

Turning the Tide

A just economy for people and the planet



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Canada's East Coast is no stranger to hard times. But like many areas of the country, Atlantic Canada is feeling the pain of the worst economic crisis to hit in decades. The focus of this year's meeting will be on sharing alternative visions for our economic future -- ideas that focus not on market projections, cyclical recoveries and corporate profits, but on people, the environment and democracy. We'll look at how the current failed economic model, based on market priorities, has led to the current economic downturn, with the resulting uncertainty for families suffering job losses, rising costs and an economic recovery pinned on promoting the fossil fuel industry and its devastating effects on the environment. But more importantly, we'll talk about ways to get governments to recognize the need for lasting change and opportunities to create a just economy for everyone -- both people and the planet.

We hope you can join us. For more information, visit our website at www.canadians.org or call us at 1-800-387-7177, ext. 333.

Dear friends,



On behalf of the Saint John Chapter, and Board members Leticia Adair and Marion Moore, I am happy to invite you to our 24th Annual General Meeting in Saint John, NB, October 23-25, 2009.

For years, Canadians have been told that freer trade, fewer regulations and bigger global markets will bring prosperity to everyone. But after more than 20 years of export-oriented trade, we know that's not true. While big corporations and private investors have profited, people and the environment have paid a high price. The failed economic model that is based on consumerism and unsustainable growth no longer works. It's time for positive change where we all buy locally, rely on renewable energy, and better recognize the need for publicly-owned and managed services and resources. Our AGM is an opportunity to learn more about these issues from our wonderful speakers and panelists and to share the knowledge of our members from across the country to develop strategies for the important work that lies ahead.

I hope to see you there!

Yours,

Maude Barlow
National Chairperson
The Council of Canadians

Agenda

Friday, October 23

Registration for Saturday workshops 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Free Public Forum 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

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Featuring keynote speakers:

Maude Barlow, Senior Advisor on Water to the President of the United Nations General Assembly and National Chairperson, The Council of Canadians

John Cavanagh, Director of the Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, DC, U.S.

Garry Leech, independent journalist, author and lecturer at Cape Breton University, Nova Scotia

Followed by a question and answer session

Saturday, October 24

Registration 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Panels and workshops: 8:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Rally: International Day of Climate Action 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Cocktail reception: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Dinner and awards: 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 25

The Council's business meeting: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call us toll free at 1-800-387-7177, ext. 333, or visit www.canadians.org.



Co-host,
Leticia Adair



Co-host,
Marion Moore

Suggested accommodations

Conference Hotel

Saint John Hilton

One Market Square
506-693-8484 or 1-800-561-8282
\$132 + tax (special rate for AGM delegates – must book by September 25 – specify meeting name)

Bed & Breakfasts

All within walking distance to the conference hotel

Earl of Leinster B & B

96 Leinster St
506-652-3275
Single \$92.97 + tax
Double \$101.84 + tax
www.earlofleinster.com

Homeport B & B

80 Douglas Avenue
1-888-678-7678
\$109 + tax
www.homeport.nb.ca

Mahogany Manor B & B

220 Germain Street
506- 636-8000 or 1-800-796-7755
\$100 + tax
www.sjnow.com/mmm/

Suites

Chipman Hill Suites

12 buildings located in City centre
506- 693-1171
Bachelor Suite at \$49 per night
2-Bedroom Suite starts at \$129 per night
<http://www.chipmanhill.com/accommodations.html>

Registration form

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

If you are attending the Chapter Caucus Day as your Chapter's Representative you must register using the Early-Registration Form mailed to your chapter contact in May.

Accommodations

- I will make my own hotel arrangements.
 I would like the Council to try to billet me.
 I can provide accommodation to others.

Conference Fees (includes Saturday lunch and all breaks)

- \$70 per participant in advance, or \$75 on-site.
 \$35 fixed income (includes Saturday lunch).

Saturday Banquet Dinner*

- \$30 per person

* In keeping with a resolution passed at the 2007 AGM, organic and vegetarian food will be emphasized; vegan and meat options will be provided. Please check your selection below:

- Vegetarian Vegan Meat

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

- I would like to contribute to the Friends of the AGM

Amount enclosed _____

Total Amount enclosed _____

Method of payment

- My cheque is enclosed Visa Mastercard

Card No. _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Please return this form by October 14, 2009 (the last day of advance registration) to the Council of Canadians, 700-170 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, ON K1P 5V5.