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**Open Letter to the Competition Bureau, Canada Revenue Agency, Parliamentary Budget Officer, Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Canadian Association of Journalists, National News Media Council, CRTC, Canadian Chambers of Commerce, Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses, Canadian Taxpayers Federation, Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses, and Canadian Securities Commissions, Canadian Senate, Bank of Canada**

**RE: Minister Jonathan Wilkinson's April 15, 2021, call for an adult debate on environmental and climate change policy in Canada**

### **1. Introduction – Urgent Need for an “Adult Debate”**

We agree with Minister Wilkinson's statement that *“We are long overdue for an adult debate on environmental policy in this country...”* (Appendix I) which he stated as part of his critique of the Official Opposition's climate plan. That adult debate must be generated by both informed citizens and by scientists who hold rational, dissenting views on the “Climate Emergency” claims, and who can provide the science to support the reason for their dissent. Before Canada goes any further with climate policies, we must have open, civil debate, full cost-benefit analysis, and open media coverage of opposing views.

Recent publications and peer-reviewed papers in climate science show that:

- a) Climate computer models (simulations) relied upon as the basis for setting public policy (like carbon taxes) are [deeply flawed and predict far too much warming](#); the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) relies on about 100 models run under the new Coupled Model Intercomparison Project's [CMIP6](#). About half of the models ran too hot because of a change in cloud algorithms, far hotter than in previous models CMIPs 1-5. This presents the climate modeling community and IPCC with a dilemma. Either the models have been wrong for 40 years or they are wrong now. The Science article says they are wrong now. What the IPCC says remains to be seen. The community may well split over this. In 2014, at [Friends of Science Society's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Event](#), [Prof. Ross McKittrick explained](#) then that the climate models were running far hotter than observed temperatures by 2-3 times. Integrated Assessment Models (IAMs) are the [economic models that are calibrated to climate models](#) – and this is how climate policies like carbon taxes are set – meaning present Canadian carbon taxes are also ‘too hot’ and set far too high.

Regarding recent news of the new model failures: “It's become clear over the last year or so that we can't avoid this admission”, Gavin Schmidt - director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space

Studies - told the renowned journal Science. Schmidt also said: “You end up with numbers for even the near-term that are insanely scary—and wrong.”

The Canadian model runs are from the tax funded Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis. This model runs the hottest of all models and have done so for a long time, as detailed in this [commentary and analysis](#) by Ken Gregory, P. Eng. Failure of analysis of this extent in the private sector would be cause for closure of the department or operation.

- b) Climate scientists have been [relying on outdated data, using the most implausible climate scenario](#) (known as RCP 8.5) as if “business-as-usual” when it is not, and misusing these scenarios as if they are optional ‘pathways’ when they are not and are not meant to be compared. Thus, there is no ‘climate emergency’ – the ‘emergency’ is only seen in this implausible scenario; Climate sensitivity (warming effect) of [carbon dioxide has been greatly over-estimated](#); the inherent benefits of nominal warming and the fertilization effects of carbon dioxide have not been accounted for against alleged costs of climate change;
- c) The financial, investment, and banking communities are [relying on and promoting scenarios and information based on the implausible scenario of RCP 8.5](#), aka “Risky Business”, thus compromising investment in necessary energy infrastructure and resources while diverting funds to unreliable wind and solar which [cannot support basic society in terms of Energy Return on Energy Invested](#). [Climate models are not robust enough](#) to provide climate risk information suitable for business risk assessment.
- d) Claims of increasing extreme weather events as a reason to phase-out the use of oil, natural gas and coal are not supported by the evidence. The ‘heat dome’ in BC, that resulted in at least 770 people dying, was a known, but rare, meteorological phenomenon, [explained by Prof. Cliff Mass](#), world expert on Pacific Northwest climate and weather patterns. Wildfires in British Columbia are exacerbated by forests at life cycle end and deadwood from pine beetle infestation. Both of these serious risks have been forewarned about for many years, but almost nothing practical has been done to address the matter. Instead, billions have been spent on ‘climate mitigation’ and related grants – when, for a few hundred million, deadwood could have been cleared in critical areas near populations, and for urban heat events, cooling centers could have been built or set up in modified community buildings. Lytton, unfortunately, is in a high-risk fire location. There is an ongoing investigation into possible arson. [On average 42% of BC wildfires are caused by humans; last year 59%](#). It is unclear if [FireSmart guidelines](#) had been adopted by the community; it has burned down before in similar circumstances. These many tragic losses are not due to climate change, but a combination of human-wildland interface and lack of advance adaptive/mitigative action. It is not possible or necessary to “[climate proof](#)” Canada through greenwashing on reducing emissions; we will just have to adapt, as humankind has successfully done for centuries. There are [no extreme weather trends](#), as noted by Roger Pielke, Jr., an consultant to insurers. As Parker Gallant notes, his insurance company raised rates claiming increase climate disasters, none of which exist in fact; TD bank that owns the company crowed about increased profits and [reduced insurance claims in its quarterly report](#). “Costs of climate change” has become a convenient consumer con.

- e) Based on [global carbon offset prices of between \\$3-5 dollars](#), Canadians are presently paying a \$40/t carbon tax that is 10 times the market value, which is disadvantaging enterprise and oppressing and impoverishing the middle class. If, as noted above, the warming effect of carbon dioxide is nominal and an implausible future climate scenario has been used, giving a false image of a climate emergency, then there is no need for a carbon tax or climate accountability laws;
- f) Post-COVID, it is unclear how Canada can meet Paris targets without destroying the Canadian economy, nor do we have the financial resources to contribute several billion/year to the \$100 billion dollar a year Green Climate Fund, which was set up to bribe developing nations into the Paris Agreement. [China and India have already demanded that the West “pay up”](#) and the West has not been able to. As of August 2017, only [\\$9.6 million had been raised for the Green Climate Fund](#) – a far cry from \$100 billion/year.

## 2. Recent Expert Testimony to the House of Commons Committee on Industry, Science and Technology

One of our main policy contributors, Robert Lyman, presented the following brief to the House of Commons Committee on Industry, Science and Technology. He testified before the committee on May 11, 2021. Robert Lyman was a public servant for 27 years and a diplomat for 10 years, working on issues related to climate change policy, greenhouse gas emissions targets and their implications.

[https://www.ourcommons.ca/Content/Committee/432/INDU/Brief/BR11352150/br-external/10440245\\_001\\_FR\\_LymanRobert-f.pdf](https://www.ourcommons.ca/Content/Committee/432/INDU/Brief/BR11352150/br-external/10440245_001_FR_LymanRobert-f.pdf)

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In his brief, