

2020 WINS

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT





THANK YOU

Last year was like no other.

Around the world, humanity collectively acted to address the COVID-19 pandemic. We supported front line workers — and each other. We put on masks, stayed physically distant and slowed our frenetic pace.

Greenhouse gas emissions dropped as people flew and drove less. Polluted skies and waters cleared. Nature rejoiced.

Despite the difficulties, the tens of thousands of caring supporters in our community — who make everything here possible — stood with us through it all. You read, shared, discussed, petitioned, spoke up, joined and donated. *Thank you.*

Your enduring generosity and refusal to give up makes us strong, credible and resilient. With your help, we marked 30 years as an organization in 2020. Our policy successes, public engagement accomplishments — *our very existence* — are because of you.

This report highlights just a few of the many achievements you helped make possible in 2020.

You stood behind 15 young people in a lawsuit claiming their rights to a safe and healthy future, and calling on the federal government to develop and pass a climate emergency recovery plan.

You powered a guide to help residents work with municipal councils to achieve much-needed climate targets.

You supported a growing movement for a *green* and *just* post-pandemic recovery that pushes Canada to restore and conserve the natural systems that are critical to human well-being and invest in a safer, sustainable future.

You helped argue Canada’s right, in a climate emergency, to apply an effective national approach to climate policy — including a national price on carbon pollution — in the Supreme Court.

You supported scores of volunteer Butterflyway Rangers planting highways of habitat to feed and shelter essential pollinators.

You convinced government to shut down salmon farms that threaten wild salmon populations.

You built an online organizing platform to mobilize and support a wave of grassroots groups, so they can advance environmental solutions and protect nature in their communities.

These are your wins. And they show how when we work together — even in the face of multiple crises — we can achieve real results toward a sustainable future.

Thank you again for your trust and support. Together, we’re working to protect nature’s diversity and the well-being of all life, now and for the future, and helping people in Canada act every day on the understanding that we are one with nature.

When we face crises, collective action matters more than ever.

I look forward to our continued partnership in 2021.

Ian Bruce, Acting Executive Director

WELCOME SEVERN CULLIS-SUZUKI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“COVID-19 has reawakened societies to some stark realities. That nature is the bottom line. That science and information are crucial to our survival. That we are all connected. And that we have agency — each of our actions matter. These are all tenets of the David Suzuki Foundation. And this is why I believe this organization can play a critical role in our transformation from an unjust, carbon economy to one of clean energy, justice and well-being. This is a moment for all of us to step up and help shift humanity toward survival. I’m going to do all I can to contribute.”

~SEVERN CULLIS-SUZUKI

We’re thrilled to announce that Severn Cullis-Suzuki — environmental activist, speaker, television host, author and long-time Foundation board member — will formally begin her role as our executive director in September 2021.

Daughter to Tara Cullis and David Suzuki, Severn became an environmental activist as a child, organizing with classmates and speaking publicly to decision-makers, asking them to act to protect the future, and to make their actions reflect their words.

Since then, she has continued as an advocate and communicator for intergenerational justice, calling on all institutions and individuals to address climate change and humanity’s role in the sixth mass extinction.

Severn joins us from Haida Gwaii, where she has been deeply engaged

with her Haida family, elders and younger generations in efforts toward continuation of the Haida language.

Living close to the land on Haida Gwaii, she sees clearly that Earth’s climate is drastically changing. She knows it’s time for “all hands on deck” and joins the Foundation to continue the fight for social and ecological justice, and for a transformation to a just, post-carbon economy.



2020 WINS CLIMATE

“The COVID-19 crisis is going to pass. And when it does, we cannot go on the way we were before the crisis hit. We have to take the warnings that came out, and begin to act.”

