

Dear mayor and members of Kingston city council,

We invite you to join us at 12 noon on June 28 on the steps of Kingston City Hall, as part of a **National Day of Action, Canada on Fire**. Press release is attached.

Since 2019, when Kingston was the first municipality in Ontario to declare a climate emergency, concerned citizens have continued to urge action. We are calling on the Federal government to act now in the face the worse wildfires in Canadian history.

1. **Stop the fossil fuel industry:** An immediate end to subsidies, hard caps for oil and gas emissions, no new projects, and no more industry influence over our politics.
2. **Enact a Just Transition:** Urgently shift us to 100% renewable energy while generating millions of unionized jobs, following Indigenous leadership, and rapidly decarbonizing in line with climate science.

Yesterday, Montreal recorded the worst air quality in the world. Much of Canada is experiencing hazardous smoke. This June, amendments to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (“**CEPA**”) were passed by the House of Commons to recognize the right to a healthy environment. This follows the UN General Assembly’s passage of a resolution last summer recognizing the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, which Canada voted in favour of. With these amendments, Canada now joins the 156 other UN member states who recognize the right to a healthy environment either in their constitution or other legislation.

*“people have a right to **breathe clean air**, they have a right to a safe and sufficient supply of water, to healthy and sustainably produced food, to healthy ecosystems and biodiversity, and non-toxic environments where people can live, work, study and play, and a safe climate.*

David Boyd, the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment

Please join us on June 28,

Sincerely, Nancy Nicol

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