

Roundup of Energy & Livability News for 3 - 9 Nov 2013

To all on the ITO Energy & General server lists via b.c.c.

News and activities that may interest you in these sustainability issues.

Courtesy of BCSEA, the following:

Wed 13, 7pm Camosun Climate Forum, with Dr Andrew Weaver. Highlights of the recent IPCC climate change report and climate policy in BC. Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/433601663412838/> Camosun Lansdowne Young 216
<http://camosun.ca/about/campus-maps.html>

Wed 13, 7:30pm Making Canada a Resilient Energy Superpower. Eminent Speakers Series with Thomas Homer-Dixon, author of Carbon Shift, The Ingenuity Gap, etc. Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney <http://sgigreenparty.ca/calendar/>. By donation.

Sat 16, 1-3pm Day of Action: No Tankers. Rally (Victoria at Clover Pt) against tanker and pipeline projects. Send a clear message to Christy Clark and Stephen Harper that we reject the expansion of tanker traffic on the B.C. coast. Location TBA. Galen at galen@sierraclub.bc.ca
www.defendourclimate.ca for local events.

[BC Signed Away Its Right to Stop Northern Gateway](#)

By Robyn Allan, The Tyee news, 28 Oct 2013

"In 2010 it gave the NEB final say over the environmental assessment process. But we can still get it back."

[Premier Clark Played by Oil by Rail Push?](#)

By Robyn Allan, The Tyee news, 4 Nov 2013.

"Why are she and Alberta's Redford talking about risky rail transport as a pipeline alternative?";
and,
"Premier Clark, please regain your resolve."

[The Climate Mapping Tool You've Been Waiting For](#)

by John Metcalfe, Atlantic Cities news, 6 Nov 2013.

"How hot will the weather soon be if humanity doesn't rein in its emissions?"

At the current rate of "low" emissions, Canada will be hot by 2100!!

[BC fails in methane math](#)

By Colin Campbell, Tyee The Hook, November 5, 2013

"Intentionally promoting and pursuing such activities is not only questionable in terms of provincial law, it undermines our remaining fighting chances to come to terms with a global plan to tackle emissions."

"A report, sponsored by the Canadian Consortium of Ocean Research Universities (CCORU), rightly asserts that the health of our oceans is fundamental to our precious environment and to Canada's economy."

[Murray Rankin, MP for Victoria, speaks out in parliament](#) on a subject of great interest to all who are concerned about Canada's lack of action about pollution of our environment on land, rivers and in our ocean, the Pacific.

[B.C. government not releasing report](#) measuring LNG's impact on environment.
by JUSTINE HUNTER, VICTORIA — The Globe and Mail, Nov. 08 2013.

Including excellent links: [Think tank tempers B.C.'s LNG dreams](#)

[Undersea cable pitched for clean energy](#)
by Tom Fletcher, BC Local News, 4 Nov 2013

ITO comment: This Sea Breeze proposition is a step in our sustainability objectives for Vancouver Island; every BC government incentive for alternatives to fossil fuel exploitation will hasten the day when we sell more energy through this US link rather than be dependent on imports.

['Cold, Hungry and in the Dark'](#)
By Bill Powers, 9 Nov 2013, TheTyee.ca

A free audiobook chapter of Bill Powers' look at 'the natural gas supply myth.'

ITO comment: well worth listening to for 10 minutes. Then, you may wish to buy the book and write a letter to your MLA.

[Spills inevitable if oil is shipped](#)
Letter to editor, by John A. Zimmerman, Times Colonist, Nov 9 2013.

Re: "Deal has little substance," editorial, Nov. 7. No matter how the oil arrives, by pipe or rail, oil exports through B.C. are sheer folly. Short-term economic gains would be offset by the inevitable catastrophic spill, its cleanup and its effect.

That's all for this week folks; Lloyd Skaalen, ITO Communications.