar.com/FederalElection/article/496457

The Sierra Club offers its Two Cents at: www.sierraclub.ca/climatecrisis/

Green Party Can Participate in Television Debates

Yielding to overwhelming public pressure, Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party of Canada, will participate in this election's television debates.

"May declares democracy 'alive and well in Canada' after debate row"

<http://canadianpress.google.com/article/ALeqM5hXQ3nq0rJ2hXd0vp4v4toSzzet4Q>

PM Harper rejects campaign carbon offsets:

Canwest news service reports that four out of five leaders say they will use a portion of their 2008 election campaign expenses to fight global warming and eliminate pollution caused by their travels during the next five weeks. Prime Minister Stephen Harper is the exception.

See: www.nationalpost.com/news/canada/election-2008/story.html?id=780259

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