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The Advocacy and Individual Interest Groups are meeting together on November 18



Join the Advocacy and Individual Interest Group for a Discussion on the Climate Implications of the Upcoming Federal Budget

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 18 at 10:00 AM ET on Zoom

The second federal budget from the Carney government will be released on the 5th of November. Join us for a discussion on what this budget means for the climate and on the status of the government's climate policy.

CLICK HERE to join the Zoom meeting on the 18th. Advance registration is not required.



Upcoming

The 2026 UN Climate Change Conference (COP31) will take place from November 9-20 in Antalya, Turkey.

Main Focus Areas: Post-2020 climate finance, clean energy transitions (including proposals to increase electricity's share of global energy), adaptation, loss and damage, forest/deforestation roadmaps, and follow-ups from COP 30.

Join us to hear the latest news on Biodiversity and Climate



Nature in a Changing World
Why Climate, Biodiversity and Our Future Are Inseparable

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 2, at 7 p.m. EST on Zoom

Join us for an exciting viewpoint on nature conservation in a changing world.

Fresh from participating in the 2026 UN Biodiversity Conference, COP 17, in Armenia, and the UN Climate Change Conference, COP31, in Türkiye, **Dawn Carr of the Nature Conservancy of Canada** will offer an insider's perspective on a rapidly changing conservation landscape.

Dawn Carr is Director of Strategic Conservation with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), where she works at the intersection of conservation, public policy and partnerships to advance solutions for nature in Canada and internationally.

Register here

Here are highlights from theFederal Governments' recently introduced policy "A Force of Nature: Canada's Strategy to Protect Nature"



As background for the meeting on December 2 with **Dawn Carr,** Director of Strategic Conservation with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), here are highlights from the government's key policy document on protecting nature.

The document was introduced on March 31, 2026. It aims to connect nature protection, economic growth and long-term investment within one national strategy.

- The policy's central goal is to protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030, while supporting responsible infrastructure development and attracting more investment in conservation.
- Backed by approximately $3.8 million in investment.
- Aims to halt and reverse biodiversity loss while integrating conservation into economic policy and development.
- A pledge made along with 195 countries at the 2022 UN biodiversity conference.
- Positions nature protection as foundational to public well-being and the economy.

THE THREE PILLARS OF THE STRATEGY

Pillar 1: Protecting Nature in Canada

Conservation must extend beyond traditional national parks.

- Protect 30% of land, freshwater, oceans and wildlife habitat from approx. 14% at the time of the strategy.
- Increase marine conservation from approximately 15.5% to 28% by 2030, progressing toward the 30% goal.
- Establish new protected areas, including: Up to 10 new national parks, 15 new urban parks, up to 10 new marine conservation areas, and up to 14 new marine protected areas.
- Fund Indigenous Guardians programs and Indigenous-led stewardship, which help Indigenous communities care for and monitor their traditional territories.
- Restore forests, peatlands, wetlands and other important habitats.

Pillar 2: Valuing Nature and Mobilizing Capital

Canada to build major infrastructure and resource projects to grow its economy while reducing damage to nature by protecting ecosystems and wildlife.

- Treat nature as a core economic asset.
- Mobilize private capital alongside public funding to close the nature financing gap.
- Use improved environmental mapping and scientific data to identify important wildlife habitat and biodiversity hotspots.
- Strengthen recovery programs for species at risk.
- Develop a National Water Strategy to protect freshwater ecosystems and ensure reliable access to clean safe drinking water.
- Use nature-based solutions such as wetlands and forests to help reduce flooding, improve climate resilience and protect communities.

Pillar 3: Valuing Nature and Mobilizing Capital

Government funding alone is not sufficient to meet Canada's conservation goals. Increase financing available for conservation by bringing private investors and businesses into the effort.

- Recognize that healthy ecosystems have substantial economic value, including clean water, carbon storage, flood protection, food production and wildlife habitat.
- Use public funding to encourage additional investment from businesses, financial institutions and other private sector partners.
- Launch the **Canada Nature Protection Fund** to support and attract further private investments.

Take Action

SIGN THE PLUG-IN-SOLAR FOR CANADA PETITION



PLUG IN.
POINT UP.
POWER ON.

Efforts to investigate the legalization of plug-in solar panels are making headway in Ontario. At the end of October, the NDP introduced a private members bill and a national group has been formed to advocate and inform Canadians about this clean affordable energy source.

Plug-in-solar is widely available in Germany and has been introduced in Utah and 9 other states. Those jurisdictions allow you to buy solar panel kits on-line, in the hardware store, or even at IKEA and install them in minutes. For a deep dive into how these jurisdictions legalized the use of plug-in panels, check out these sites:

- Here is an excellent **white paper** from German PIPV Association on how they legalized their use.
- Info on US advocacy efforts can be found at **Bright Saver.**

Sign the petition and check out information on progress. **Here is a link** to the national group's website.



Bill C-39 is a 250-page Federal Government omnibus bill that, among other things, allows individual ministers of the government to overrule environmental law, Indigenous sovereignty, and labour law when they deem a project to be in the "national interest".

For information on how to raise concerns about Bill C-39 on November 12 and other events across the country, **check here.**

Climate Conversations worth listening to



"The case for climate optimism" is a conversation between Chris Turner, an award-winning author and Max Fawcett from Canada's National Observer.

They discuss why clean technologies are spreading faster than expected, and places where climate policy isn't driving the change.

They also examine what Canada's carbon tax debate has taught us, whether Mark Carney can deliver on climate action and why selling people on the immediate benefits of clean technology may be more effective than warning them about the future.

Watch the YouTube interview **here.**

Join our newsletter team!

Here is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about climate change while working with a great team. The time commitment is modest—typically **two to three** hours a month. We are looking for someone who is comfortable using Microsoft Word and would enjoy proofreading and formatting the final newsletter, as well as contributing to content. If you're interested, we'd love to hear from you**.**

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