



CCL Monthly Conference Call, Saturday, October 6, 2012

Groups meet at 9:45am PT/12:45pm ET

The international conference call starts at 10:00 am PT/1:00 pm ET

The conference call part of the meeting is a little over an hour long and the groups meet for another hour after that to plan actions.

Instructions: Sign on to the call at least five minutes before the start time. When you first get on the call, announce your name, city and how many people are in the room.

Call-in number: 1-866-642-1665. Pass code 440699#

Guest speaker: Dr. James Hansen, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies



Our October guest is America's leading climate scientist, Dr. James Hansen, author of "[Storms of My Grandchildren](#)." Hansen is perhaps best known for bringing global warming to the world's attention in the 1980s, when he first testified before Congress. A member of the National Academy of Sciences and an adjunct professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Columbia University and at Columbia's Earth Institute, his [most recent report](#) draws the connection between extreme weather events of recent years and climate change. Writing in a [Washington Post oped](#), Hansen said, "Our analysis shows that, for the extreme hot weather of the recent past, there is virtually no explanation other than climate change."

- 1) **Action #1: WEEKEND FLASH PHONE MOB** - On the weekend of October 20, phone Canada's Finance Minister to end handouts to fossil companies and outline for you how much of the subsidies and tax incentives to fossil fuel companies were cut in Omnibus Budget Bill C38 and will be cut in the next budget bill expected to be tabled in December - Follow it up with an email to the finance minister cc'd to your MP.
- 2) **Action #2:** Prepare for lobbying in November either in Ottawa (week of November 5) or in the constituency office of your MP (week of November 12)
- 3) **Upcoming Action in November and December:** What do you really want for Christmas this year? Consider asking people you know to make a financial contribution to Citizens Climate Lobby - just in time for the holidays. More resources will be sent in November. This is a head's up! Note that this was the USA action and laser talk in October 2012.

Action #1:

FLASH PHONE MOB - October 20 -22: Ask the Finance Minister a Question

Background Information:

From October 26-29, 2012 youth from across Canada will be on Parliament Hill asking our government to end subsidies to fossil fuel companies. The event is called Powershift ^(A). If you cannot attend the Powershift in Ottawa you can show support by phoning the office of MP Jim Flaherty (Canada's Finance Minister) on the weekend and leave a phone message. Politely ask the Minister Flaherty to end handouts to fossil companies. Then ask him to outline for you how much of the subsidies and tax incentives to fossil fuel companies were cut in Omnibus Budget Bill C38 and will be cut in the upcoming budget bill.

Let's work together to fill the answering machines of the Finance Minister by Monday morning October 22. Follow-up your phone message with an email to the Finance Minister cc'd to your MP.

Please use this month's laser talk as a guide.

Please note that the David Suzuki Foundation^(B), Lead Now^(C) and Powershift ^(A) are all asking us to ask our representatives to end the handouts to fossil fuel companies. This ask is slightly different in that we are asking for an outline of how the government plans to end the subsidies and tax incentives to fossil companies.

References

(A) <http://www.wearepowershift.ca/>

(B) <http://www.leadnow.ca/end-big-polluter-handouts>

(C) <http://action.davidsuzuki.org/subsidy>

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Just enter your postal code:

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/Parlinfo/Compilations/HouseOfCommons/MemberByPostalCode.aspx?Menu=HOC>

For those of you in Facebook - please ask your friends to join the Facebook event here:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/422545567802036/>

Action #2:

Lobbying in November either in Ottawa (week of November 5) or in the constituency office of your MP (week of November 12)

During the week of November 5, some of us will be attending the Climate Action Network Canada Annual General Meeting (AGM) and lobbying days in Ottawa. Like in June 2012, we will work with CAN to lobby for key asks, which will soon be nailed down. There appears to be some agreement on

(1) carbon pricing;

(2) ending the 1.4 billion dollars of subsidies and tax incentives for fossil fuel companies;

(3) support for a Pan-Canadian New Energy Strategy.

