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## CALL's May interest group meetings

**Advocacy Interest Group meeting**
Wednesday, May 14, 2025
10:00 am – 11:30 am on Zoom

The group will discuss top priorities the new federal government should undertake.

See the list of suggested background reading for this meeting on page 3 under "A new chapter begins for the Canadian climate change conversation."

**CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING**

**Individual Action Group meeting**
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
**Note new start time: and date 1:30 pm ET, May 13**

This will be an in-person meeting to discuss the future of the Individual Action Group.

Please register at **membership@climatelearners.ca** for the location of the meeting. For further information, send an email to the above address.

## Save the date for CALL' s June learning meeting

Dr. Martin Bush

**Join us for CALL's June learning meeting**

**Climate change in Canada: Taking action**

Wednesday, June 18, 2025
10:00 – 11:30 am ET on Zoom
with Dr. Martin Bush

Dr. Bush is a chemical engineer with post-graduate work in protected landscape management. He studied climate issues and solutions with Vice-President Al Gore's Climate Reality Project (CRP) which trains and mobilizes people as CRP leaders to work for just climate solutions that speed the global transition from dirty fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Bush as he talks about the impacts of climate change in Canada and reviews what we can do to act – at a personal level, at a community level and at municipal, provincial and federal levels.

**REGISTER HERE**

## Webinar of interest

ClimateAccess
Sharing What Works

Climate Access is a U.S.-based organization that serves a global membership in close partnership with Carleton's Re.Climate.

Join Climate Access

**Combatting false climate narratives**

Tuesday, May 6, 2025
11 am PT/2 pm ET

A timely webinar exploring how to effectively counter climate mis-/disinformation in this increasingly polarized and high-stakes political environment. Panelists will share strategies to:

- Debunk false claims and reframing the conversation
- Leverage trusted messengers to reach misinformed audiences
- Mobilize diverse coalitions to build resilience against disinformation
- Navigate censorship and platform manipulation

**REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR HERE**

The webinar is exclusive for Climate Access members. If you are not a Climate Access member, you can **APPLY HERE**.

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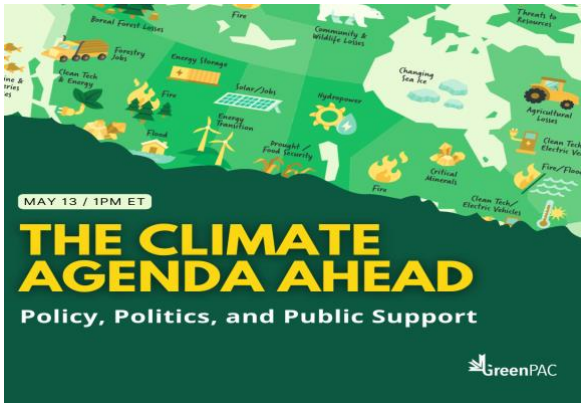



Join GreenPac

**The climate agenda ahead**

**policy, politics and public support**

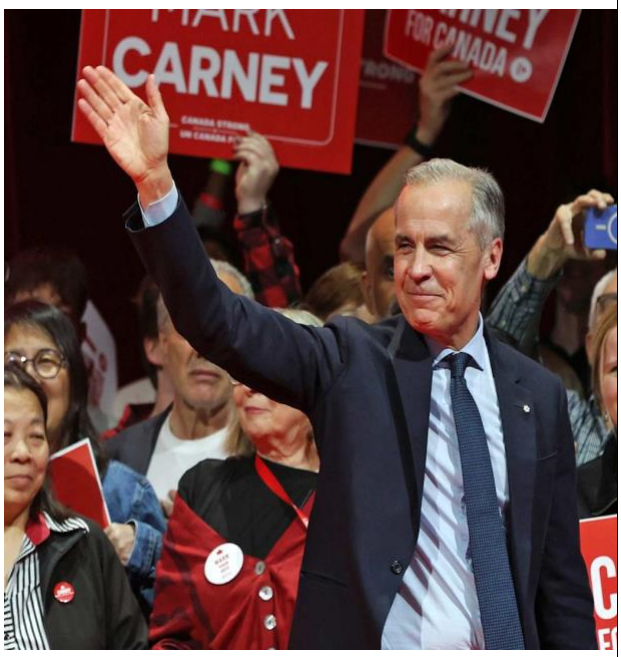
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
1:00 pm ET

What's the path forward for climate action in Canada and how do we build the public support needed to sustain it during turbulent times?

Join an expert panel to unpack what lies ahead for climate leadership on the federal stage.

**REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR HERE**

## A new chapter begins for the Canadian climate change conversation




Carney has a climate background and comes to power with existing climate policies put into place by the Liberal government under Justin Trudeau.

Groups like CALL will now have to keep the pressure on the new government to see that platform measures are implemented; previous commitments are strengthened; and the government "thinks big" on climate change.

