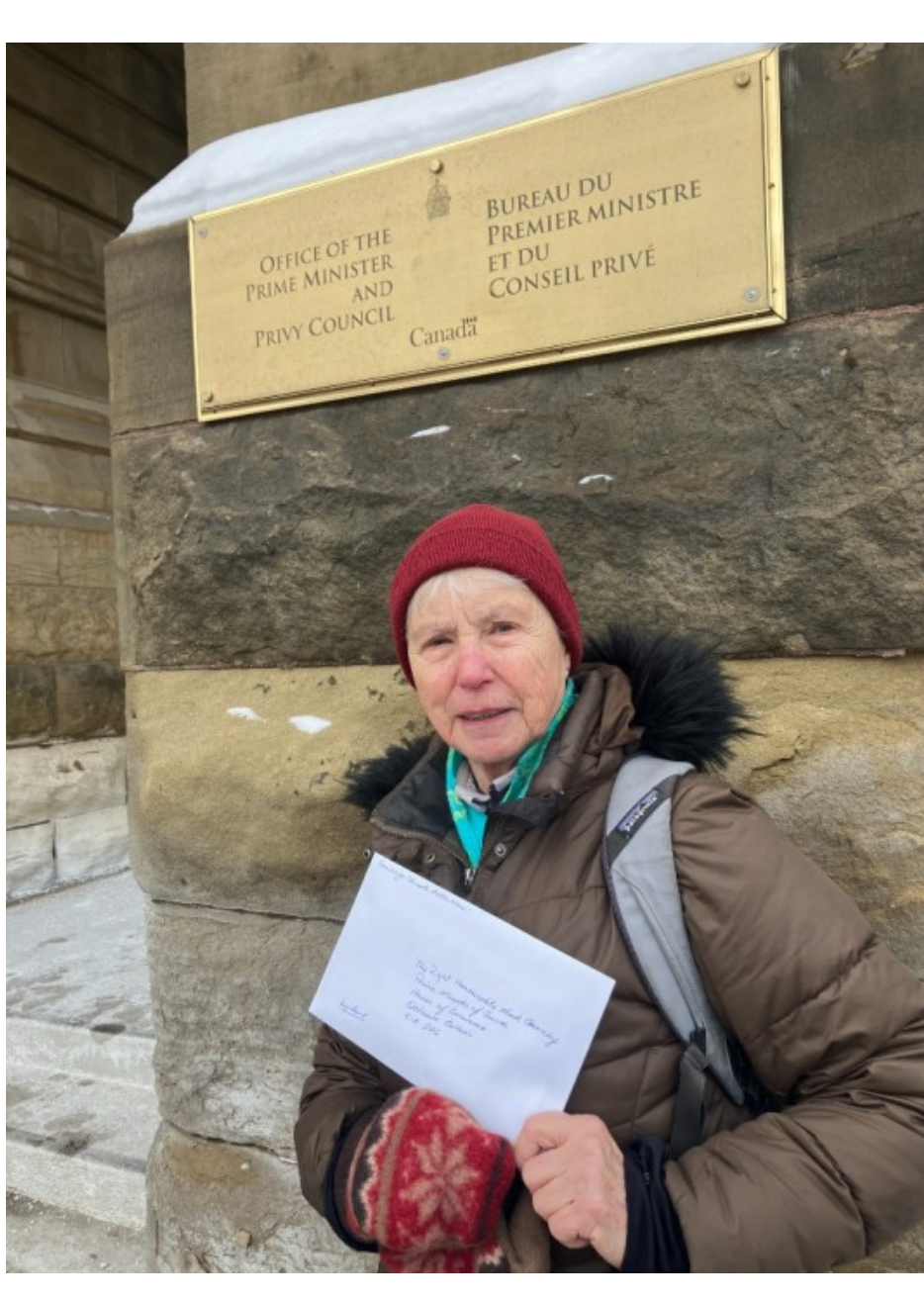




To Hell in a Handbasket

And our responses

Statement on C-15

You've heard of Bill C-5 intended for "nation building". Buried in the budget omnibus implementation bill is section: C-15. It contains four pages detailing how the government intends to pave the way for ramming through projects at the discretion of any minister.

