

## THE CLIMATE CRISIS IS NOT GOING AWAY

*And neither is our Country!*

**Trump is a threat to Canada.** Annexing Canada is a threat. Trump's attack on our economy is costing thousands of Canadian jobs. Denying the climate emergency is a threat.

**The climate crisis is not going away.** We're experiencing wildfires, heatwaves, and floods.

**We can resist Trump in many ways.** Finding better solutions to the climate crisis is one way. Resist politicians promoting more oil and gas production and more pipelines. Burning carbon heats the planet and makes the climate crisis worse.

**We need to** increase production of renewable energy, phase out oil and gas production as fast as possible, support workers affected by Trump's tariffs, move away from carbon intensive industries, support workers in that transition and make huge investments in public transportation. To pay for this, let's end subsidies to oil and gas companies and vote for an excess profit and wealth tax.

**Ask Your Candidate**

*Vote*

**Do you support a cap on oil and gas emissions?**

**Do you support big investments in the local production of renewable energy, wind and solar?**



### For the Canada We Want

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**Decarbonize. Restore Nature. Respect Indigenous Rights. Ensure Social Justice.**

# May Day! May Day!

The above leaflet is one of several posted on the election campaign page of the website.

The threats from the south created a nationalist fervor not seen in decades. However, the response from party leaders tended towards an increase in oil and gas production and accompanying pipelines. Climate activists worked hard to keep climate on the table and counteract the oil and gas solution rhetoric.

The election results indicate a tough road ahead. We will have to work even more diligently to push for renewable energy as part of Canada's transformation into an "energy superpower". There is no Canada on an unlivable planet.

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### **Special meeting – what happened**

With the election results still fresh in our minds, the April 10 meeting seems far away. However, it was an important special meeting. SCAN! members across the country met to discuss our active participation in the federal election. Following an analysis of the political situation mid-campaign, people shared their hopes, fears – and most importantly – the work they were doing.

### **What we did during the election**

Reading the chapter reports below, you will see the breadth of work accomplished during the campaign.

Many chapters used the materials on the website, including the flyers and list of questions, at tabling events and all-candidates' meetings.

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## **SCAN! signed on**

### **To a letter to the COP30 Presidency calling for:**

- supercharging renewables in a fair and equitable way
- ensuring the energy transition is fully funded.
- addressing the risks of repeating colonial practices
- phasing out fossil fuels for a just transition now
- cutting fossil fuel production by 6% annually, with wealthy nations going first and fastest.

### **To the Line 5 initiative**

SCAN! joined the End Line 5 Coalition Canada. We encourage all SCAN! members to sign on as well to demand that the federal government withdraw their support for Enbridge's Line 5. Here is the [link](#) to send your letter.

Line 5 is Enbridge's crude oil and natural gas pipeline that crosses directly through the heart of the Great Lakes at the Straits of Mackinac, threatening the drinking water source for over 40 million people. It is an existential threat to Indigenous Nations of the Great Lakes whose way of life and culture is dependent upon the health of the Great Lakes. Line 5 was designed to operate for 50 years but is over 70 years

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The End Line 5 Coalition's mission is completely in alignment with SCAN!'s:

Protect the Great Lakes; Honour Indigenous Sovereignty; Cap Emissions.

Member groups of the Coalition include Sierra Club Canada, Water Watchers, Indigenous Climate Action, Toronto350.org, Le Vivant Se Defend, and Climate Justice Montreal.

Anishinabek Nation, representing 39 First Nations communities in Ontario are calling for an End to Line 5.

The End Line 5 Coalition is an excellent example of cross border international solidarity, rather than simply a nationalist response to the threats from the Trump administration, and is one of the best recent examples of solidarity between settler environmental groups and Indigenous nations.

**We re-sent an updated methane letter per a further request:**

We, the 27 undersigned organizations, call for the immediate passing of strong federal oil and gas methane regulations. As organizations dedicated to the health and well-being of children and communities in Canada, we recognize the urgent need to reduce methane emissions and emphasize that robust regulations are critical at this moment

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**We also signed on to a "welcome" letter to Prime Minister Carney** initiated by the Climate Action Network (CAN-Rac). Quoting from the letter:

With a new mandate in hand, we encourage your government to:

- Strengthen Canada's independence and economy by shifting to clean energy;
- Build on Canada's climate and nature progress;
- Make Canadians' lives safer, healthier, and more affordable;
- Center people and communities;
- Protect our public institutions and tackle billionaire power and greed;
- Champion international cooperation amidst geopolitical chaos.





