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CCL Monthly International Conference Call

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CCL CANADA Monthly Calls- Pick one

Thursday, February 9, 2017: 6 pm PT/ 7 pm MT/ 8 pm CT/ 9 pm ET/ 10 pm AT ... note time zones
Friday, February 10, 2017: 8 am PT/ 9 am MT/ 10 am CT/ 11 am ET/ 12 pm AT ... note time zones
Monday, February 13, 2017: 6 pm PT / 7 pm MT/ 8 pm CT/ 9 pm ET/ 10 pm AT ... note time zones
Fill in the Doodler to let people know you will be on the call: <http://doodle.com/poll/2s672s8hwdurq4uz>

CCL Education call: Tuesday, February 28, 2017: 1 pm PT/ 2 pm MT/ 3 pm CT/ 4 pm ET/ 5 pm AT
Note Laurel Thompson at CCL Montreal is leading the CCL Education Call this month

CCL Monthly International Conference Call

Saturday, February 8, 2017: 10 am PT/ 11 am MT/ 12 pm CT/ 1 pm ET/ 2 pm AT
February 11 Guest Speaker: Sandy Reisky, Apex Clean Energy



How do we speed up the transition to clean energy? On our February call we turn to Sandy Reisky, Chairman and Chief Strategy Officer for [Apex Clean Energy](#), which is developing and managing dozens of wind and solar power projects throughout the U.S. Sandy's companies have developed over \$4 billion of wind and solar facilities. He was founder and president of Greenlight Energy, a leading independent wind energy company that was acquired by BP in 2006. Sandy was also the founder of Axio Power, a utility-scale solar developer; Columbia Power Technologies, a pioneer in wave energy technology; and Greenlight Biofuels, a waste-to-energy company.

FEBRUARY 2017 NATIONAL ACTIONS

1. Consider joining Citizens' Climate Lobby's social media site, CCL Community. You can share information and ideas and collaborate with fellow CCLers in CCL's separate social media site and avoid the dreaded email flurry.
2. Send a copy of the [USA Treasury Board's January 2017 Working Paper](#) on carbon taxes and information about the USA's bi-partisan climate caucus to your MP with a note from you. Be sure to document that you sent that letter as a [field report](#) under "Personal Letter".

ONLINE WARRIORS: Comment online at the National Energy Board and demand that their environment review process includes climate impacts. Be sure to document that you commented online as a [field report](#) under "Personal Letter".

COMING SOON: Start looking for venues and events for Earth Day (April 22) Outreach.

FEBRUARY 2017 ONTARIO ACTIONS:

1. March 27 and 28: lobby with us in Toronto. Please note all deadlines, how to format your lobbying appointments and that all information goes to canada@citizensclimatelobby.org. If you do not plan to come to Toronto to lobby with us in late March, please do not lobby your MPPs until May.
2. Ongoing: relationship build with your local Chamber of Commerce around carbon pricing.

The laser talks have been selected to help people prepare for advanced discussions carbon pricing over the next couple months. BC is in the midst of a provincial election; CCL Ontario is about lobby at Queen's Park; CCL Alberta and Saskatchewan are deflecting false information about carbon pricing; CCL Nova Scotia has much to ponder regarding their new cap and trade program; CCL Manitobans (and all other provinces and territories) will be wrapping their heads around carbon pricing and CCL Quebec has to work in the context of a cap and trade system Quebecers are justifiably proud of.

CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY CANADA LOOKS AHEAD IN 2017

You can only do so much. You certainly should not do everything. Planning ahead will help you and your group prioritize

- **February 2, 2017** – 10th anniversary of the Fourth report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ([IPCC IV](#))
- **Late February / March 2017** – Canadian Federal budget is usually released. What will be the carbon pricing details? Will there be Border Tax Adjustments? Which fossil fuel subsidies will be phased out first? It is looking suspiciously like the day will be in [late February](#).
- **Monday, March 27 & Tuesday, March 28** – Upward & Onward: [CCL Ontario's Regional Conference & Lobby Day](#)
- **April** is usually when Environment Canada releases the national GHG Inventory data
- **April 9-12, 2017** - 100 years since the Battle of Vimy Ridge – a time to discuss global security and climate change
- **Earth Day (April 22)** - look for the Canada and/or United Nations to do something. April is a great month for outreach, letters to the editor, OpEds and visits to Editorial Boards.
- **Saturday, April 22, 2017** - [March for Science](#) global day of action
- **Saturday, April 29th, 2017** - [The People's Climate](#), global day of action
- [World Environment Day](#): Monday, June 5, 2017 – Canada is the Host Country for the United Nations World Environment Day
- **June 11-13** – [CCL International Conference](#) in Washington DC
- **On July 1, 2017** – it is Canada's 150th anniversary of the Confederation.
- CCL Canada's Fourth National Conference and Lobbying Days: sometime in October.
- Be on the watch out for the USA pulling out of the Paris Climate Deal and the first State Visit between Canada and the USA

MORE ABOUT LOBBYING IN WASHINGTON DC June 11-13:

Please fill in the [Doodler](#) if you plan to go so that we can start organizing now.

[Register](#) before April 30, 2017 and save \$50 USD.

LASER TALK: AJR43, California Legislators Support Carbon Fee & Dividend

In the summer of 2016, legislators in California, passed AJR 43, a joint resolution urging the federal government to enact a revenue neutral tax on carbon-based fossil fuels and return revenue from the tax back to middle- and low-income households. California is the sixth largest economy in the world and is the state that is currently has signed a carbon cap and trade with offsets with Quebec and Ontario. The [REMI study commissioned by CCL USA](#) predicts that, after 10 years, a revenue-neutral carbon tax would lead to a decrease in carbon dioxide emissions of 33 percent, an increase in national employment of 2.1 million jobs, and an average monthly dividend for a family of four of \$288.

Read more:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AJR43

<https://thinkprogress.org/california-legislators-carbon-fee-and-dividend-88735da0a8f2#.t9ratf6i7>

<http://citizensclimatelobby.org/california-congress-tax-carbon-give-revenue-households/>

LASER TALK: Why Australia's Carbon Tax Was Repealed

In July of 2014, Australia repealed the carbon tax it had implemented only two years earlier [1]. In 2013, after only 9 months of the carbon tax, Australian emissions from electricity generation fell by 5.4% and renewable electric generation spiked by 28% [2]. Although the tax was successful in cutting emissions and spurring industry, it was repealed.

Reasons: The tax was not 100% revenue neutral. Distribution of the carbon tax revenues were not fully transparent resulting in confusion and backlash among Australians. Instead of giving back all of the money evenly to households, the revenues were allocated to a raft of sustainability programs and to offset energy price increases among lower income families [1]. Further complicating revenue dispersal, some of the money was given back to the very polluters being taxed as an assistance program to ease their transition into cleaner technologies [3].

The tax was not economy-wide: the tax was imposed selectively among 500 of the nation's largest emitters rather than as an upstream, blanket fee to all carbon based fuels. For example, under the Australia tax, road transport fuel was exempt [1].

Lessons Learned: In the 2014 Federal Election, the left leaning Labour Party in Australia miscalculated the optics of carbon pricing and lost to the right leaning Liberal Party of Australia. If there is a lesson to be learned here it is that ALL of the revenue from a carbon tax must be returned to households. Under the Australian carbon tax, some of the revenue was used to help residents cover rising energy costs. Had all the revenue been returned to households, the Australian carbon tax might have enjoyed more popular support.

