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There won't be a newsletter or interest group meeting in July and August. We will be back in September and look forward to seeing you then. Have a great summer.

CALL's Wednesday, June 18 learning meeting



Join us for the June 18 learning meeting on Climate change in Canada: Taking action

10:00 – 11:30 am ET on Zoom
with Dr. Martin Bush

We are excited to welcome Dr. Martin Bush who will speak on the impact of climate change in Canada and what we can do to act.

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.

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Interest group meetings

TOPIC: Ten things you can do now to reduce your carbon footprint.

To receive a reminder prior to the meeting, RSVP to:
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Individual Action Group

Next meeting

Tuesday, June 10

10:00 am – 11:30 am ET on Zoom

As we plan for summer and a more relaxed schedule, we will discuss some simple steps to green our lifestyle.

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Photo from the Canadian Climate Institute's 440 Megatonnes Tracking Canada's climate policy progress

Advocacy Interest Group

Next meeting

Wednesday, June 25 (**Note the date**)

10:00 am – 11:30 am ET on Zoom

Carbon pricing has lost broad public support despite studies by the Canadian Climate Institute and other expert policy groups showing that strengthening, particularly industrial carbon pricing, is THE most effective policy in fighting pollution. Can we communicate more effectively so we don't lose one of the most effective tools in our tool kit. Step 1 is to learn more about how industrial pricing works.

Join us to learn about and discuss this topic on the 25th. As background, read the 101 on industrial carbon pricing below.

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September 20: Participate in a Global Day of Action at Queen's Park



CALL is a Seniors for Climate sponsor and is participating in what is promising to be an important Global Day of Action on Climate and Biodiversity. Planning is already well underway for a rally at Queen's Park.

Save the Date: Saturday, September 20 and watch for more details over the summer.

Industrial carbon pollution pricing 101: Advocacy meeting background



Photo from the Canadian Climate Institute's FACT SHEET:
Five things to know about Canada's industrial carbon pricing systems

WHAT IS CARBON PRICING, A.K.A. THE CARBON TAX?

According to the [World Bank Group](#) carbon pricing can be one of the most powerful tools to help countries reduce emissions. Canada introduced carbon pricing on June 21, 2018. Under the [Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act \(GGPPA\)](#), the federal carbon pricing system has two parts:

- Part 1 is a pollution price on fuels like gasoline and natural gas known as the fuel charge or consumer carbon tax. This part of the Act was effectively repealed on March 14, 2025, when the federal government announced that the fuel charge under Canada's carbon pricing system will be \$0 as of April 1, 2025. The rebates funded by the tax will also disappear. Although gasoline prices will drop, without new incentives to encourage a switch to heat pumps and other energy-efficient upgrades, the energy transition will slow.
- Part 2 is a pollution price for industry known as the [Output-Based Pricing System \(OBPS\)](#) or large-emitter trading systems (LETS). On March 14, the federal government also announced that it will be considering broader amendments to the GGPPA focussed on industrial pricing. The review will consider opportunities to strengthen industrial carbon markets so that they deliver incentives needed for major decarbonization projects across industry.

HOW DOES INDUSTRIAL PRICING WORK AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The Output-based Pricing System (OBPS) in Canada is designed to reduce GHG emissions while maintaining competitiveness for certain industries. Provinces and territories must meet certain minimal national standards when choosing the pricing system that best fits their situation. The key features of the federal OBPS are:

- **Targeted industries:** The OBPS primarily applies to large industrial facilities in sectors like oil and gas, cement, and steel, which are significant GHG emitters.
- **Performance standards:** Each facility is assigned a performance standard based on its sector, which sets a limit on emission per unit of output.

- **Credits and compliance:** Facilities that emit less than their performance standard earn credits, which can be sold or banked. Those exceeding the standard must purchase credits to cover their excess emissions.
- **Revenue use:** Funds generated from the sale of credits can be reinvested into clean technology and innovation initiatives.

