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Join CALL's Nature-Based Solutions Group for a guided walk to connect with the natural world on April 22nd, Earth Day, 2025.



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*"The miracle is not to walk on water,
the miracle is to walk on the green
earth, dwelling deeply in the present
moment and feeling truly alive".*

Thich Nhat Hanh

Date: April 22, 2025

Location: The Brickworks
550 Bayview Ave, Toronto, ON

Time: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Meet: In front of Picnic Café at The Brickworks

Join us for a serene nature meditation walk, where we will cultivate mindfulness and immerse ourselves in the tranquility and beauty of nature.

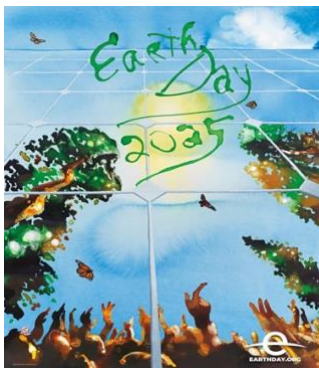
What to bring: comfortable walking shoes, water, and dress appropriately for the weather.

Optional: After the walk, stay and have lunch or a snack at The Picnic Café.

We look forward to sharing this peaceful journey with you!
Judy Sheridan and JoAnne Hunter

CALL Interest group meetings

The theme for Earth Day 2025 is **Our Power, Our Planet**, inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030.



The official Earth Day poster

Advocacy Interest Group

Next meeting

Wednesday, April 16, 2025
10:00 am – 11:30 am on Zoom

The Advocacy group will discuss actions we can take to support Earth Day's theme of tripling renewable energy by 2030.

We will also continue to discuss the key issues in Election 2025, the major parties' platforms as they emerge and how we can support climate action.

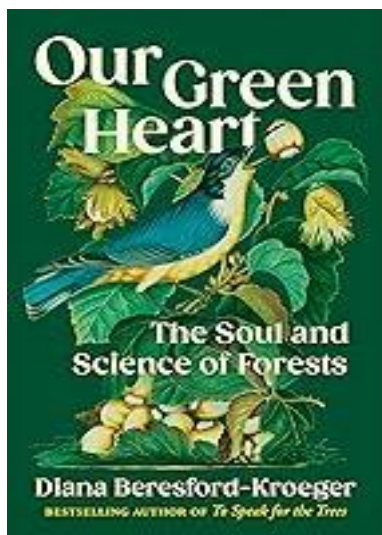
[**CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING**](#)

Individual Action Group

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (except Dec, Jul and Aug).

The group is not meeting in April.
Please enjoy the Earth Day events taking place this month.

Book review by CALL supporter, Jane Cousens



By Diana Beresford-Kroeger
2024 Random House Canada

This heartfelt book, full of wisdom and insight, captures the intrinsic powers and scientific complexity of forests and trees.

Dr. Diana Beresford-Kroeger combines insights from her Celtic Druid heritage and youth in Southern Ireland with a lifetime of scientific research. The result is a 200-page book infused with compassion and wonder and based on her highly technical foundation in botany and medical biochemistry.

Although heavy on the science, her story is compelling. She conveys a sense of hopefulness and presents practical proposals and modern-day solutions to the threats to our forests - solutions that are based on the intrinsic inherent powers of the trees themselves.

Climate articles and reports

Biodiversity at the Brink

By Lucero González

March 24, 2025

Published by the Wilderness Committee, based in Vancouver



Barren-Ground Caribou
Canada's endangered species

[YouTube](#)

Stop species extinction in Canada. Globally, more than a million species are on the brink of extinction. They are disappearing at a rate the earth hasn't seen in more than 10 million years. Canada has a species at risk law, it has science, it has international commitments to protect biodiversity, it has the economic means to protect biodiversity. Yet over 5,000 species remain at risk nationally, with more added each year.

[READ](#) the report, Biodiversity at the Brink.

TAKE ACTION Write a letter to the government urging your MP to ensure the prompt implementation of the *Nature Accountability Act* -- it must be a legal responsibility. The *Act* would ensure every government, no matter its political stripe, follows through on Canada's commitments to halt biodiversity loss and protect 30 per cent of lands and waters by 2030."

Electro-shock': Could Trump tariffs energize ambitions for a trans-Canada power grid?

By Darius Snieckus for Canada's National Observer

March 26, 2025.



Tangled Web: Canada's electricity network is made up of 166,000kms of high-voltage transmission lines, but most interconnections are between the US states (Handout: Electricity Canada)

Facing a tariff crisis, we have seen the oil and gas industry take advantage of national security concerns with calls to fast-track new fossil fuel projects in Canada.

The Energy East pipeline is often mentioned. It was cancelled in 2017 for a variety of financial and regulatory reasons, including objections from Quebec, although Pierre Poilievre regularly blames the Liberals for not building pipelines.

But there is a nation building alternative to an east-west pipeline. As Darius Snieckus writes in the National Observer: "There's a cheaper, greener alternative that's been debated for decades which could be built in five years."

The David Suzuki Foundation found in their study, [Shifting power – Zero-emissions electricity across Canada by 2035](#) that a Canada-wide power 'backbone' could be laid for roughly the same price as the initial estimate for the cancelled \$24 billion East-West pipeline – a project some analysts estimated could have doubled in cost during construction.