We hope all politicians learn, everyday people can't withstand more taxes and will vote out parties if they burden taxpayers. What is the definition of insanity again? *Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results* – [Albert Einstein](#)

1. ["Where Carbon is Taxed"](#). The Carbon Tax Center. Last updated: Jul 17, 2014.
2. Arup, Tom. ["Carbon price working? Coal slumps, clean energy soars"](#). May 10, 2013. The Age.
3. ["Coal-fired generation assistance"](#). Clean Energy Regulator – Carbon Pricing Mechanism

LASER TALK: Why We Prefer Carbon Fees Over Cap and Trade

Although cap-and-trade is our second favorite solution, Citizens' Climate Lobby prefers a straightforward fee because a fee sends a predictable price signal that is not subject to market fluctuations. Whereas cap and trade caps the emissions the price fluctuates.

A stable carbon price enables businesses and consumers to plan their energy investments.

As well, the problem of climate change is worldwide. Because of the stable price, a fee more easily lends itself to border tax adjustments between countries with different or no carbon fees, enabling climate agreements that can be harmonized worldwide. A global carbon pricing approach must also accommodate the needs of emerging economies. Cap and trade, because it is so complex and [proven to be gameable](#) is a poor fit in countries with weak institutions and serious corruption.

The solution is for provincial cap and trade programs to legislate a set floor and ceiling price that rises incrementally in alignment with the federal carbon price to stabilize the carbon price so that it can be harmonized nationally and globally.

ACTION #1: Consider joining CCL Community

PLEASE NOTE: Savouring the planet must come first. You are so important to us. As a CCL member you are not obliged to join and participate in CCL Community. This site is for members wishing to share and collaborate with others. Your top priority is building political will in locally in your ridings. If you have more time to spare and would like to do more, then consider joining CCL Community.

Oh what to do? You have read an article and you want your CCL peeps across Canada to know about it. Or you want to collaborate online with others but you get dread the email flurries, people failing to follow through on promised actions and/or dealing with persnickety people in the absence of others to help keep FUN at the forefront. Join CCL Community groups and share information and collaborate with fellow CCLers in CCL's separate social media site. CCL Community is our members' website, offering many resources and many options for connecting with other CCL volunteers.

We encourage all Canadians to join is the [Great White North Action Group](#) (for all of Canada) – just even to stay in the loop with each other. We send out alerts, good articles, upcoming events. CCL Ontario members are strongly encouraged to join [Ontario Action group](#) – especially those volunteers wishing to help take some of the workload off the organizing team for Ontario's upcoming regional conference and lobby day (see Ontario Actions in this month's action sheets). To our CCL members trained by Al Gore or about to be trained in March, there is a special CCL Community Group just [for Climate Reality Leaders](#). If you want help setting up a regional or provincial action group in CCL Community please contact cathy@citizensclimatelobby.org and she will discuss the process with you.

To Join CCL Community:

Go to <http://community.citizensclimatelobby.org/register> to register.

New members should fill out our complete volunteer form first at: <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/join-citizens-climate-lobby/>

If you would like to learn about navigating Community, you can watch the "Getting Started with Community" video tutorial at the top of the FAQs [page](#) at the Search and Support tab. New volunteers can check out our New Volunteer Toolkit [here](#). Everyone can check out our Resources Section [here](#).

Citizens' Climate University (CCU) offers tutorials on many aspects of CCL's work. You can connect to both live and recorded programs [here](#).

If you're looking for something on Community and are unable to find it, contact Ask Sandy, at sandy.simon@citizensclimatelobby.org. She'll help you find what you're looking for!

ACTION #2: Send a copy of the USA's Treasury Board's January 2017 working paper to your MP

Sam Daley-Harris in December 2016 on our monthly international call reaffirmed that we should be touching base regularly with our MPs. Send a copy of the [USA Treasury Board's January 2017 Working Paper](#) on carbon taxes and information about the USA's bi-partisan climate caucus to your MP with a note from you.

Be sure to document that you sent that letter as a [field report](#) under "Personal Letter". Why should you record it? So we know where it was sent and because highly organized grassroots groups strike a chord in politicians and they take our efforts more seriously.