The [Suzuki Foundation](#) points out that industrial pricing is the most effective tool for driving down emissions. It is projected to deliver 20 to 48 per cent of national emissions reductions by 2030. And it's fair. The "polluter pays" principle ensures that major emitters are responsible for their pollution, incentivizing them to clean up operations. On the jobs front, industrial carbon pricing pushes companies to invest in clean technologies, creating employment in industries including renewable energy, electrification and advanced manufacturing.

As of 2025, [64 countries have implemented some form of carbon pricing](#)—either through carbon taxes, emissions trading systems (ETS), or similar mechanisms. These cover about 20—24% of global GHG emissions. In Canada alone, according to the federal government's website, from 2005 to 2022, the reduction has been the equivalent of removing 16.5 million gas powered cars from the roads for one year, or the energy-based emissions from about 12.6 million homes for one year.

Industrial pricing is also a key part of Canada's ability to compete in global markets. The EU has implemented a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, which applies to goods from countries that fail to price pollution. Weakening or eliminating industrial carbon pricing would put Canadian exporters at a competitive disadvantage.

However, less than 1% of carbon pricing worldwide has yet to be implemented at or above the range recommended to limit temperature rise to well below 2 degrees C. More has to be done.

Finally, there is support for industrial carbon pricing as the backbone of decarbonization. Industry, business and climate policy wrote an [open letter to provincial ministers of the environment](#) in October, 2024 indicating that they support industrial carbon pricing and urging the government to improve industrial carbon markets.

Further reading:

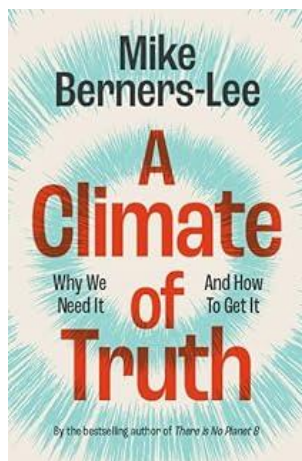
- [The federal government should act decisively to modernize industrial carbon pricing](#), (Canadian Climate Institute, Dale Beugin. 08.05.25) Here the authors note that Canada should enhance enforcement, set clear expectations for future pricing beyond 2030 and support linkages across Canadian to provide more trading options.
- [Industrial carbon pricing explained](#) by Jason Dion and Ross Linden-Fraser from the Canadian Climate Institute.
- [Canada's carbon pricing \(a.k.a. "carbon tax"\) explained](#). See also [Industrial carbon pricing is critical to Canada's economic health and climate action](#). The David Suzuki Foundation

The United Nations: The facts on climate and energy



Most of us would like to better understand some of the basics about climate change. This UN site is worth a visit as it is filled with essential facts. The UN urges you to share these facts, use them and talk about them to help counter mis- and disinformation and to build support for urgent action. See the UN's: What is climate change, myth busters, reports, fast facts and explainers [HERE](#)

Podcasts and YouTube videos



Can we really fix climate change together?

In this YouTube video, Mike Berners-Lee, one of the most respected thinkers on climate sustainability, speaks at the London Business School Alumni.

His latest book is [A climate of truth: Why we need it and how to get it](#). Berners-Lee outlines the “polycrisis” of climate breakdown, biodiversity loss, food insecurity and pollution that we face. He speaks to the main schools of thought that are preventing us from digging out of the hole we have dug for ourselves, but he also speaks to what western society can do to solve our greatest challenge.

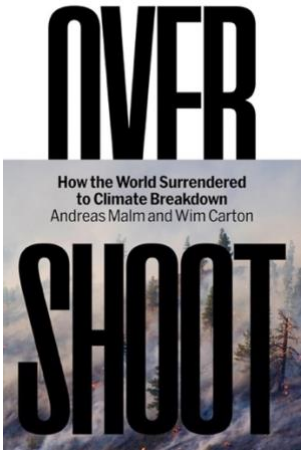
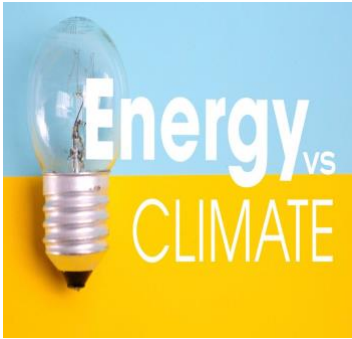
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Towards local action on nature-based climate solutions.