# Earth Day - spring mobilization

Events this spring coincided with the federal election campaign. Despite the workload, some 60 events took place across the country. Stay tuned for photos of 2025's events and read more in the chapters' reports below.

Last year's Oct. 1 event was captured in Nancy Nicol's documentary, *Later is Too Late*, which several chapters used in April.

*Later is Too Late is a window into the fears and hopes of ordinary people across Canada facing the existential threat of the climate crisis and working to be part of the solutions. The film documents the first ever National Seniors Day climate action, organized by Seniors for Climate, on October 1, 2024. Seniors, youth, Indigenous elders, environmental and climate justice activists across Turtle Island rallied in 76 communities from Pugwash NS to Victoria BC to Yellowknife NT.*

You can now view it [online](#). Use the full version or the 23 minute version as an organizing tool. A guide will be available to help facilitate a meeting based on the film.



## Keep your eye on the website

That's where you can take action and get informed about our work - and where we publish letters our members write. [Here is one](#) from the Guelph chapter which you will find on their page. It was a collective effort. Other community members e-mailed to thank them for submitting it.

Here is [another](#) published in the Toronto Star on  
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Another member had a letter published in the Toronto Star about the lack of inclusion of climate and health related issues during the federal election.

You will also find the War, climate and militarism [fact sheet](#) linked from the home page.

We would like to take this opportunity during Volunteer Week to thank all the hard working SCAN! members who give so much of their time, energy and passion to this movement.



# Work in the Chapters

Guelph

## Guelph

Guelph had a busy month.

They placed an ad in Guelph Today (middle right, above) in response to a terrible Conservative ad that ran in their paper. “JAIL NOT BAIL” was the caption. They based their ad on the positive message from the letter sent by 128 Mayors to the federal candidates. They were told it was viewed 66,666 times April 17 - 27<sup>th</sup>. Nicely done.

During the federal election they submitted a question at their All-Candidates’ meeting in mid-April. It was written by a SCAN! member who recorded it as an audio file which was also submitted to the CBC and played on What on Earth.

A city councillor contacted SCAN! Guelph to write a letter to Council supporting a small tree protection by-law. Great to be asked for help on climate issues.

For Earth Week, they produced a community Earth Week poster, which built a lot of good will with other climate/environmental groups. It was promoted at their local Green Drinks.

The Insulate Your Wallet workshop was promoted through more online marketing.

They showed Later is Too Late during Earth Week. They also used the occasion to celebrate SCAN! Guelph’s one year anniversary. [*Congratulations – ed*]

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Guelph has an open community breakfast (Breezy Breakfast) that meets in a café weekly to discuss local issues. It is hosted by a city councillor and broadcast by the University of Guelph later in the week as a podcast. The format is a presentation with Q and A over breakfast. SCAN! Guelph was invited to present in late April to discuss their group and Earth Week events.

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## **London**

SCAN! London Chapter was very busy with tabling events in April. They also had a free screening of Later Is Too Late in downtown London in late April. They held four tabling events including Earthfest and Earth Day (is every day).

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## **SCAN! Kawartha**

Members were actively involved in their municipal by-election including canvassing neighbourhoods. During the federal election, some Kawartha SCAN! members volunteered for local candidates.

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## **Barrie**

Some members volunteered in the federal election campaigns making calls and canvassing.

They met with the Global Perspectives class in Simcoe County. The students showed them a power point presentation based on their assignment to foster Climate Conversations Between the Generations. One group was chosen by the class as having the best plan for a presentation to SCAN!

Their presentations included a survey of approximately 84 seniors and 17 teenagers on climate. Their results showed seniors being more aware of the effects of climate change, but lacking in education about what needs to be done. The teenagers surveyed were more educated about what needs to be done; in total 94 people surveyed believed that climate change is a problem, and 88 felt it is really important. To improve these results for the *future*, the students created a 3-pronged approach: Social media School Engagement and Rotary Youth Club Engagement.

The breadth and scope of the students' presentation and plan to liaise with them and their teacher was amazing. [*Kudos - ed.*] SCAN! Barrie members incorporated some of their ideas into their table at the Farmer's Market for their Earth Day Activity.

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## **Ottawa**

Their very informative monthly chapter newsletter continues to get rave reviews from members and friends.

They held a "sneak preview" of Later is Too Late in late March with over twenty people, some of whom

late March with over twenty people, some of whom became new members. They also received requests from other groups to get access to the film.