DAVID SUZUKI

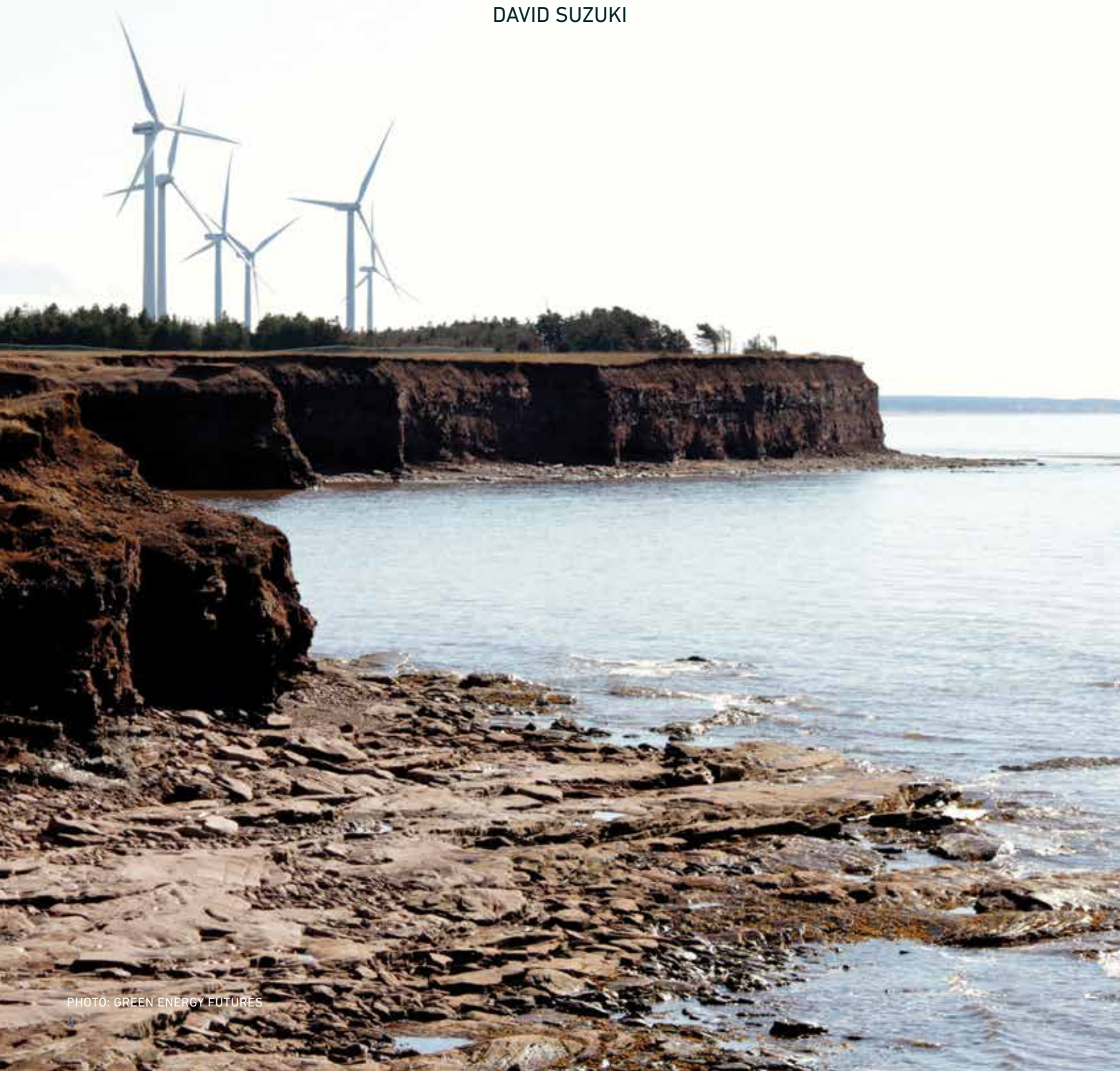


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PHOTO: ROBIN LOZNAK

GIVING YOUTH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A LIFETIME

In fall 2020, you helped make it possible for 15 young people to head to Canada’s Federal Court. Their goal: force urgent and effective climate action.

The youth plaintiffs are desperately concerned about the world they’re inheriting. They’re too young to vote. They have no say in the political decisions made today that will affect all their tomorrows. The courts are their only recourse.

The *La Rose et al* case argues that the federal government is violating the plaintiffs’ rights to life, liberty and security of the person and that Canada’s conduct violates their rights to equality, since the climate crisis disproportionately affects them.

Impacts they experience include coastal erosion destroying family property, asthma worsened by wildfire smoke, illness transmitted by insects whose ranges have been expanded by global heating, and crippling anxiety about the dying planet.

On October 27, Justice Michael D. Manson ruled their case would need

to be heard in a higher court before proceeding to trial. He said the questions raised “are so political that the Courts are incapable or unsuited to deal with them.”

The young plaintiffs are disappointed but determined. And so are we.

Climate disruption is NOT just a political issue. *It’s a matter of survival.*

These climate champions remain steadfastly determined. Your generosity in 2020 helped amplify their voices. Your continued support will back their next step: the Federal Court of Appeal.

“If courts can’t rule in favour of justice, then who can?” asked Albert, one of the plaintiffs.

It’s a long road ahead. But with your help, we’ll continue to support these young people. Their future depends on it.

More than 6,800 members of our community sent heartfelt messages of support to these brave young people. Add yours here: davidssuzuki.org/action/support-la-rose-youth-climate-lawsuit-plaintiffs/.

“Whatever happens, we will not make it possible for them to keep threatening our ability to live. There is just no other option.”

ALBERT

“I’m concerned for my future, the future of the world and the future of Canada if we continue to act like we are now. I need this case to continue for the safety of all the young people in Canada. But this case is not over. We young people will never stop fighting for our future.”

SADIE

“We won’t be dissuaded. I, along with my co-plaintiffs, will continue to fight for the charter rights of all Canadian and Indigenous youth to hold Canada accountable.”

SOPHIA

HELPING PEOPLE CREATE CLIMATE-READY MUNICIPALITIES

“What our cities do individually and in unison to address climate change can set the agenda for communities and governments everywhere.”
~ C40 CITIES CLIMATE LEADERSHIP GROUP*

Canada is not on track to meet its commitment to reduce emissions by 50 per cent by 2030. To meet the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s 1.5 C warming limit and avert the worst consequences of global heating, we need far more ambitious action.

The good news: Municipalities are taking action. And you powered a guide to help residents work with their local councils.

Your Voice at the Table: a Guide to Mobilizing Local Government Climate Action will help people:

- Envision the future they want for their community.
- Learn about the big solutions that will help reduce emissions.
- Understand how local governments work and how to work with them.
- Connect with like-minded climate advocates where they live.
- Stay inspired with stories from communities throughout Canada.