Nature-based climate solutions are actions to protect, sustainably manage, or restore natural ecosystems.

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	Overshoot with Dr. Andreas Malm The first of two interviews with Dr. Andreas Malm. Dr. Malm is an associate professor at Lund University, an activist and the author of 27 books focussed on climate change, capitalism and ecological issues. His most recent book is <u>Overshoot: How the world surrendered to climate breakdown</u>. His most popular book was <u>How to blow up a pipeline</u>. Last year we broke a major climate threshold for the first time: it was the first calendar year in which global average temperatures breached the 1.5-degree Celsius threshold enshrined in the Paris Agreement. Importantly, while one year at this temperature doesn't mean all is lost, it does fire a profound warning shot over our faltering progress on mitigating and adapting to the climate crisis. <u>WATCH</u> on YouTube
	Has the world surrendered to climate breakdown? In this second interview with Dr. Andreas Malm, Energy vs Climate hosts talk to Dr. Malm about his critique of climate inaction—how liberal democracies, fossil capital and the Global North have collectively abandoned meaningful efforts to stop climate breakdown—and what comes next for movement strategy, the ethics and effectiveness of disruption and what kind of climate action might actually work in the next crucial decade. <u>WATCH</u> on YouTube <u>LISTEN</u> on Apple podcasts
	The simplest climate solution: Let the trees grow. The temperate rainforests of the West Coast exist because of salmon magic. These fish feed the trees, the trees protect the fish, and everything else that lives under the canopy of the ancient old-growth benefits from this interplay. Protecting these 'salmon forests' from logging and wildfires can have enormous benefits for human life and the climate, according to author Lynda Mapes whose new book is called <u>The Trees are Speaking: Dispatches from the Salmon Forests</u>. And CBC speaks to Tsm'syen scientist Sm'hayetsk Teresa Ryan, about why the key to saving what old growth is left in Canada could come down to Indigenous leadership. <u>LISTEN</u> on Apple podcasts.

Climate news, articles and reports

The Energy Mix	4 climate actions for the Carney government's first 100 days. READ
Canadian Climate Institute	Climate action is critical to building a strong, secure economy. Statement on climate and energy priorities from the throne speech. READ
David Suzuki Foundation	Put away pipelines, go with grids. READ
The Energy Mix	Landmark German court ruling could bring corporate climate liability to Canada. READ
Smart Prosperity Institute	It's tough for Canadian farmers to be green if they're in the red. A new partnership explores innovative risk management tools for farmers. READ
The Progress Playbook	Renewable energy surpasses carbon in EU and coal in the US. READ
BBC News	Norway on track to be first to go all-electric. READ
The Energy Mix	Canada's natural capital is a key in the Trump era – but needs a new approach. READ
Ontario Clean Air Alliance	This report examines the real cost of building new nuclear reactors at the Darlington Nuclear Station. READ
Canada's National Observer	Chris Hatch Net Zero. Pensions vs. planet. READ

Upcoming climate events

June 12 (in person) 8:30 – 4:30 pm ET	Partners in Project Green Annual forum at Centennial College – Stories that matter: Building buy-in for a sustainable future. MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER
June 18-19 (online) 1:00 - 3:00 pm ET on both days	Canadian Climate Institute – 2025 Indigenous Perspectives Roundtable The fifth annual two-day series of round table discussions showcasing Indigenous-led research and policy responding to climate change. MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER

Take action

Toronto Environmental Alliance	Ontario's Bill 17, if passed, could permanently eliminate the City of Toronto's Toronto Green Standard — the City's green building standard for new developments across Toronto and the City will lose one of its strongest existing tools to cut emissions and protect residents from the effects of climate change. Tell the Province that we need climate-safe buildings - not more profits for developers. ACT NOW
Nature Conservancy Canada	Join the movement for nature! How small acts create big results. Choose your small act and join a Canada-wide conservation movement. ACT NOW

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