

SCAN! August 2022



Strength in numbers and hope

The recent electoral result has not daunted SCAN! activists.

SCAN! members put on the Climate Cook-off at Toronto's Christie gardens residence for seniors. The skit was followed by a discussion with the 50-odd seniors in attendance led by co-chair Nick De Carlo. Here are some of their comments:

We need to educate young people
Most science teachers don't know about ecology. They are frustrated by what they are not equipped to do

- We need to get the curriculum in schools changed to include ecology

- We need to get to, and pressure, the Science Departments and the School Boards

We can well afford to solve this problem. We CAN'T afford not to!

We should encourage young people to participate in civil society within the system and parties.

I have been in the Arctic and the rate of warming and ice melt would scare you to death.

My grandchildren held a discussion which invited politicians and challenged them on these issues. We should consider direct action.

Many thanks to Jane Adams for welcoming participants, taking their names for more information, taking notes, videos and photos.

Indigenous Solidarity

Save the date. SCAN! has endorsed the River Run march and will bring supporters with our banners. Individuals can sign up (see below) and also donate. SCAN! has already made a donation but feel free to add your own.

River Run 2022: Walk with Grassy Narrows for Mercury Justice!

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022

Time: 12 PM

Location: Downtown Toronto, details TBD

[Sign up](#)

Walk with Grassy Narrows youth and community members to show that we are with them on their path to achieve mercury justice and freedom.

This is a family friendly event. Rain or shine.

[Check out](#) the link for more details as the event approaches.

Grassy Narrows people are powerful leaders in the movement for Indigenous sovereignty and environmental justice. They have shown that together we can fight for justice against all odds and make real gains.

But so much is still needed to right the wrong of mercury poisoning in Grassy Narrows.

In July 2022, fifty community members and leaders will travel 1,700km from Grassy Narrows to Toronto to demand that Ontario and Canada:

1. Compensate everyone in Grassy Narrows fairly for the mercury crisis
2. Respect the Grassy Narrows Indigenous Protected Area (end mining and logging plans in Grassy Narrows territory)
3. Support Grassy Narrows in restoring their community and way of life from the damage that mercury has done.

Show Grassy Narrows that you are with them in this important fight by:

- Coming out to this action and sharing the [event](#) with your friends (opens in a new tab)

- [Donating](#) towards travel funds for community members to come to Toronto:

Indigenous Solidarity Fund

Readers may remember that SCAN! now dedicates a percentage of our funds to our Indigenous Solidarity Fund. We thought you might want to know about the current recipients.

A contribution of \$390.00 will go to the Indigenous led organization [Indigenous Climate Action \(ICA\)](#).

SCAN! has had ICA in view since their 2021 publication *Decolonizing Climate Policy in Canada*.

SCAN! recognized our mutual compatibility in the way they envisioned a movement for climate justice. This publication has had a major influence on SCAN!'s platform, including the central role of colonialism in causing the climate crisis; and of the important leadership of Indigenous peoples in working toward solutions to the climate crisis.

A second contribution of \$390.00 will go to [Raven Trust](#) in support of the Neskantaga Court Challenge. The Neskantaga are located in The Breathing Lands aka The Ring of Fire.

There are two interconnected underlying issues in this court case and for us in SCAN!. The Breathing Lands are fundamental to maintaining the Ojibway and Oji-Cree way of life. In addition, keeping the integrity of the muskeg and peat bogs is fundamental to their function as a carbon storehouse. SCAN! has highlighted these

intersecting concerns by naming the drive to exploit the mineral wealth of the Ring of Fire as [one](#) of Ford's "Climate Crimes".

The Neskantaga court case will seek a clarification of the Ontario Environmental Protection Act which fails to provide a process specific to a First Nations' consultation—a process involving Free, Prior and Informed Consent (UNDRIP, Article #9).

SCAN! Socials

This summer SCAN! will organize socials with members around the province. Although we don't know the location of all of our members, for those we do know, 86 members live in Toronto and at least 66 live outside Toronto, including Hamilton, Whitby, Kitchener-Waterloo, Cobourg, Northumberland, Ottawa and more. We already have people ready to organize socials in several locations. Members will receive more information soon.

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

Questions? E-mail us: info@seniorsforclimateactionnow.org



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