About 80 per cent of people in Canada live in municipalities, which have

influence over about 50 per cent of the country’s emissions.

Residents’ voices are powerful. Elected council members are responsible to their constituents. Thanks to you, this online guide will help connect like-minded people so they can work together.

**The 97 C40 Cities represent more than 700 million people and one-quarter of the global economy. Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal are members.*



PHOTO: MALKEET SANDHU



PROMOTING A PANDEMIC RECOVERY FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET

COVID-19 sent society into a tailspin. It sickened and killed millions, stressed health-care systems and challenged worldwide economies.

It also unmasked flaws in current systems and spotlighted entrenched social inequalities. It reminded humanity of the connections between economy, health care and nature. And it showed that being prepared, listening to science and acting decisively and early pays off.

As governments worldwide chart their pandemic recovery paths, humanity has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to change course.

You made it possible for us to support pandemic recovery on a scale that will transform our economy and society, to push for changes that will last for generations.

You helped:

- **MOBILIZE A MASS MOVEMENT.** More than 50,000 people used our web platform to send messages to

decision-makers demanding a *green* and *just* post-pandemic recovery.

- **ASK CANADA TO APPLY “GREEN STRINGS” TO SPENDING.** This means measurable plans to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, moving from fossil fuels to renewables and supporting green jobs.

- **FUEL OUR PARTICIPATION IN A JUST RECOVERY FOR ALL.** Its principles include putting people’s health and well-being first, building resilience against future crises and upholding Indigenous rights.

- **LAUNCH A VIRTUAL REALITY CLIMATE CAMPAIGN.** The Green New Bill campaign showed people throughout Canada that \$20 invested in green recovery could be worth \$307.85 in 10 years.

This is just the beginning. In this crisis lies opportunity. If our species acts together for the collective good, we can create a safer, healthier, sustainable Canada and improve resilience for all.



COACHING CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

One of the most important things people can do for the climate crisis is talk about it. But having constructive conversations with people who don’t agree with us without sparking heated debate is hard.

To support effective, constructive climate conversations, you helped create CliMate, a fun, easy, interactive online chatbot that teaches people to listen to each other, build empathy and find common ground.

CliMate is rooted in science and draws on expertise in social and

political psychology. Launched in December 2020, it’s already trained more than 7,000 people online in English. The French version launched in January 2021. It’s also being used in webinar trainings and at in-person events.

While CliMate will help you have less polarized conversations about the climate emergency, it can also be useful for any potentially divisive topics. Check it out here davidsuzuki.org/climate-conversation-coach/.



KICK-STARTING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

You’re supporting innovative thinkers. In addition to the COVID-19 pandemic, the world is facing twin environmental crises: climate change and biodiversity loss. Finding ways to address these crises and put nature at the heart of Canada’s society and economy is an important step toward a sustainable future.

With your help, we’re generating the knowledge and tools to build a resilient, sustainable society with healthy ecosystems at its foundation.

We’re providing science-based guidance for the federal government’s initiatives to plant two billion trees and implement nature-based climate solutions around wetlands and urban forests.

We’re also working with municipal and regional governments on natural infrastructure — understanding the services nature provides in a community, assigning rigorous values to their delivery and managing them as core assets.

Canadian infrastructure is aging, capital and operating costs are rising and growing populations strain service delivery. By accounting for the services nature provides, we can lower demand on aging “grey” infrastructure, often at a lower overall cost and with other benefits (e.g., access to green space, reduced urban heat waves and cleaner air). Natural infrastructure can also store carbon over time, helping to combat climate change.

Changing society to centre on nature means building community and knowledge. We joined more than 230 organizations in an appeal to the prime minister outlining why and how nature must be central to Canada’s COVID-19 recovery.

With your help, we hosted the Nature-Based Climate Solutions Summit in Ottawa in February 2020. It showed that addressing climate change and ecosystem degradation together has great potential.

More than 400 people attended the event — including representatives from government (such as Jonathan Wilkinson, federal minister of environment and climate change), business, academia and conservation and Indigenous groups — to share knowledge and pave the way to solutions. It showcased successful Canadian examples, from wetland protection to natural assets included in municipal infrastructure budgets. And our 95 short videos were viewed more than 126,000 times.

Watch all the presentations here: naturebasedclimatesolutions.ca.

With 28 per cent of Earth’s boreal zone, which includes 25 per cent of the world’s wetlands, Canada is in a unique position to lead on nature-based solutions. We owe it to the world to respect, restore and conserve these landscapes. With your support, we’ll continue pushing government at all levels to commit the funds necessary to meet species protection, climate control and reconciliation goals.



IMAGE: NATURE-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS SUMMIT

WHY NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS MATTER (E.G., FLOODING)

- One in five people in Canada faces some flood risk.
- Almost two million Canadian households are at high flooding risk.
- Canadians shoulder about \$600 million each year in flood-related losses.
- Nature-based solutions are a cost-effective way to control floods while also preserving nature in communities.



FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO PRICE CARBON POLLUTION

Scientists and economists agree: Carbon pricing is a necessary tool to meet international emissions goals and prevent climate disaster.

You made it possible for us to appear in court in three provinces (Saskatchewan, Ontario, Alberta) and at the Supreme Court to support the Government of Canada’s ability to apply effective climate policy solutions at a national scale, including setting a national carbon price.