Here are background articles with advice on top priorities for the government going forward:

**READ** "Made-in-Canada Climate Solutions: 2025 Election Priorities: from the Climate Action Network Canada.

**READ** the blog by Rick Smith from the Canadian Climate Institute on three ways the next Canadian government can make effective progress on climate change.

**READ** the opinion piece by Rick Smith and Peter Nicholson on what Prime Minister Carney needs to focus on for Canada's climate and energy future.

**READ** Time's article "It's time for Canada's Mark Carney to think big on climate, experts say".

## Appendix: Highlights from the Liberal government's climate platform

### Clean energy

- Build out Canada's east-west electricity grid.
- Speed up the approval of clean energy projects while upholding environmental rigour and Indigenous rights.

### Industry and carbon pricing

- Improve the Output-Based Pricing System (OBPS) for large industrial emitters and establish a long-term signal to lock in investments.
- Develop a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism to ensure the competitiveness of Canada's most energy-intensive, trade-exposed sectors.
- Seek ways for large emitters to support consumer adoption of green technologies and retrofits, such as heat pumps and electric vehicles.
- Become a world leader in carbon removal and sequestration technology.

### Transportation

- High-speed rail between Windsor and Québec City.
- Expand Canada's electric vehicle (EV) charging network by supporting the building of thousands of new stations by 2027. Consider reintroducing $5,000 EV rebate.

### Buildings

- Fund home retrofits and make it easier for low- and middle-income households, including renters, to adopt heat pumps and energy efficiency upgrades.
- Prioritize sustainable building including sustainably sourced wood, recycled content, and low-emissions materials.
- Help families protect against floods, wildfires, and other extreme weather events by funding adaptation measures like roof repairs or replacement, installing a sump pump, or sealing foundation cracks.
- Phase out fossil fuel in government-owned buildings by 2030.

### Finance and other

- Establish a Youth Climate Corps pilot to provide paid skills training for young Canadians.
- Move forward on six major investment tax credits (ITCs) that support clean energy and technology — the carbon capture, utilization, and storage ITC, clean technology ITC, clean electricity ITC, clean hydrogen ITC, clean technology manufacturing ITC, and electric vehicle supply chain ITC.
- Support carbon contracts to derisk investments in the clean economy.

## An east-west electricity grid: The backbone of the energy transition

With the Liberal government promising an east-west grid, here are two YouTube videos that describe the importance of a grid.

**The power grid: Last week tonight with John Oliver (2021)**
Here is John Oliver's humorous take on the current state of the US power grid, and why it needs fixing.
**WATCH**

Listen to energy journalist Markham Hislop's interview with Scott Jansen, electrical engineer and power grid expert. They discuss the integration of the grid and the best option to trade electricity east and west within Canada. **WATCH**

## Climate news

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| Clean Energy Canada | **The world next door**<br>This new report analyzes the climate policies of Canada's 10 largest non-U.S. trading partners, finding that all are building clean economies. Aligning our Canadian economy with this new reality means building trade alliances beyond the U.S., where clean equals competitive. **READ** |
| Canada's National Observer | **Chris Hatch**<br>As towns burn and reefs bleach, whither are we bound? **READ** |
| CP24 | **New climate institute launched at University of Toronto with $60M gift.**<br>The interdisciplinary Lawson Climate Institute is expected to focus on sustainable technologies, climate policy and efforts to turn the campuses into "living labs" with real-world experiments on new climate solutions. **READ** |
| BBC | **Earth as seen from outer space**<br>How 50 years of climate change has changed the face of the "Blue Marble" from space. **READ** |
| David Suzuki Science Matters | **Diversity is essential to all life**<br>From individuals to ecosystems to Earth as a whole, diversity builds strength and resilience. Interrelated systems most adapted to changing conditions endure, and in species, traits most likely to ensure survival are passed down. **READ** |
| Pavegen | **Powering the world with footsteps**<br>This U.K. startup, with operations in nine countries, developed technology that turns the kinetic energy from footsteps into electricity. Time to get out your walking shoes! **WATCH** |

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| Seniors for Climate | **Later is too late**<br>This documentary 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 solution.<br>**WATCH** |

| **Take action** | |
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| Ontario Climate Emergency | This is our moment to demand urgent climate actions from all political leaders that we need a safe and healthy world while protecting Canada from US threats today and for future generations. The election is over, but this campaign continues after the election. **TAKE ACTION** |
| Ontario Clean Energy Alliance | We need to increase Ontario's energy independence by investing in made-in-Ontario renewable energy instead of American fracked gas or risky American reactors and enriched uranium fuel. Ask our provincial leaders to bolster Ontario's energy independence to protect our security and our economy. **TAKE ACTION** |
| Change.org | Save the Endangered Species Act of Ontario. Tell the Ford government that species and environmental protection is not the enemy of economic development, rather it is an agreement of co-operation and consideration. **TAKE ACTION** |

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