When SCAN! members got wind of this quiet plan to undermine democracy, they gathered 43 environmental and social justice organizations to sign on to a [statement](#) decrying this aspect of the legislation. As well, SCAN! Ottawa members presented the Prime Minister's office with a letter. You will find the background information, the statement and that letter on the [website](#). Here is a [link](#) to send your own letter to the PM and to your MP.

The US' unprovoked attack on Venezuela is very much a climate issue. SCAN! has made a public statement about that attack. We encourage you to [read it](#) and send our demands to the Prime Minister:

Mark Carney, House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario

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Email: mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Notre site web bilingue

Attention les francophones. Vous pouvez maintenant cliquer sur le "FR" tout en haut du site pour lire la plupart de nos informations en français.



Community cafes

Go to [this link](#) for dates and registration information or contact:

engagement@seniorsforclimateactionnow.org



Chapter highlights

Guelph

Their punchy [letter](#) to the editor was published in Guelph Today. Kudos.

Edmonton

They continue to support groups like C4RE (Coalition for Responsible Energy) and AEN (Alberta Energy Network) to protest their provincial government's steadfast resolve to support an Australian billionaire's quest to build a coal mine along their eastern slopes and to make the polluters pay for the 300,000 abandoned oil wells scattered throughout their province.

They are excited about SCAN!'s CRR campaign and are starting with two MPs: Kerry Diotte, a conservative in a constituency where several of their members live; and Heather McPherson, an NDP MP in a second riding with SCAN! constituents.

SCAN! Edmonton had an Art Build to paint signs for the CRR Campaign. There was a great turnout of both veteran members and new faces. They spent a creative afternoon, getting connected, planning their next CRRC actions, having fun and getting treated to great food. They now have terrific looking, attention grabbing signs (see photo above) to take to their next MP visits. They currently have three ridings organizing gatherings at their MPs' office and several other ridings with potential to start actions soon.

London

SCAN! London Chapter held a rally in mid-January in front of Liberal MP Arielle Kayabaga's office. Five Chapter members and two collaborators got the attention of quite a few honking motorists while they were out in the cold.

A letter was handed to Arielle's assistant, stating SCAN!'s concerns over the proposed mega-projects and Bill C-15. Then coffee and lunch at a nearby restaurant to warm up.

Plans are in the works for a Chapter social gathering. The Chapter renewed its membership with the London Environmental Network. They also established a Facebook page. *[Congratulations – ed.]*

Ottawa

(See a photo of their C-15 letter delivery to the Prime Minister's office at the top of the page.)

A small but valiant group of SCAN! Ottawa members met in front of the Ottawa-Vanier-Gloucester MP, Mona Fortier, to deliver a letter expressing their concern with Prime Minister Carney's withdrawal from policies that would reflect the values he espoused in his book. Attached were the seven demands from SCAN! as part of the community resistance and resilience campaign. Afterwards, they gathered at a nearby restaurant for some coffee, tea and treats, and a chance to socialize and get to know one another better.

Toronto

The chapter has been - and continues to be - preoccupied with municipal affairs. After successful deputations to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee where deputants joined with other organizations to advocate for Building Emissions Performance Standards (BEPS) among other climate measures, the BEPS timeline was subsequently moved. It will appear as an earlier than planned report-back.

Work continues with allies at Toronto East Residents for Renewable Energy (TERRE) on the Portlands Gas plant. From a recent news report:

Ontario has approved a plan to expand Toronto's electricity transmission line to the tune of \$1.5-billion. They will build a new underwater transmission line to deliver 900 megawatts of clean [sic] energy from the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station to Toronto's downtown and eastern sectors. Toronto climate activists have their work cut out for them.

The maximum heat by-law continues to move forward. Other Ontario municipalities are watching the Toronto situation closely.

The city working group initiated deputations to the budget committee. They collaborated with other progressive organizations to make residents' voices heard.

Several ridings are participating in the CRR campaign, wearing their green toques and singing their hearts out.

Comments on newsletter

Do you have any comments regarding the newsletter: its usefulness to you, what you would like to see more/less of? Please respond to: media@seniorsforclimateactionnow.org

Social media

SCAN!'s FB page gets a lot of traffic. Some chapters have started a FB group or page. For example, Toronto and London have 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. It's great to "like" but better to "share".

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](https://bsky.app/profile/seniorsfcan.bluesky.social)

Instagram: [seniors.canada](https://www.instagram.com/seniors.canada)

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

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 Join us".

Questions? email
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