These cases mark the first times climate change has been discussed in the context of Canada’s Constitution. As references cases, they are among the most important Canadian constitutional challenges in the past several decades.

The Province of Saskatchewan brought the first case, admitting that climate change is a critical issue but objecting to “busybody federalism.” Canada argued that climate change is a national concern and meeting international commitments sits with the federal government. With the fate of the planet at stake, provinces don’t have the ability to address the country as a whole.

We argued through our legal team, led by Ecojustice’s Joshua Ginsberg, that climate change is a national emergency with unprecedented risk to human health, ecosystems and species survival. As with other national emergencies, the federal government must have the ability to respond when the safety of people in Canada is at stake.

We won two of three cases, but in Alberta the court sided with the province. On March 25, 2021, the Supreme Court of Canada affirmed the federal government’s right to implement carbon pricing.

In December, Canada announced a comprehensive climate plan that includes elements you helped promote: home energy retrofits, vehicle fuel efficiency standards, nature-based solutions and a national carbon price increase in the next decade.

Your continuing support will help us push governments at all levels to turn these plans into action.

2020 WINS NATURE

“There is no environment ‘out there’ separate from us. The environment is embedded in us. We are as much a part of our surroundings as the trees and birds and fish, the sky, water and rocks.”

DAVID SUZUKI



PHOTO: TARA MAGEE

REWILDING COMMUNITIES, ONE WILDFLOWER AT A TIME

The Butterflyway Project empowers keen volunteers to bring nature home to their neighbourhoods. While the COVID-19 pandemic presented a challenge, with your help, we were able to grow the project’s reach and impact dramatically in 2020.

During the pandemic:

- We expanded our online training to accommodate 251 new Butterflyway Rangers from 134 communities throughout Canada. They committed to plant pollinator-friendly gardens and recruit friends and neighbours.
- Representatives from 265 schools participated in monthly Butterflyway School webinars.
- More than 18,000 people pledged to create backyard bee habitat as Bee-bnb Superhosts.
- One hundred households in Toronto studied wild bees in their backyards to support University of Toronto Scarborough research.
- B.C.-based community scientists tracked local butterflies with iNaturalist.

• In November, the Musqueam Indian Band agreed to help us commission a Musqueam artist to create an Indigenous pollinator plant map and information booklet. These will include traditional cultural knowledge, stories and Musqueam plant names.

• The year wrapped with the Butterflyway Project winning a 2020 Nature Inspiration Award from the Canadian Museum of Nature.

Butterflyway Rangers planted native wildflowers and encouraged friends and neighbours to join the fun. They hosted physically distanced garden tours and online meetings. They promoted their important work through traditional and social media. They brought scores of new people into the movement. And they celebrated five new Butterflyways (in Calgary, Winnipeg, Collingwood, Halton Hills and Ottawa) and the first Butterflyway recognized by Google Maps (Butterflyway Lane in North Vancouver).

The Butterflyway community continues to grow and blossom. These groups protect pollinators. They also build human connections where they live and educate and inspire others.



PHOTO: WINNIE HWO

BUTTERFLYWAYS BLOOM FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA TO THE MARITIMES

A Butterflyway is a corridor of wildflower patches through a neighbourhood. From a pollinator’s perspective, it’s a highway of habitat. Butterflyway Rangers’ work provides food and shelter for essential wildlife like birds, bees and butterflies.

This map includes Butterflyway Rangers and Butterflyway Schools in 2020. Check for Rangers and schools in your community.



PHOTO: JEN MILES



CELEBRATING VICTORIES FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE

In September, Quebec reached its goal of 10 per cent marine protected areas. **You helped power the countless videos, postcards, petitions, emails and sailing and diving trips that made this win possible.**

In December, oil exploration company Corridor Resources finally dropped its proposal to drill the Old Harry well site off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador. **With your help, we fought this project since 2008, along with scientists, Indigenous leaders and members of coastal communities.** It’s been a long battle. In 2010, seismic blasting — which makes life difficult for species that use sound to navigate — was permitted *while endangered blue whales were migrating in the area!* Despite our protests, the licence to drill was extended in 2017. **Now this fight is won!**

These are victories for threatened fish and beluga whales, endangered North Atlantic right whales, sea turtles and



other life in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence River estuary, as well as fisheries and tourism industries.

But optimal marine protection comes from networks, not just isolated areas. Further protections must enforce ways to reduce noise, impose shipping speed limits, curb boat traffic volume and preclude any industrial resource exploration or extraction.

With your support, we’ll continue pushing for measures to protect the St. Lawrence and all of Canada’s rich marine heritage, from coast to coast to coast.

SAFEGUARDING ÁTL’KA7TSEM/HOWE SOUND

The glistening body of water people marvel at as they travel the Sea-to-Sky Highway from West Vancouver to Whistler, B.C., is more than just visually stunning. It’s teeming with life — glass sponge reefs, eelgrass beds, salmon-bearing streams, dolphins, orcas and humpback whales.

With your help, we created a conservation map of the ecologically rich fiord in Squamish traditional territory: Átl’ka7tsem/Howe Sound. On March 5 — just before Canada implemented COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings — you helped us host an event to show it off.

The map features more than 140 layers of data, ranging from estuaries to shipping routes, herring spawning grounds

to log-sorting sites. It also uses computer modelling to highlight marine biodiversity hot spots and recommends 34 candidate areas for protection and management.