Dear MP

One of the best things about the work we do at Citizens' Climate Lobby, is we get to peek behind the scenes of the halls of power, including in the US Congress. I consequently probably have more hope than most climate activists.

Did you know that there is a bi-partisan Climate Solutions Caucus in the USA? The Climate Solutions Caucus is exploring options that address the impacts, causes, and challenges of our changing climate. The caucus was founded in February of 2016 by two south-Florida representatives Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) and Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL) who will serve as co-chairs of the caucus.

“The Caucus will serve as an organization to educate members on economically-viable options to reduce climate risk and protect our nation’s economy, security, infrastructure, agriculture, water supply and public safety,” according to documents filed with the Committee on House Administration.

Citizens' Climate Lobby USA has been the driving force behind this caucus. It includes 10 Republican and 10 Democratic members of Congress. You can find all the details [here](#).

Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) was recently selected to be part the United States House Committee on Ways and Means which is the Canadian equivalent of the Standing Committee on Finance.

Because we work quite closely with our CCL colleagues in the USA, one of our empowered volunteers in CCL Canada has connected US Representative Curbelo’s office with the Federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and there is an ongoing dialogue.

There is more good news south of the border. Civil servants in the USA working behind the scenes have been forging ahead. A worthwhile report came out in the USA in January 2017. The Office of Tax Analysis at the USA’s federal Treasury Department published a paper in January 2017: [Methodology for Analysing a Carbon tax](#).

The Treasury Department document is worth studying. It identifies specifically where you can tax fossil fuels and how hard it would be, going so far as to name specific existing taxes. It provides guidance on non-CO2 emissions (especially fluorinated gases). Excitingly, it starts with recommending a pretty high carbon tax. It confirms things we've been lobbying for since 2010 including getting rid of fossil fuel subsidies. Finally, it has a section on border tax adjustments. Yes, the USA is considering border taxes on carbon and we should be too!

I would appreciate knowing if this sort of information is helpful to you by Earth Day, April 22, 2017. CCL is here to help politicians by creating political for a real climate action one riding at a time. A prosperous low-carbon future awaits and Canada is about to lead the way.

Thank you for all you are doing for Canada and the world.

Sincerely,
<Your name and pertinent contact information>

ONLINE ACTION: Comment online at the National Energy Board

The federal government is in the process of [reviewing](#) Canada's environmental assessment laws at the National Energy Board. Comment online and be sure to document your online submissions in our monthly [field reports](#) under: Personal Letter to Member of Congress.

NOTE: This is not the same as the Environmental Assessment review we asked you to comment on in November 2016. [Here is a helpful summary](#) of the EA review process. Congratulations, Climate Change is part of the consideration and many CCLers commented online.

The National Energy Board review is a separate process with its own [expert panel](#) that was struck in November. A functional NEB is critical to our work for many reasons.

The panel is due to report to Minister Carr in May. A part of the work of the panel involves public outreach. You may submit general comments on the [panel's website](#). You may also comment specifically on the [12 discussion papers](#) the panel is working with.

You can also submit in person. [Click here to register for the public sessions](#). Funding is available to cover travel, and [applications](#) are being accepted until March 22. The dates of the consultations are as follows:

- Vancouver, British Columbia – February 8–9, 2017
- Winnipeg, Manitoba – February 15–16, 2017
- Ottawa, Ontario – February 22–23, 2017
- Fort St. John, British Columbia – March 1–2, 2017
- Edmonton, Alberta – March 7–8, 2017
- Iqaluit, Nunavut – March 14–15, 2017
- Saint John, New Brunswick – March, 21–22, 2017
- Montreal, Quebec – March 28–29, 2017

Two key points to get across are:

