



SCAN! Kingston Report

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SCAN! Kingston meets monthly and has set up a committee to organize for Seniors for Climate on October 1. On June 7, SCAN! Kingston held a social to thank student supporters for their contributions. About 20 people attended.

SCAN! Kingston had information tables at several events throughout June. SCAN! Our members traveled to Westport to participate in Eco Fest, Westport 2024: Celebrating Connections and tabled at Indigenous Peoples Day in City Park and at Skeleton Park Arts Festival. We gathered signatures on the temperature bylaw petition and got many CPP postcards signed demanding that the CPP divest from fossil fuel investments. We had many diverse conversations with people and what SCAN! does. We gathered names of people interested to stay in touch with or to join SCAN!.

Another win! A SCAN!-initiated open letter to the Kingston Pride board was successful. Pride Kingston agreed to not accept sponsorship from the RBC this year or in future. Our members also marched in the Pride parade with a banner calling for LGBTIQ2S rights and climate justice. About 3000 people participated overall. Our presence was warmly acknowledged by the crowds lining Princes Street. As we passed the RBC branch on Princess Street, we led chants: “RBC, Stop Funding fossil fuels” and What do we want? Queer Rights and Climate Justice!

SCAN! and 350 Kingston have continued petitioning for a temperature bylaw to protect apartment unit residents from extreme heat. On June 13, they petitioned at apartment blocks, KFLA: Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Public Health, the Seniors Centre, and St. Laurence College. On June 18, they sent out a press release to local media during the heat dome, and on June 19, they were interviewed on Global News, bringing greater public awareness to the issue and to the petition.