Combined with outreach to community groups, the map helps promote the next stage of Átl’ka7tsem/Howe Sound’s remarkable marine rebirth. After decades of pollution from mining, pulp and paper and other industries that pushed many species to the brink, marine life is once again burgeoning in the sound.

This recovering ecosystem could be an ecological oasis for Metro Vancouver’s millions of residents and visitors. We must make sure we protect it.



PHOTO: BOB COTTER VIA FLICKR

SAVING WILD SALMON

During their miraculous but perilous journey from inland spawning grounds, down rivers, out to sea and back again years later, Pacific wild salmon often must run a gauntlet of open-net salmon farms on their coastal migration route. There they swim through waters that can harbour parasitic sea lice and harmful viruses and bacteria, made worse and spread by the farms.

In December, the federal government decided to phase out salmon farms in the Discovery Islands within 18 months — the first step toward Canada’s commitment to move open net-pens out of the water by 2025. This gives juvenile fish migrating past the Discovery Islands a better chance of survival. Together with countless Indigenous leaders, community activists, scientists and elected officials you helped make this groundbreaking win possible.

Decades of research show that the 19 Discovery Islands fish farms — located on one of the most important salmon



PHOTO: APRIL BENCZE

migration routes in the world — pose a risk to wild salmon. The aquaculture industry’s own data show 33 per cent of farms exceeded the federal government’s sea lice limit while juvenile salmon were migrating past the Discovery Islands in the spring of 2020.

Phasing out these farms means Okisollo Channel — also called “Wild Salmon Narrows” because of its importance for juvenile salmon — will be free of farmed fish by the 2021 salmon migration period.

CONSERVING AND RESTORING CARIBOU

Of the 51 boreal caribou populations in Canada, 36 are unlikely to survive without significant changes. Two herds in British Columbia have died out. One herd in Alberta’s Jasper National Park is gone. The two remaining in the park are on the brink.

In fact, almost every caribou herd in Canada is at risk of extinction.

With your help, we’ve been speaking up for caribou and their boreal forest home for decades. This

includes supporting Indigenous Peoples — who have lived in harmony with the forest, caribou and other wildlife for thousands of years — as decision-makers within their traditional territories.

In February, the Province of British Columbia, the federal government and West Moberly and Sauteau First Nations signed a historic agreement for the threatened Pine, Quintette and Narraway caribou

herds. The partnership addresses some of the most pressing issues of our time: Indigenous rights and title, measurable recovery of endangered species and helping Canada’s economy adapt to a changing world.

In October, the governments of Canada and Alberta announced a conservation agreement to protect boreal caribou in that province. Thanks in part to pressure from a lawsuit you helped make possible, the province agreed to meet federal recovery strategy targets for undisturbed habitat (at least 65 per cent) and agreed to greater transparency on caribou populations and habitat disturbance.

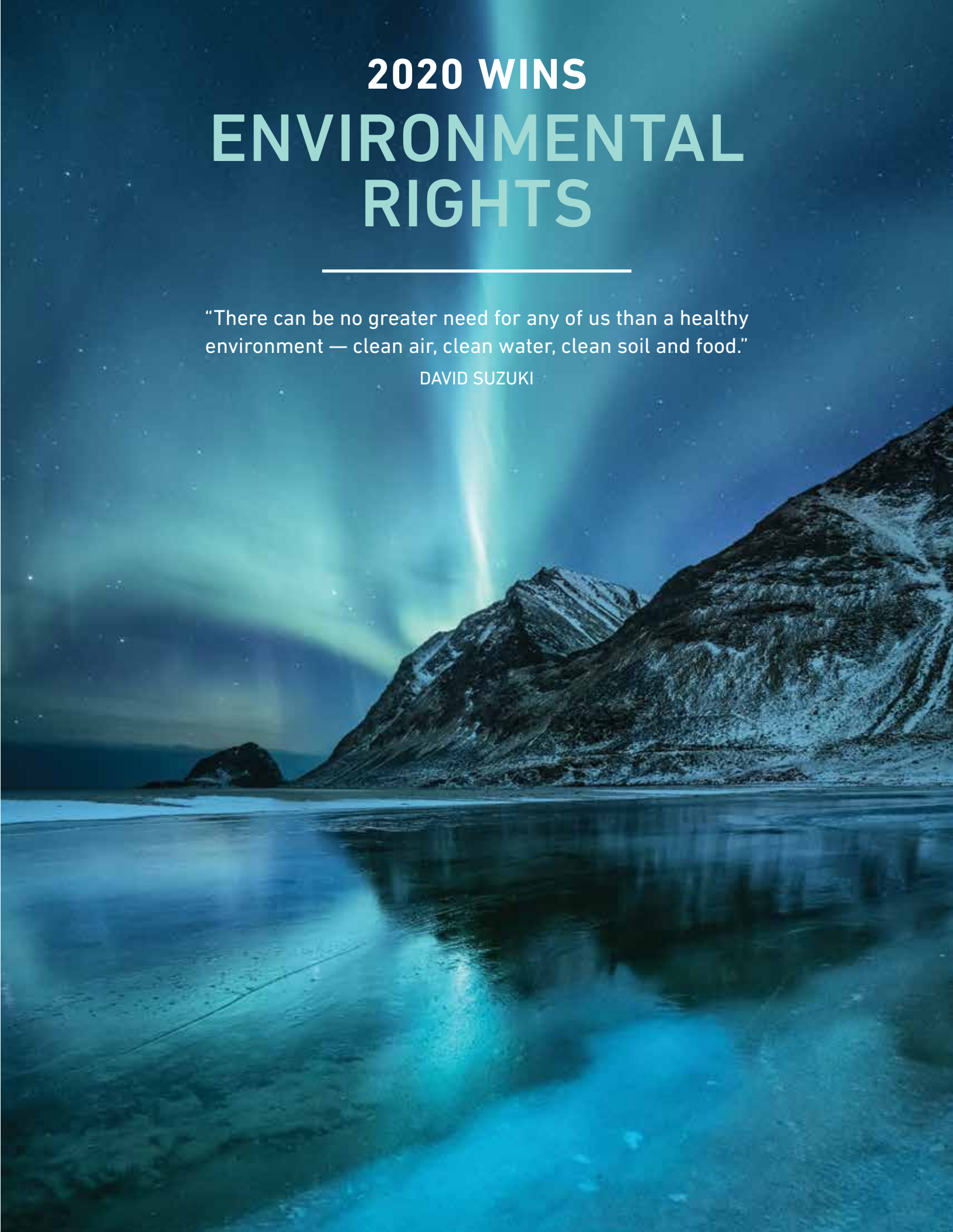
Much more needs to be done to give caribou — the species famously depicted on the tail-side of the Canadian quarter — a fighting chance to survive and thrive. Thanks to you, we can keep speaking up on their behalf.