1. The [current incarnation](#) of the Pan-Canadian Strategy for Clean Growth and Climate Change won't be enough to meet Canada's goal of reducing emissions to 30% below 2005 levels by 2030. Furthermore, our current goal is still [woefully inadequate](#) to the challenge posed by climate change. If every country adopted Canada's targets, this would not keep warming below 2°C, let alone the 1.5°C nations [promised](#) to pursue in Paris. In short, we are off to a great start but we must do better. Thus, all National Energy Board reviews must address Canada's climate change targets, timeframes and other international obligations. Science-based GHG targets and doing our fair share to reduce emissions must be part of the consideration for approval of any new fossil fuel infrastructure.
2. No public dollars should go into new fossil fuel infrastructure. The business case for investment in fossil fuel infrastructure is falling apart and is financially risky. In January 2017, former US President Obama published a paper in Science that the trend to [clean energy is irreversible](#). This analysis is backed by a number of agencies, including the [World Economic Forum](#) (WEF), [Policy Horizons Canada](#), [Deutsche Bank](#), and the [International Renewable Energy Agency](#). In a [2016 paper](#), Policy Horizons Canada – a government foresight and knowledge organization – predicts “significant disruptions in energy over the next 10-15 years,” so much so that it advises against public investment in the fossil fuel sector. [The Independent reported](#) that a record number of UK-based oil and gas companies became insolvent in 2016. Thierry Lepercq, the head of research at France's Engie, the world's largest private power production company, warns “that the growth in renewable energy could push the cost of oil down to as low as \$10 in less than ten years.”

Full detailed talking points can be found here: <http://canada.citizensclimatelobby.org/editorial-packet-should-canada-trump-its-carbon-reduction-plans/>

FYI Pembina's vision includes these 9 tenets

- 1** Energy regulation should occur in an environment where strong energy and climate policies and programs are in place. These policies and programs must be developed through participatory processes, align with Canada's international climate commitments, and be rooted in scientific and technical evidence. Project assessments should question the extent to which energy infrastructure is aligned with, and helps achieve, these policies.
- 2** Project-specific market evaluation and needs assessments should draw on data and forecasting that examines the implications of domestic and international climate action on the economic viability of proposed projects. This includes scenarios where all parties to the Paris Agreement, including Canada, respect commitments to limit global warming to well below 2°C and to achieve greenhouse gas emissions neutrality by the second half of the century. ⁴
- 3** Energy regulators must be independent of bias and interferences from government and non-government stakeholders. Independence should be established through the regulator's funding model as well as the selection criteria, expertise and mandate of Board members conducting hearings.
- 4** Energy regulation should be conducted on the basis of independent information of the highest quality, including information provided by the proponent and third parties. This should be achieved by reducing potential conflicts of interest between industry and consultants and providing regulators sufficient time and resources to engage outside experts when necessary.
- 5** Good governance in the era of low carbon: a vision for a modernized National Energy Board ⁵ Energy regulators should proactively and predictably support involvement of all interested parties and the public as a fundamental component of evidence gathering, decision-making and monitoring. Interested parties should have access to the information, resources and expertise required to present their interests and cross-examine proponent information.
- 6** Energy regulation must be conducted in partnership with First Nations, Métis and Inuit nations. Natural resource management and energy regulation are cornerstone issues of reconciliation between the federal government and Indigenous communities. As such, the legitimacy of the NEB modernization process in part hinges on the extent to which the resulting regime can ensure the full participation of diverse Indigenous groups in the modernization review.
- 7** Energy regulation should result in project decisions that are transparently documented and defensible. The final decision-making body must be required to provide detailed and direct responses to questions and recommendations presented through the decisionmaking process.
- 8** Energy regulators should ensure frequent and credible life cycle monitoring and oversight of projects within its purview. Energy regulators should employ a precautionary approach to oversight, and should enforce and ensure industry compliance with its full suite of regulations.
- 9** Energy regulation should be recognized as being distinct from, although closely linked to, planning tools such as environmental assessment. An environmental assessment (EA) is the "formalized process of identifying and assessing the impacts and possible contribution to sustainability of a proposed development, decision, plan or policy and then planning to avoid or mitigate negative impacts and advance sustainability priorities."⁵ EA can be conducted for individual projects, for geographic regions or for sectors of natural resource development. Functionally, an EA is a planning tool — making it distinct from the more narrowly-focused scope of energy regulation. Ideally, EAs and energy regulation should be linked so that each fully informs the other.

