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Happy New Year

As the time for action quickly narrows, we need to dedicate ourselves even more vigorously to pressure our government to phase out fossil fuels. Nothing less than a mass mobilization around the world can bring this about. Seniors are an important voice in this struggle. Our voice.

Keeping climate on the table

During the Ontario election, we tried hard to keep climate front and centre. The economy ended up dominating the headlines, but we were still able to make some headway.

The media have improved their climate emergency coverage; however, we still need to constantly remind them that there is no point reporting on a “natural” disaster without making the link. We encourage people to tweet, e-mail and generally keep bugging media about making the link and using the nomenclature of “climate emergency” and “climate crisis”.

Budget time is an opportunity

Municipalities across the province are beginning their budget process. Some cities, like Toronto, have developed a [carbon reduction strategy](#). Many would argue that these proposed changes are incremental, with weak targets. Toronto does have a history of encouraging deputations to the budget committee.

Residents in all Ontario municipalities will want to have their say on budget issues. For those of us involved in the climate justice movement, we want to know how the climate lens is being applied to our local budgets; e.g., retrofits for all city/province owned buildings and emissions from new buildings. Other issues may include increased accessibility to transit and its electrification.

If your local council has an avenue for making a deputation, whether by e-mail or in person, please consider including climate issues in yours.

Protest in Cobourg Sunday, Jan. 15

Organized by Blue Dot Northumberland this protest of Bill 23 and related issues, starts at 11 AM at Environment Minister Piccini’s Levee, Cobourg Legion, 135 Orr St., Cobourg. Meet across the street from the Legion at 11 AM. Street parking available as well as behind the police station.

Protest in Brockville Jan. 21

Under the umbrella of the Repeal Bill 23 Coalition, the protest is billed "Repeal Bill 23: The Devil is in the Details"

Join them for a family friendly action outside the constituency office of Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of Ontario, Steve Clark 10:30 AM - 2 PM

100 Stowger Blvd.
The rally is 12-1 PM.
Meet at the Memorial Centre Parking lot at 10:30 AM.

SCAN! is growing

Local groups are meeting and organizing around the issues that speak to their communities. The web site has started a page for some of these groups and has offered them an e-mail address so that others in their area can reach them. If your local group of SCAN! members wants to have a space on the web site, let us know: lybaspring@sympatico.ca

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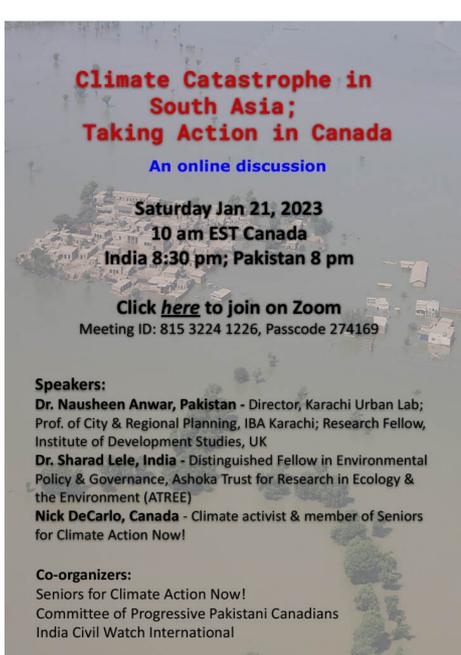
The Talking With Seniors Project is starting to get gigs in the community. The first talk following training was held Nov. 16, with Sue Craig and Jane Adams. They spoke with the Congress of Union Retirees of Canada (CURC), Toronto & York Region.

On Jan. 18, Sue Craig and Ginny Thomson will take the workshop to a group at Stanley Knowles Co-op in Toronto.

You can help promote this outreach to seniors. Send them (see e-mail below) the name of a group that you think would be interested in meeting with them to talk about taking climate action.

Later this year, you are welcome to attend another of the Talking With Seniors speaker coaching workshops. Contact Jane Adams: jane.murdoch.adams@icloud.com

Reminder



Here is the Zoom [link](#).

We encourage you to read our FB posts and Tweets. We post articles every day. Please share posts and retweet what you want others to read. Circulating information and letting people know about us are both important.

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

Questions? email us: info@seniorsforclimateactionnow.org



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