Welcome Back Doug Protest Party

More than 70 SCAN! members and our supporters came to Queen's Park to a demonstration that was "about everything".

We participated in a coalition including the Ontario Labour Council, OSSTF, ETT (Elementary Teachers of Toronto), Greater Toronto Health Coalition, with a program that included an Indigenous statement, Spirit Wind Women's Hand Drumming group, OHC's Natalie Mehra, folk duo, Seasonal Birds, The Raging Grannies, ETT President, Helen Victoros, Phil Pothen from Environmental Defence, Andria Babbington – Toronto and York Labour District Council, Green Party leader, Mike Schreiner, CUPE Ontario's Fred Hahn and a most gracious, Sarah Harmer.

Watch a brief video here. Read Susan Crean's write-up here.

SCAN! support for Wet'suwet'en against RBC funding of the Coastal Gas Link

RBC: STOP Funding Pipelines

About twenty-five SCAN! members arrived outside the RBC bank at Yonge and St. Clair in Toronto. Twelve lined up with hand-painted "masks" representing bank executives and oil magnates. They performed a rant to passers by, many of whom took leaflets from other SCAN! members. Although the police had been contacted, they did not arrive. An excellent example of street theatre to draw attention to RBC's ongoing support of Big Oil. Read Susan Crean's write-up here and have a look at some fantastic pictures. Watch for a video of the event, soon to be posted to the web site.

Ongoing support

The SCAN! Wet'suwet'en RBC Campaign is gearing up with other climate action groups for events across Canada on **Saturday April 1** to amplify the confrontation between Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs and RBC at the RBC AGM in Saskatoon on April 5. RBC recently moved its AGM from Toronto to Saskatoon to escape the national media spotlight for the Wet'suwet'en/RBC Campaign.

The Campaign has 3 key messages regarding RBC's role in funding the Coastal GasLink pipeline across Wet'suwet'en territory without consent:

- RBC Stop Funding Fossil Fuels and Pipelines
- RBC Stop Violating Indigenous Rights
- Support Indigenous Water Protectors & Land Defenders

SCAN! is participating in a Toronto coalition to organize the April 1 event.

SCAN! members in other localities are encouraged to support local RBC actions on April 1.

SCAN! Kingston and RBC

On Friday March 10, 350 Kingston and Kingston SCAN! members joined together to protest at the main branch of RBC, 65 Princess St., and handed out 100 SCAN! leaflets to bank customers and passers by. This was one of several ongoing protests calling on the bank to divest from oil and gas; and to stop providing financing to the Coastal Gas Link pipeline, which is being built across Wet'suwet'en territory without their consent. Plans are underway to hold another protest on Friday March 17 and a large rally on Tuesday March 21.

Watch their page on the web site for these upcoming protests. You can also read about their innovative tactic: a letter to RBC employees.

Check out this video from Ottawa

Read more about this protest on their page.

David Suzuki's last program

As you may know David Suzuki is retiring this spring. He would like SCAN! members to know about this special program. His final show is April 7.

Cullis-Suzuki, a scientist and mother who fears for her children's future, embarks on a journey that takes her from the stunning deserts of New Mexico to the edge of the ice in Canada's North to learn about how humans adapted to extreme environmental change in the past.

She meets with experts in anthropology, paleobotany and restoration ecology. She speaks with Indigenous elders about cultural survival and the strength of shared knowledge. Finally, right at home in her own province, Cullis-Suzuki witnesses a truly incredible case of survival in the face of a human-caused climate disaster.

SCAN!'s positions

You can now view our call to action, statement of purpose and the platform on one page.

Ford's climate crimes - updated

Find them here.

Time to get busy

We have work for newer members. You will soon find a letter template on the web site giving you an opportunity to tell your MP/MPP why you joined SCAN!. Coming your way soon.

Supporters are welcome to join as members any time. Go to the web site and click on "become a member". Questions? E-mail: info@seniorsforclimateactionnow.org

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