http://www.pembina.org/pub/good-governance-era-of-low-carbon?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=NEB+modernization

ONTARIO ACTION #1: LOBBY WITH US IN TORONTO MARCH 27 & 28

CCL Ontario is going back to Queen's Park for the third time with an appreciation for carbon pricing in Ontario and to empower their MPPs to keep hiking the carbon price past 2022 and coordinate the price nationally so that Canada can enact border tax adjustments. There is a [webpage](#) dedicated to this event on our website that is directly linked from our homepage.

Karelo is handling the registrations again: <http://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=600&BT=10&Ev=16937>
Thus billing on your credit card will show up as Karelo not Citizens' Climate Lobby. Registration for the 1.5 regional conference and lobbying days is \$20 and it includes a vegan dinner on Monday. Registration is open until Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

Fees Schedule:

Sunday Guest Speakers only (free) – you must register to be assured a seat.

Lobbying Only (free) – you must register to get a lobbying schedule

Guest Speaker and Vegan Dinner (\$20)

Guest Speaker and Lobby (\$20)

Vegan Dinner, Speaker, and Lobbying (\$20)

Monday, March 27, 2017 – Conference

4:00 pm – doors open, get lobbying assignments

4:30 to 5:30 pm – CCL Group Start* and others socialize and strategize over lobbying assignments

5:30 to 6:15 pm – Dinner

6:15 to 6:30 pm – Official Welcome

6:30 to 8:30 pm – Guest speaker(s)

8:30 to 9:00 pm – going over our official ask of the MPPs and lobbying logistics

STILL IN DEVELOPMENT AND THUS THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 – Lobby Day

Queen's Park in downtown Toronto

Want to lobby your MPP in your home riding?

Please wait until after this event to do so and do not lobby before we go to Toronto. Preferably wait until May because in April CCLers focus on outreach and letters to the editor

THANK YOU, MERCI AND MIIGWECH FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO DETAILS

1. **Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 7 pm, ET:** CCL CANADA EDUCATION CALL - on the uberline in preparation for this event (see emails).
2. **Wednesday, March 22, 2017:** Online registration closes. Deadline for MPP Bios to be sent to canada@citizensclimatelobby.org. Any MPP bios sent after that time may or may not be photocopied or formatted in time for the conference by us. You will be responsible.
3. **Wednesday, March 22, 2017:** Please get us your lobbying appointments as soon as you get them to canada@citizensclimatelobby.org. We will still accept lobbying appointments made after March 22 - even at the conference and lobbying day. We will make it work. However, they will not be included in the master list of lobbying appointments.
4. **Thursday, March 23, 2017:** All photocopying will be sent to the printers.
5. **Thursday, March 30, 2017:** CCL CANADA post-lobbying debrief call.

This will be our 14th time lobbying together (11 times in Ottawa and 3 times in Toronto). Our veteran lobbyists should know the drill by now.

[Getting started on lobbying your MP/MPP](#): A Word document that gives suggested dialogue to use when you phone and then email your MPP to book an appointment. Please only book appointments with your MPP. If you are brand new to Citizens' Climate Lobby and do not have a connection with your local CCL group, check with us to make sure someone has not already started booking the appointment.

WHERE TO SEND: Please lobbying appointments in proper format and MPP bios to: canada@citizensclimatelobby.org

PROPER FORMAT FOR LOBBYING APPOINTMENTS:

NAME: The name of the MP, their Party and any special roles they may have in Parliament.

