

SCAN! June 2022



June 3: The way forward is clear

SCAN! must help to create a dynamic, grassroots movement of seniors working with all climate activists until we reach critical mass before 2030. We know what we have to do.

Now let's do it!

SCAN! Keeping climate on the election table

We rallied, we performed street theatre and sang, we handed out leaflets, we tweeted and posted, we wrote

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letters and op eds, we held webinars... In other words, we worked hard. Our Ontario Election Team of at least 25 members did everything they could to to make the climate voice heard by the electorate. And, of course, many of us worked for candidates we believed in. We also partnered with sister climate action groups and supported the efforts of the [Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign](#) (OCEC).

Last month's special election issue let you know what we were planning. In this issue, we look back. It is less a newsletter than a huge thank you for SCAN! members' efforts.

May Day

Hamilton

The cold rainy weather did not dampen the spirits of the people attending two May Day events in Hamilton starting with a rally organized by Justice for Workers in downtown Hamilton. They listened to speakers and then marched to the provincial building to plaster the windows with signs demanding 10 paid sick days and a \$20 an hour minimum wage. Then everyone boarded buses and headed to Gage

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Park for the event organized by the Hamilton District Labour Council. There was music, free food, of course lots of pamphlets, leaflets, and buttons to collect. It was a labour/left-wing love fest. Shelley Rempel was there to represent.

Kitchener

SCAN! members Elizabeth Paling and Ken Epps participated in the Ontario Federation of Labour "Carnival of Resistance" held in central Kitchener on May Day. The event included more than 10 information booths, live music, and many speakers highlighting the extensive social, economic and environmental damage of the Ford government. Elizabeth and Ken handed out SCAN! "10 climate reasons to vote Ford out" leaflets including one each to Ontario Green Party leader Mike Schreiner and Green MP Mike Morrice.

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May 11

SCAN! members paid a visit to Environment Minister Piccini's office in Port Hope and got a wonderful [write-up](#) in the Cobourg news. Kudos to Linda Mackenzie-Nicholas for her organizing efforts.

And [watch](#) this fabulous video of highlights.

May 14

SCAN! sat at the organizing table and helped to plan an excellent event. The numbers on the whole were not large, but SCAN! members showed up in force, displaying our banners, 10 crimes placards, armed with leaflets for distribution.

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Here is a [video](#) of the rally and march highlights.

Maude and Millie

The Energy Mix did a wonderful [article](#) on our now famous M&M.

Pop-up election events

Scarborough

Dedicated members kept returning to Scarborough to leaflet at all candidates' meetings. They performed street theatre and sang, making a final effort at the Scarborough Town Centre.

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Etobicoke South-Weston - Outside Mike Ford's office



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Kitchener

SCAN! members participated in the rainy rally side by side with nurses opposed to Bill 124.



Upcoming events and two postponements

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Conversation

On June 26, 1-3 PM the Climate Justice Committee is planning a women, health and the climate conversation for members.

Urban sprawl webinar – postponed

A new date for this important webinar will be announced soon.

Fundraiser

As you may have heard or seen on the web site, our fundraiser, originally scheduled for May 28 has been postponed until November 12. Updated information on purchasing tickets will be announced here.

Supporters are welcome to join as members any time. Go to the [web site](#) and click on “join us

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