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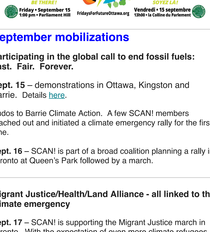


September mobilizations

Participating in the global call to end fossil fuels: Fast. Fair. Forever.

Sept. 15 – demonstrations in Ottawa, Kingston and Barrie. Details here.

Kudos to Barrie Climate Action. A few SCAN! members reached out and initiated a climate emergency rally for the first time.

Sept. 16 – SCAN! is part of a broad coalition planning a rally in Toronto at Queen's Park followed by a march.

Migrant Justice/Health/Land Alliance - all linked to the climate emergency

Sept. 17 – SCAN! is supporting the Migrant Justice march in Toronto. With the expectation of even more climate refugees, it is increasingly important to "win regularization and status for all".

Sept. 25 – Encouraging support of the Ontario Health Coalition rally coinciding with the opening of Parliament. Increased privatization of hospitals and cuts to health care will directly impact people with compromised health – especially given the effects of the climate crisis.

Sept. 26 – see below

Sept. 27 – SCAN! is actively supporting Grassy Narrows and the Land Alliance March for the Land in Toronto. Five First Nations from Northern Ontario will lead the march calling on Premier Ford to end mining activity on their Territories in violation of their right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent. Meet at Toronto's Grange Park (behind the AGO), at 12 PM.

Gas plants – bon appetit

"Gas plants will be with us in perpetuity", says one SCAN! member, "because they are signed into contracts".

On September 26, there will be a Queen's Park lobby event on gas plant expansion, 7 - 8:30 AM. Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) is taking the lead in organizing. They want constituents from a great many ridings across the province to invite their MPP to the breakfast, and then sit with them. If they are unable to attend, the idea is to set another time to meet together. Signing up members from all over the province, two or three from a riding who are willing to pitch the event, will help to ensure a good MPP turnout.

Zoe Keary-Matzner, one of the litigants in the Ecojustice case against the province, will be a speaker at the breakfast. Coordinated by CCL, Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign (OCEC), Ontario Clean Air Alliance (OCAA) and Climate Fast. Sign up here.

Ralph Torrie webinar

Along with the OCEC, SCAN! is organizing a webinar with Ralph Torrie, an expert in the field of energy and environment. The Ford government's "Powering Ontario's Growth" locks Ontario into a costly, climate wrecking energy future. The Ontario government is pushing renewable energy to the sidelines as it commits to more fossil gas, more dirty hydrogen and more costly nuclear. Register here.

Release the Reports

Over 1200 people have signed a letter to help get the Ford government to release two climate change reports they have been sitting on. They analyze the impacts that climate change is likely to have on Ontario, and include some strategies for reducing those impacts. If you haven't already signed, go here and scroll down.

There will be a press conference at Queen's Park Sept. 12 at 10 AM to publicize this effort.

SCAN! Socials

They continue to take place across the province. It is an excellent opportunity to get together with like-minded people you may have only met on Zoom. Let us know if you want to organize one before the snow flies.

Here is one delightful event in Northumberland with the talented and dedicated Marie-Lynn Hammond.

SCAN! signed on

Ecocide

SCAN! is supporting Stop Ecocide International's call on the Canadian government to advocate for the criminalization of ecocide at the international level by endorsing this open letter.

Piccini – get on it

We endorsed a letter, initiated by Ontario Nature, to David Piccini, Ontario's Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, urging him to implement key recommendations of the government-appointed Protected Areas Working Group.

The recommendations were only released through a Freedom of Information request in June this year.

The recommendations: partner with Indigenous Nations; and engage the public to immediately implement a strategy to protect 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030.

Please continue to visit our social media. On Facebook, like and share articles of interest. Our Twitter handle is @Seniors_CAN. Retweet to amplify climate action information.

Supporters are welcome to join as members any time. Go to the web site and click on "Become a member".
Questions? email us: info@seniorsfordimateactionnow.org

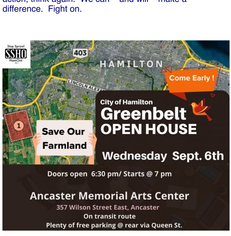
Ontario Fights Back

Those of us who follow social media have been blown away by the level of current organizing in the province. Much of it centres around opposition to the dismantling of the Greenbelt. One amazing result is the backtracking on the Caledon parcel.

Just one week later, a parcel in Ajax was listed for sale although slated for housing.

Check out these two examples of local organizing.

For anyone who is despairing that it is too late for political action, think again. We can – and will – make a difference. Fight on.



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