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Grandchildren
our legacy, their future

February, 2013 Newsletter

Dear {FIRST_NAME|For Our Grandchildren Supporter},

For Our Grandchildren continues to document our government's efforts to lobby the US government in favour of the Keystone XL Pipeline on behalf of our oil industry. Our recent blog entries point out the extent to which our government's actions sell out our grandchildren's future. See a couple of highlighted Blog entries below, or visit the [web site](#) to see them all.



We are planning a [public meeting](#) on the subject of Climate Change similar to [last year's](#), this time in Peterborough on Saturday May 25. The date and location and overall theme are in place, and we are finalizing the list of speakers. Mark the date and check back on the [web site](#) for event details. Please forward this email to your friends who live in the Peterborough area. Ask them to [sign up](#) to receive future emails.

What can you do to make a difference? There's lots, but here are a few suggestions. **Speak out** for climate change Action and against climate change Denial wherever and whenever you can, to friends and colleagues, in letters to the editor, in the comments section of online versions of newspapers. It is becoming socially acceptable to mention this previously taboo topic in polite company. **Follow through** on some of the suggestions in the articles on the web site.

We owe it to our Grandchildren to convince others that this issue is worth fighting for. Only then will our government consider taking the actions that we believe are so urgently needed.

Recent Blog Articles

[Proud of What?](#)



We report on Alison Redford, the Premier of Alberta, who visited Washington where she lobbied US politicians and administrators to approve the Keystone Pipeline.

She also wrote a column for USA Today under the caption: "Keystone is responsible oil sands development."

In her column she stated: "I'm proud to say Alberta applauds and shares the President's strong desire to address climate change and we're already taking action." Read the story and see if proud is a word you would have used.

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Canada's Travelling Salesman

Last week our Minister of Natural Resources, Joe Oliver, visited Chicago and Houston on a sales pitch to US business.

The subject of his pitch? The Keystone XL pipeline that would carry tar sands bitumen across the US border on its way to refineries in Texas. His goal is to put political pressure on President Obama and his administration to approve the Keystone XL project.



First, he minimized the contribution that extraction of bitumen makes to world GHG emissions. He also did not mention that the tar sands are and will continue to be one of the world's top sources of GHG.

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The Harper Government is "on message"



This article discusses the Harper government message and their claims of progress towards achieving GHG reduction goals. Naturally it finds that the government's message is somewhat long on style and short on substance.

It refers to a recent Jeffrey Simpson article quoting Mr. Simpson: ". . . the party's overall approach of extending political offerings longer on image than substance to parts of its core vote" and ". . . gestures

and policies directed at the heart of its base to fire up its enthusiasm for the Conservative cause, and these are accompanied by little targeted tax cuts and spending announcements.”

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We depend on public support to keep the issue of climate change alive among grandparents. You can make a [contribution](#) to *For Our Grandchildren* online on our web site. Grandparents who subscribe to receive our email become members of *For Our Grandchildren*.

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