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Kingston Climate Group Uses Parade of Windmills to Mark Start of COP28

On Friday, December 1 Kingston climate activists will hold a Parade of Windmills downtown. The lively group Seniors for Climate Action Now (SCAN) will emphasize renewable energy and the need to wean ourselves from fossil fuels.

“We just have to stop frying the planet,” said local writer Jamie Swift, who helped bring SCAN to Kingston last year. “Our toy windmills symbolize wind power. And children’s toys symbolize our generation’s fight for a future for the world’s children”.

The timing is appropriate. That’s because COP28, the United Nations environmental summit hosted by the United Arab Emirates, is now just getting underway in Dubai. It’s a petrostate where affluent locals can ski on indoor slopes in a 50+ degree climate.

This week the BBC revealed that COP28 president Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber planned to use the meeting to do some networking about making fossil fuel deals with 15 countries, possibly including Canada. The Sultan runs the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company.

“Climate breakdown stories can provoke hopelessness,” said SCAN’s Phyllis Waugh. “But Kingston and Loyalist Township have just voted not to support a Ford government scheme to use fossil gas to generate electricity. We need to move to a fossil fuel free future.”

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The Parade of Windmills starts on Friday at 11 AM at King & Princess Streets at the main Kingston branch of RBC, ending at City Hall. RBC is Canada’s largest bank, the country’s -- **and in the world’s** -- principal financier of climate killing fossil fuel developments. It’s also putting billions into the CGL pipeline without consent of Wet’suwet’en Nation.

The Parade of Windmills is part of a national [Power Up](#) campaign organized by 350.org. It’s aimed at offering a positive focus on a sensible, clean and efficient energy future for our grandchildren.

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