You are welcome to join us in Ottawa and/or book an appointment with your MP to meet with us in Ottawa. More details will be discussed on the CCL Canada call on Monday October 9, 2012

3a) Start booking appointments for CCL members in partnership with Climate Action Network - Canada (CAN-C) members to meet with your MP in Ottawa during the week of November 5 in Ottawa. You are welcome to join us in Ottawa that week.

Please RSVP to the AGM and/or Lobbying days:

cathy@citizensclimatelobby.ca and AGM-RSVP@climateactionnetwork.ca

3b) Alternatively or in conjunction, book an appointment for you and a small group of people to meet with your MP the week of November 12 in your home riding, as MP's will be in their home ridings that week. This would be an opportunity for you to continue building a personal relationship between you and your CCL Canada group as well as educate your MP about CCL and carbon fee and dividend.

LASER TALK

Hello Minister Flaherty. My Name is [_____] and I live in _____ .

The government of Canada will be introducing a second budget bill before year's end. If lawmakers in Ottawa are looking for ways to reduce spending, it seems that subsidies to the oil, coal and gas industries are the best place to start.

I believe that Canada should stop giving a \$1.4 billion annual bonus to rich fossil fuel companies that are recklessly polluting our land, air and water⁽¹⁾.*

By doing so, Canada will meet its 2009 commitment made in Pittsburgh, along with other G20 leaders, to phase out subsidies and tax breaks to companies producing oil, gas and coal⁽²⁾ .

The richest industry on Earth doesn't need our tax dollars. Instead, Canada should invest responsibly in clean energy sources that create good jobs and sustainable prosperity.

I call on all Members of Parliament to support the motion drafted by the youth-led movement PowerShift to end to subsidies and tax incentives fossil fuel companies.

Additionally, I would like to know how much of the tax incentives and subsidies to the fossil fuel companies were cut in Omnibus Budget Bill C38 and will be cut in the upcoming omnibus budget bill.

Please send the information to [your mailing address] ?

Thank you for your time and service to Canada.

References:

1. Resources on Canada's billion-dollar handouts to big fossil fuel companies Climate Action Network):
<http://climateactionnetwork.ca/issues/getting-off-fossil-fuels/end-tax-breaks-to-big-oil-2/>

2. Full text of the G20 Pittsburg Declaration, where Prime Minister Harper committed to phase out fossil fuel subsidies (pdf):
<http://www.g20.org/images/stories/docs/eng/pittsburgh.pdf>

These references were originally sourced from here: <http://www.leadnow.ca/end-big-polluter-handouts>



UPCOMING ACTION FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER - JUST IN
TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Contact friends and ask if they'll support Citizens Climate Lobby with a financial contribution

Margaret Mead said to her friend Jean Houston:

"Forget everything I have been teaching you about governments and bureaucracies." If we are to survive and create the world we could have—it's a question of citizens' volunteer groups; citizens getting together, deepening, growing, expanding their capacities, and then going out and making a difference."

This month, CCL launches our fall fund-raising drive with a grassroots campaign to attract sponsors and donations that will help us continue the amazing growth we've experienced in our first five years. We approach this campaign, not from a position of need – we're in good shape financially – but from the vision of building a movement equal to the task of overcoming the special interests that stand in our way.

Here's what you can do:

Think about people you can contact people , who might share your concern about leaving a livable world for future generations. You can send email or hand-written letters. Share your experience with CCL and why this work is so important to you. Ask

If you want, you can call first and follow up with a letter. Whichever way works for you. More resources such as a laser talk will follow in November. Note that this was the USA action and laser talk in October 2012.

Links to resources for the fundraising campaign and will be "Canadianized" by November's call where necessary:

[Citizens Climate Lobby Fall 2012 Fundraiser – Donation Form](#)

[Volunteer Tools for CCL Fall 2012 Fundraising Campaign](#)

[Make a Contribution on CCL's Web Site](#)

[Sample Fundraising Letter to a Friend](#)