2020 WINS ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

“There can be no greater need for any of us than a healthy environment — clean air, clean water, clean soil and food.”

DAVID SUZUKI



STRENGTHENING CANADA'S CORNERSTONE POLLUTION LAW

Preventable exposures to toxics and pollution take a constant toll on human health, contributing to cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, diabetes, cancer and other chronic conditions. Globally, ambient air pollution alone is responsible for 8.8 million premature deaths per year.

The Canadian Environmental Protection Act, Canada's main pollution-prevention law, is supposed to protect against these threats, but it hasn't been updated for more than two decades.

In 2017, the House of Commons environment committee reviewed CEPA and made 87 recommendations for strengthening it. These included amendments to recognize the human right to a healthy environment and the need to protect vulnerable populations and better control toxic substances — recommendations you helped promote through our Blue Dot movement. We are pressing the government to act on these recommendations to strengthen protections from toxics and pollution.

Last summer, you helped support young Blue Dot volunteers Franny Ladell Yakelashek and Rupert Yakelashek to work with their member of Parliament to create an e-petition to the House of Commons

urging the federal government to update CEPA. It had garnered more than 8,000 signatures and was formally submitted to the House of Commons in December.

Thanks to you, more than 10,000 people have used our web platform to write directly to their MPs and Environment and Climate Change Minister Jonathan Wilkinson, calling for modernization of the act.

In the September throne speech, the government committed to introducing legislation to modernize CEPA.

In November, you supported Virtual Days on the Hill for a Toxic-Free and Healthy Environment. Hundreds

placed calls and met virtually with their MPs to speed up reform of CEPA. Together, we are building unprecedented momentum and we hope to see a bill introduced early in 2021.

In this era of climate emergency, increasing toxic threats and multiple pressures on our health-care system, we need strong environmental laws to protect human health and the environment. Strengthening environmental laws to include a human rights lens will also help prevent environmental injustice and environmental racism, and ensure that protection measures benefit all people in Canada.



Franny and Rupert were just seven and 10 years old when they started as Blue Dot volunteers in 2014.

PHOTO: DAVID ELLINGSEN

2020 WINS OUTREACH

“Real environmental change depends on us. We can’t wait for our leaders. We have to focus on what our own responsibilities are and how we can make the change happen.”

SEVERN CULLIS- SUZUKI



LAUNCHING DAVID SUZUKI’S FIRST PODCAST

COVID-19 helped spur a mini podcast boom. Thanks to you, we had ours planned months before this pandemic hit, and pivoted quickly to create some hopeful, solutions-focused lockdown listening material.

Season 1 of *The David Suzuki Podcast*, “COVID-19 and the basic elements of life,” launched on December 2, 2020. Its five episodes — themed on fire, air, water, earth and spirit — explore how this pandemic can help humans refocus on what’s most important,

and what a green and just recovery from COVID-19 could look like.

David interviews celebrity friends like Jane Fonda and Neil Young, leading thinkers like Jennifer Keesmaat and Kwame McKenzie, Indigenous activists and leaders like Winona LaDuke, Jeannette Armstrong and Autumn Peltier, financial journalist Attracta Mooney and youth activist Allie Rougeot — plus a variety of David Suzuki Foundation science and policy experts.

Listen to the whole season here: david Suzuki.org/podcast.



David Suzuki started in radio 45 years ago. Now he’s on the air with his first podcast.

FINDING COMMON GROUND: SCIENCE AND TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

You supported *Reconciling Ways of Knowing*, a ground-breaking Indigenous knowledge and science forum.

For generations, Western knowledge has invalidated Indigenous Peoples’ ways of being and knowing. Science has dominated Canadian society and decision-making around the globe.