In late March 24, a cold and blustery day, they participated with the Citizens Climate Lobby, GASP and For Our Grandchildren, in a Baby Carriage demonstration on Parliament Hill to demand that climate issues be a key issue in the election. They asked people to “Vote for the Next Generation”. About fifty people were there and about twelve baby strollers. There were speeches - and they sang Song for the Climate. Their Flash Dance Mob also performed. They got excellent coverage from Radio Canada and Le Devoir, although the English media were absent. The video from the event on their Facebook page got over 1000 hits. [*Wowza – ed*]

For the federal election, they agreed with SCAN!’s anti-Poillievre approach. They chose one leaflet and had it translated into French by a francophone SCAN! member and sent it to their members and allies in a special email.

Their Earth Day event was planned with Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg Nagadjitòdjig Akì Land Guardians. They had speakers, food and a dance mob. They worked with members, allies and SFC, receiving donations, publicity, etc. They organized a mix and mingle with a grazing table at the beginning and end of the event. They heard from newly-elected MPP Catherine McKenney (a long-time Climate Justice advocate). There was also music and a dance by the Flash Mob.

They also participated in an Eco Fair.

Their next membership meeting will be held in person.

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## **Toronto**

During the election campaign, members attended the Toronto Elbows Up meetings with two of the election flyers. They also attended a number all candidates' meetings to ask questions from the website and the flyers, some of which were very successful.

Working with Climate Action for Lifelong Learners (CALL) and Etobicoke Climate Action, they held a Seniors For Climate event on April 26. Called "For the Necessities of Life" it featured 15 tables, including representation from climate organizations, housing, food security, health and labour. After the first hour, participants gathered around the stage to listen to three speakers on housing, food security and climate, the latter from the youth perspective. The objective: link climate with the necessities of life. Entertainment included Marching Disorder, Common Thread in the Street, Ken Whiteley, street theatre and a flashmob. All told, about 300 people attended. Ken Whiteley had people joyfully singing along. TFO covered the event for their series on democracy and interviewed French speaking SCAN! members.

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## **Kingston**

In mid-march Later is Too Late premiered at the

...the movie Later is Too Late premiered at the Screening Room, in Kingston. SCAN-Kingston had an information table. There was a panel and lively discussion following the screening.

In early April, SCAN-Kingston joined with others at a protest against Poilievre outside the Conservative party rally in Kingston. Some local press [acknowledged their presence](#).

Cogeco YourtvKingston broadcast Later is Too Late in April, as well as an interview with director, Nancy Nicol.

They prepared Earth Day with a number of groups using the theme Our Power/Our Planet. Their events began with church bells ringing on Earth Day April 22, at noon (This was briefly covered on national TV news). They notified congregants and the public in the weeks leading up to Earth Day to explain the significance of the bell ringing.

They also did door to door canvassing during the election as well as leafletting at a downtown location during the bell ringing. They distributed leaflets opposing Poilievre from the 350 Canada campaign; and a SCAN! leaflet highlighting climate issues.

Kingston saw two Earth Day festivals, one of which was organized by an Indigenous musician and activist together with Sustainability Kingston. At one of the festivals, they screened the 22-minute version of Later is Too Late, with the Seniors for Climate banner. They handed out information encouraging people to vote for the climate in the federal election.

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## **Social media**

SCAN!'s FB page gets a lot of traffic. Some chapters have started a FB group or page. For example, Toronto has a FB group. There are also several Instagram accounts: scan\_toronto, scan\_ottawa, edmontonseniorsclimateaction, scankingston. As well, many of us follow the Seniors For Climate Instagram account: climateseniors.

It is always important to amplify to get the message out.

We would like SCAN! members to help amplify our social media posts. This is an important action. It prevents posts from being pushed out of users' sight by algorithms that rely primarily on user engagement and interaction. All climate action groups need help to actively promote credible climate news for the sake of public interest. Social media platforms create an open space to reach more people across the globe. They also help spread contacts with other activist groups, politicians, and, academics. The goal is to reinforce the need for climate action, fight misinformation, and highlight calls for specific measures and policies.

Your participation can help create viral content that will catch the attention of decision makers and counter the anti-climate action backlash. Fueling that backlash is paid advertising by the wealthy and powerful fossil fuel industry.

**So please share posts that you see on the platforms we use.**

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Because of restrictions imposed by Facebook on publishing Canadian news, we are publishing the main issues of articles and referring people to the source material as well as Bluesky.

You can follow us on Bluesky  
**@seniorsfcan.bluesky.social**

Despite restrictions, we are doing our best to help people keep up to date.

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*Readers of this newsletter who are not yet members are welcome to join as members any time. Go to the web site and click on "Become a member".*

*Questions? email*

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