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New year. Same fight. COP is done. We are not.

Happy Holidays

We hope you are having some down time over the holidays. But we're all ready to gear up again.

Some good news stories from the end of 2023.

Public Pressure Wins the Day

The long-awaited adaptation reports were released under pressure from SCAN! and allies and are available on the SCAN! website.

Read the story in The Energy Mix.

Portlands Gas Plant

A new coalition developed out of the November 4, 2023 Power-Up Portlands rally in Toronto. SCAN! hooked them up with the Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign. They were encouraged to sign up for NO MORE GAS PLANTS lawn signs and you can, too: obtain signs from Environmental Defence.

Ontario Place

SCAN! Toronto members sent people to the Ontario Place for All website to take action despite the deal made with the City of Toronto.

Actions include letters and phone calls to MPPs and Premier Ford, petitions, etc.

One action is to write to a newspaper. There is a list of local newspapers across Ontario under that action tab (a useful tool for your files).

Kingston PowerUP

On Dec. 1, SCAN! Kingston gathered at RBC to take part in a Power Up rally, which had been postponed. The date in December was chosen at the suggestion of the PowerUp organizers, 350.org, in order not to conflict with the Palestinian solidarity demonstration which was held on November 4.

They drew attention to the outrageous profits of the fossil fuel companies and the banks that finance them, with the biggest being RBC.

Their Parade of Windmills to City Hall caught the attention of the local TV station. The colourful handmade toy windmills symbolized wind power, as well as the fight for a better future for the world's children.

Around 40 people took part.

Advocacy

Clean Energy Regulations (CER)

Please continue to support the Clean Energy Regulations brief from the home page of the website. See: "It's time for the federal government to step up!"

And you can step up too by supporting SCAN!'s brief on Clean Energy Regulations. Click on the link on the home page to view a letter you can send to the federal government to voice your concerns.

Pension and Divestment CPPIB Postcard campaign - Kingston

...and Kawartha

Register here

and watch a preview of Rick Hill's talk here

Judicial Watch

This is a good and bad news story. In 2020 a group of 15 young people from seven provinces and one territory sued the Canadian government in the Federal Court based on inadequate effort to deal with increasing climate breakdown (*La Rose v. Canada*).

They maintain that Ottawa continues to miss its greenhouse gas emission (GHG) targets. The claim relies on section 7 (right to life, liberty and personal security) and s.15 (age discrimination) of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, and violation of a common law public trust doctrine (the government's duty to preserve and protect inherently public resources such as air and the atmosphere).

For reasons that make little sense from an environmental perspective, this doctrine has not been adopted by Canadian judges.

Read more

Looking back on 2023

Members can go to the portal to see the slide presentations made at the December GMM.

Members and supporters

Please continue to visit our social media. On Facebook, we are pasting excerpts from articles, but directing people to Twitter (X) for the link because of Meta's current ban on publishing Canadian news. 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.