Reconciling Ways of Knowing brings together Indigenous knowledge and science and builds relationships between Indigenous knowledge keepers and scientists. It aims to transform environmental stewardship approaches and solutions, and open pathways to live in greater balance with the planet and each other.

Catch all the dialogues here: waysofknowingforum.ca. (Click on “online” in the upper right corner.)

DIALOGUE 1: “WHY RECONCILING WAYS OF KNOWING?”

Humanity’s collective spiritual crisis and the need for change if our species is to survive, including the importance of beginning and continuing projects with Indigenous knowledge keepers.

DIALOGUE 2: “ENACTING ETHICAL SPACE IN KNOWLEDGE SHARING”

Indigenous ethics and knowledge and the “space of possibility” that exists between different spheres of culture.

DIALOGUE 3: “BRAIDING WAYS OF KNOWING”

Nature as teacher and how we can all “pick up and carry one piece” of the weight of the world.

DIALOGUE 4: “TWO-EYED SEEING AND BEYOND”

Etuaptmumk (two-eyed seeing), an idea that recognizes that better outcomes are more likely when two or more perspectives collaborate.

DIALOGUE 5: “MILLENNIA OF EXPERIENCE: DRAWING ON INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE IN RESPONDING TO COVID-19”

How what Indigenous Peoples learned in historic pandemics informed their responses to COVID-19, and what Canada and the global community could learn from these lessons.

DIALOGUE 6: “WHY MOUNTAINS MATTER: BRINGING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND SCIENCE TOGETHER FOR INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN DAY”

Approaches to assessing and caring for the biological and cultural diversity of mountain regions.

DIALOGUE 7: “CONNECTING SPIRITUALLY WITH THE LAND AND EACH OTHER”

Humanity’s foundational connection to nature is present in many Indigenous ways of knowing, but often missing from the dominant world view that has shaped environmental policy in Canada.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY ACTION

Moving Canada away from climate-altering fossil fuels and into renewable sources requires more than top-down policy change. We need collective action by many people in many communities.

To amplify the meaningful work of local groups in their communities and to connect them to each other, you helped build Future Ground Network/Réseau Demain le Québec. It’s an online organizing resource, and a new convener and mentor for the environmental community.

Your support powered:

- Monthly training webinars for community organizers, on topics including transitioning beyond COVID-19, organizer burnout, how to have difficult conversations, government relations and campaign strategizing.
- Resource guides about creative team building, fundraising and social media.
- Recruitment and training of volunteer specialists to help with tech support, design and grant writing for community-led initiatives throughout the country.

The project was piloted in Ontario and Quebec and launched nationally on February 10, 2021. Groups gather on the new digital platform to promote their work, start local initiatives, host events and push for policy change. At the time of writing, more than 80 groups were registered. That’s more than 700 people connecting with tens of thousands of people in their communities.

Follow the progress you made possible at futuregroundnetwork.org for Future Ground Network and at reseaudemainlequebec.org for Réseau Demain le Québec.



PHOTO: DEMAIN VERDUN

RAVE FIRST REVIEWS

“Just being able to share our experiences — our successes and frustrations — is so valuable. Maybe we won’t all have to invent the wheel every time we undertake a project, knowing how others have done it.”

~ KATHRYN AITKEN, Transition Notre-Dame-de-Grace (Montreal, Quebec)

“Not only can we benefit from the knowledge and insights of other organizers in the network, the tools and supports you provide — instructive webinars, the Action Network organizing platform and access to Superteam resources — will make us more effective at getting the job done.”

~ HOLLY REID, Cycle Don Valley Midtown (Toronto, Ontario)

“After hearing about how a lot of the other groups are meeting with politicians, we feel like larger-scale actions are possible! Your ‘difficult conversations’ webinar was the inspiration behind the climate dialogue we held with our community!”

~ MARIA NESTOROVSKA, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (Mississauga, Ontario)

“I’ve raised a lot of alarms, and it’s the first time I’ve been heard...”

~ PATRICIA, SOS Boisé des Pinedes (Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec)

“I feel privileged to be part of the network, I feel recognized and listened to ... you have allowed me to hold on because I unfortunately had the desire for a certain period of time to drop my citizens’ committee but you have given me the courage to continue.”

~ VALÉRIE MESSIER, Comité des citoyens et citoyennes pour la protection de l’environnement maskoutain, (Les Maskoutains, Quebec)

“Invaluable tools and resources, thought-provoking webinars, and connections with other environmental initiatives throughout the country ... a lot of potential for both individual and collective action.”

~ TASFIA AHSAN, ECHO Canada (Vancouver, B.C.)

NURTURING ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

Since 2017, you helped three cohorts of David Suzuki fellows dig deep into critical environmental issues. Successful fellows embody David Suzuki’s research excellence and his ability to motivate people to make a difference.

MEET THE FELLOWS



NICOLE DAVIES, INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Nicole is examining the barriers Indigenous communities face in ensuring their food sovereignty, revitalizing their sustenance practices and generating insights on the changes needed to see these efforts thrive.



TARA MAHONEY, CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNICATIONS

By integrating qualitative research, crowd-sourcing and experimental engagement projects, Tara explores new forms of participatory political culture to empower renewable energy champions throughout Canada, especially millennials.