TIME: The day of the week, date and time

LOCATION: Including the building and address and room number if possible

STAFF CONTACT: The staff contact person and their contact information

CONSTITUENTS: Names of constituents (even if they are not attending the conference)

MEETING SCHEDULED BY: Who was the CCL scheduler

ALSO WANTS TO ATTEND: Who you would like to have lobby with you. Constituents in the MP's riding will get top priority. Other circumstances may be considered but there are no guarantees.

THE FINAL LOBBYING SCHEDULE

After conference registration closes on March 22, 2017, the Lobbying Schedule Committee will meet to determine the lobbying schedule. Great care will go into balancing the following elements: putting constituents in the room, past lobbying participants, weighing the skills of the different people, giving everyone approximately the same number of appointments, considering the lobby lead requests and avoiding schedule conflicts. That all being said, we have to be nimble.

About 15-20% of lobbying meetings change at the last minute because we lobby mostly face-to-face.

Thus, it is especially critical, you secure your appointments as soon as you can so that we can collectively be as organized as possible well in advance. Be sure to send all information in the correct format above and to canada@citizensclimatelobby.org by March 22.

Order is the shape upon which beauty depends. – Pearl S. Buck
Beauty will save the world. – Fyodor Dostoyesky

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER BEFORE HAND IN SOCIAL MEDIA (OPTIONAL)

Facebook: For those wishing to use Facebook to connect with each other beforehand, a [Facebook Event](#) has been set-up. However, there is no privacy in Facebook.

CCL Community: For those wishing to discuss "delicate" planning items in a social media platform, please join the [CCL Ontario Action Group](#) in the CCL Community. For example our final leave behind for this lobbying effort will be discussed beforehand in the CCL Community. If you did not read these action sheets and wanted to be part of determining final talking points for the leave behind, perhaps you should start reading action sheets.

UPDATED JANUARY 2017 ONTARIO ACTION

Lobby your local Chamber of Commerce to support carbon fee and dividend nationally.

In December 2016, twenty Ontario Chambers of Commerce, asked the Ontario Government to defer Ontario's cap and trade bill for at least a year citing high costs of the program coupled with high hydro rates, and a potential change in policy direction in the United States.

Here is a list of chambers asking for the delay:

- Ajax Pickering Chamber of Commerce
- Burlington Chamber of Commerce
- Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Kitchener Waterloo
- Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce
- Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
- Ingersoll Chamber of Commerce
- Kingston Chamber of Commerce
- London Chamber of Commerce
- North Bay Chamber of Commerce
- Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce
- Newmarket Chamber of Commerce
- Sault Ste Marie Chamber of Commerce
- Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce
- St Thomas & District Chamber of Commerce
- Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce
- Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce
- Timmins Chamber of Commerce
- Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce

Read more:

<http://windsor.ctvnews.ca/chambers-across-ontario-want-cap-and-trade-program-deferred-1.3210541>

<http://www.thesudburystar.com/2016/12/20/defer-cap-and-trade-program-sudbury-chamber>

<http://www.mytimminsnow.com/14696/ontario-chamber-commerce-want-defer-cap-trade-tax/>

More recently, the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce published this document:

<http://sudburychamber.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/OCC-Cap-and-Trade-Program-Educational-Document.pdf>

Even if your local Chamber of Commerce is seemingly supportive of carbon pricing, you should still talk to them about carbon pricing. **Begin with the end in mind:** First and foremost we want our local Chambers of Commerce to be supportive of carbon pricing – yes including cap and trade. We do not want to go backward on the carbon pricing file. We want learn from our local Chambers of Commerce what the objections are to cap and trade (if there are any). We should aim to become a source of good information for them akin to what we do with our MPs. The pinnacle achievement would be to get our Chambers to support carbon fee and dividend (the original two-page document available in [English](#) and [French](#)) nationally.

AVOID EMAIL FLURRIES: If your group has plans to lobby your local Chamber of Commerce in the first quarter, please have your point person join the CCL ONTARIO group in CCL Community. We will organize our talking points and share resources in there. [Join the CCL ONTARIO GROUP IN CCL COMMUNITY](#)

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