

YOUR TOP WINS IN 2025



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MAPPING CITIES' CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Instead of traditional grey infrastructure (roads, buildings, sewers, etc.), cities need to incorporate more green spaces, trees and waterways that help regulate temperature, reduce floods and improve air quality. We partnered with environmental solutions platform developer Habitat to review and graph ecosystem services in five pilot cities: Gatineau, Ottawa, Quebec City, Saskatoon and Vancouver. The resulting mapping tool helps decision-makers recognize, prioritize and protect natural systems that have significant — and often overlooked or misunderstood — community benefits.

DEMANDING POLITICIANS PROTECT THE PLANET

All people in Canada benefit when we take care of the environment and each other: cleaner air, better health, resilient communities and more jobs and investment opportunities. Leading up to the April federal election, our community members sent thousands of letters to all party leaders demanding that the next government prioritize climate solutions and nature protection and support strong environmental and social justice values. **We continue to be your eyes and ears on Parliament Hill.**



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LANDING CANADA'S CLEAN ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS

Despite opposition from fossil fuel billionaires and politicians who serve their interests, collective action helped achieve Canada's clean electricity regulations. Now it's up to the provinces and utilities to implement plans that go even further, to gain the most benefits for people living in Canada. We must also ensure that workers, communities and Indigenous nations on whose lands these projects are built will benefit directly from this once-in-a-generation opportunity.

REWILDING TO HELP NATURE HEAL

LawnShare helps individuals, companies and communities adopt sustainable lawn-care practices and transform yards, fields and roadsides into healthier environments for wildlife and humans. The Butterflyway Project's volunteer Rangers create neighbourhood native plant gardens to feed and shelter pollinators. Healing Forests bring Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities together, fostering dialogue and honouring residential school victims, survivors and their families. And we're pushing for bylaw reform against outdated policies that limit these kind of rewilding efforts.

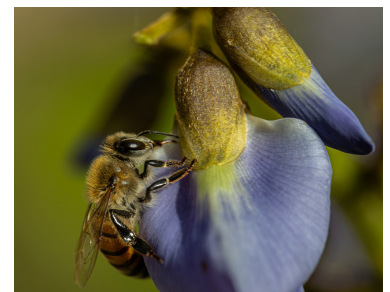


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PLASTICS TREATY FAILURE REVEALS A BROKEN SYSTEM

What caused the Geneva plastics treaty talks to fail after six rounds of negotiations? Efforts by petrochemical-producing countries and by the largest delegation attending, made up of 234 lobbyists from the fossil fuel and chemical industries.

Only nine per cent of plastics are recycled, with most of it burned, sent to landfills or released into the environment. It's now everywhere on the planet, including in our bodies.

Plastic is a byproduct of oil and gas. With the impacts of fossil-fuelled global heating increasing daily, the industry needs ways to continue reaping exorbitant profits. Curtailing it — protecting the global environment and the life that depends on it — threatens a system designed to give a small minority a disproportionately large share of money and influence.

One could argue the system is obsolete, but it was never that great to begin with. It's just that the disastrous results of profit- and consumerist-driven avarice are now hitting home, with increasing pollution and climate disruption threatening our survival.



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The failure of the plastics treaty is yet more evidence that the fossil fuel industry and its supporters in governments and media are just one powerful element in a system that isn't designed with our interests in mind.

We need to wake up and take back the power.

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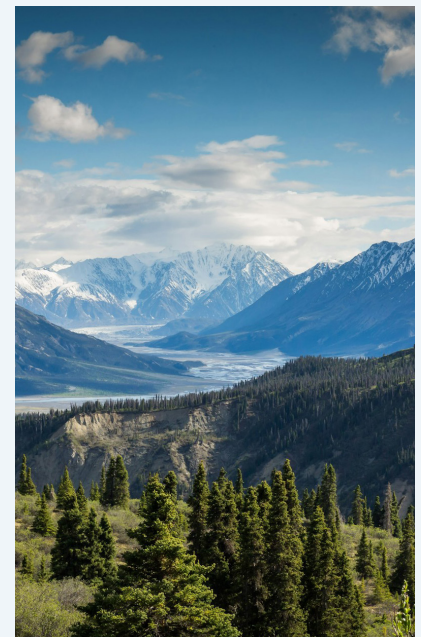


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