BRETT DOLTER, CLIMATE CHANGE ECONOMICS

Brett researches the electricity utility’s role in facilitating distributed renewable energy, carbon pricing’s competitiveness impacts and the effects of deliberative dialogues on Canada’s energy future.



ERIC MILLER, ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS

Eric’s focus is ecological economics literacy — understanding concepts, measures and perspectives that relate economies to ecosystems and to the conservation of nature.



MAXIME FORTIN FAUBERT, CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES

Maxime identifies vacant, contaminated lands across the Island of Montreal that contribute to the heat island effect that could be transformed into green spaces and help improve climate change resilience.



MAIAL PANHPUNU PAIAKAN KAIAPO, INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

Our first international Indigenous research fellow, Maial works to advance human and environmental rights for Indigenous communities in her home state of Pará in the Brazilian Amazon.



MELINA LABOUCAN-MASSIMO, INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Melina visits many Indigenous communities (including her own) to document the technical, policy and community engagement practices that enable them to become renewable energy transition leaders.



PRISCILLA SETTEE, INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Priscilla works with northern Saskatchewan Indigenous trappers to learn about the impacts of climate change and colonialism on their livelihoods and the environment.



JÉRÔME LAVIOLETTE, TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

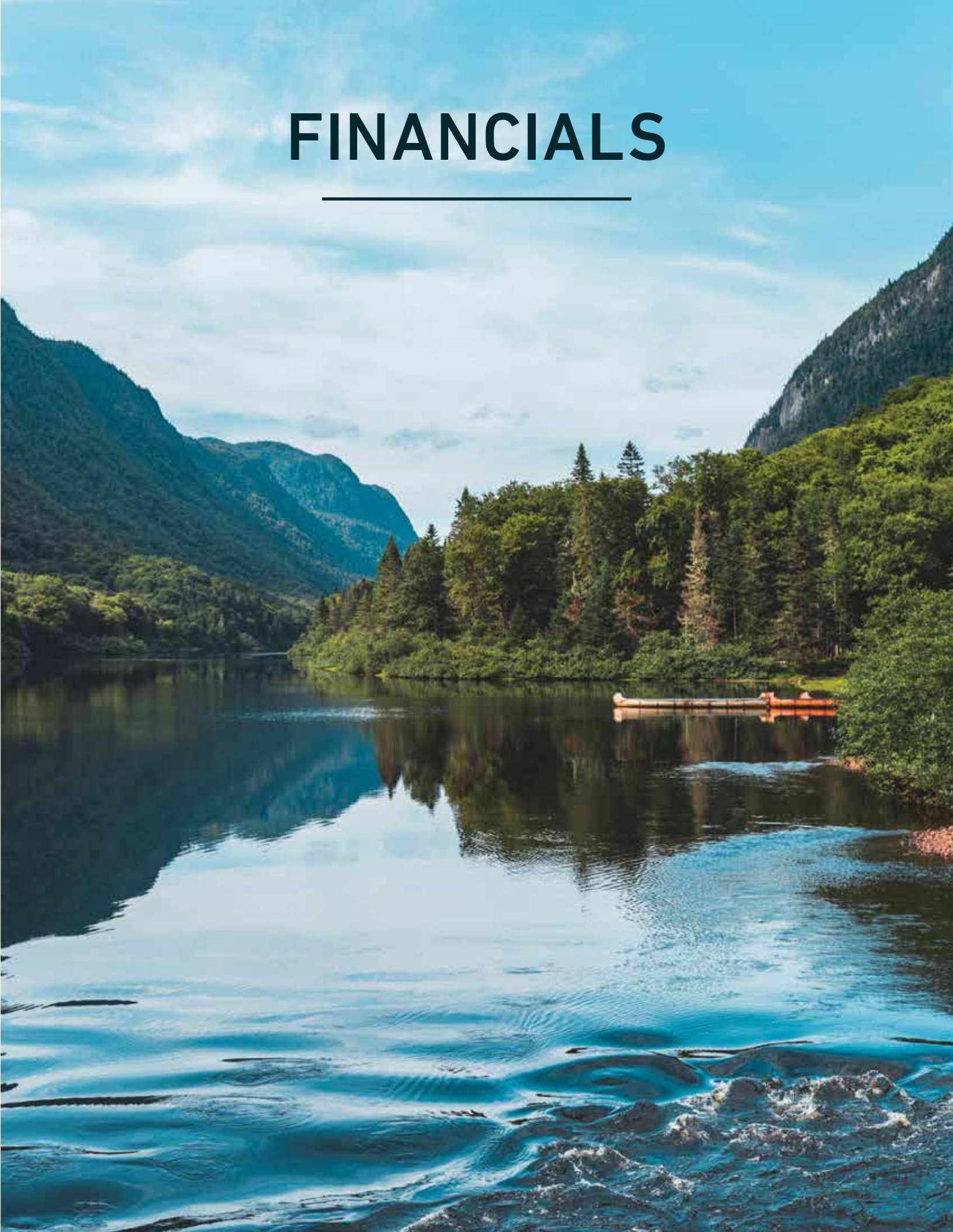
Jérôme focuses on better understanding the psychological factors of car dependency and the barriers and opportunities in changing this behaviour.



ANNABEL WEBB, ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

Annabel focuses on employing existing domestic and international human rights law to promote intergenerational environmental justice in Canada.

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