[READ](#) the National Observer article discussing a trans-Canada electricity grid.

Effective measures to reduce carbon emissions 	Mr. Poilievre's campaign against carbon pricing has been a central part of his political messaging for several years. Until Prime Minister Carney indicated that he would also end the consumer price, Mr. Poilievre was unclear on how he would deal with the industrial pricing system. He now intends to repeal the entire carbon pricing law. For a discussion about the implications of this policy direction, see the Canadian Climate Institute's analysis which finds that "Industrial carbon pricing is the most important policy Canada has for cutting carbon pollution and creating a competitive economy. Industrial carbon pricing systems—if maintained—would do more than any other policy to cut emissions between now and 2030." See these two resources for more on the industrial carbon pricing systems: ▪ <u>FACT SHEET:</u> Five things to know about Canada's industrial carbon pricing systems. ▪ <u>CBC's What on Earth:</u> March 30 BONUS: Election time! Let's talk about that other carbon tax.
The Global Energy Review 2025 International Energy Agency (IEA) March 24, 2025	In its Global Energy Review, the IEA finds that growth in global energy demand surged in 2024 to almost twice recent demand. However, according to the report, an increased supply of renewables and natural gas is covering the majority of these additional needs. <u>READ</u>

In case you missed Re.Climate's excellent March 20 webinar on the root causes of affordability and how to best message the solutions	
"Is affordability messaging the solution to energy unaffordability?" 	Watch the <u>recording</u> of the webinar. ▪ Follow along with the webinar presentation decks from: <u>Re.Climate</u> and the <u>Centre for Future Work</u> Read the featured reports from Re.Climate's webinar: ▪ <u>Building a social mandate for climate action: A technical report for communicating affordability</u> (Re.Climate) ▪ <u>Counting the costs: Impacts of the 2022 oil price shock for Canadian consumers and workers</u> (Centre for Future Work)

Upcoming climate events

April 4 at 4:00 pm (in person and Zoom) Paul Cadario Centre, University College, 15 King's College Circle	Toronto Climate Action Network (TCAN) The Environmental Governance Lab presents: Meeting the moment. This panel discussion with climate politics scholars will work through what to do around climate change amid the North American and global chaos. <u>REGISTER</u>
April 7 at 2:00 pm (online)	Climate Legacy and Ontario Horticultural Assoc. Gardening for the planet: an afternoon with author Lorraine Johnson. Learn how to make your garden more resilient to our changing climate and make it a space that supports local biodiversity. <u>REGISTER</u>
April 26 Save the date! Details will follow shortly	Seniors for Climate Toronto is planning an outdoor event for all the family. The event will focus on a future that eliminates carbon emissions, provides the necessities of life, (clean air, clean water, good health, affordable housing, a job with a living wage) and justice for Indigenous People. See the Seniors For Climate map showing events across Canada: <u>Seniors for Climate - Days of Action Interactive Map - Google My Maps</u>
April 29 at 2:00 pm (online)	Seniors for Climate Action Now! (SCAN!) Decarbonizing buildings in Ontario – Part 1. Learn how heat pumps and thermal network technology work and what their strengths and limitations are. <u>REGISTER</u>
May 5 at 2:00 pm (online)	Seniors for Climate Action Now! (SCAN!) Decarbonizing buildings in Ontario – Part 2. Learn about the technologies used to decarbonize new and existing buildings in Ontario. <u>REGISTER</u>

Take action

Reduce reliance on fossil fuels and ramp up renewable energy

Environmental Defence Canada

Send a message to Mayor Olivia Chow and Toronto's Technical Working Group that the city needs to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels and ramp up renewable energy generation as soon as possible to meet net-zero emissions by 2040. [**TAKE ACTION**](#)

Shift away from gas-fired electricity generation and build up renewable energy

Ontario Clean Air Alliance

Stand up for Ontario! Ask our provincial leaders to bolster Ontario's energy independence to protect our security and our economy. Ontario needs to rapidly shift away from gas-fired electricity generation by building up its own significant renewable energy potential and by working with other provinces to create a strong east-west grid. [**TAKE ACTION**](#)

Federal election 2025



Come to the Advocacy meeting on April 16 to discuss the key issues, the parties' platforms and how you can take action.

[See Seniors for Climate](#) resources:

- Do's and don'ts for federal elections for not-for-profits
- Questions for candidates

Get Strategic:

- See [Vote Well](#) – a tool to help you understand where strategic voting would “unsplit” the vote between progressive parties to allow a victory by a climate-sincere candidate.
- For up-to-date polling data see [338canada.com](#).

Celebrating CALL's 5th anniversary



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CALL's leadership team

Volunteer with CALL

CALL is fuelled by the energy and passion of our volunteers. We hope you will consider volunteering with us. Here a few of the many things you could do:

- Join the Program Committee and help organize monthly learning meetings
- Help edit the monthly newsletter – select and publish newsletter content
- Get involved with one of the interest groups and help organize discussions and activities

To volunteer, contact: Membership@climatelearners.ca

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[Click here](#) to go to the Small Change Fund website. Donors to our Small Change Fund project will receive a charitable tax receipt.

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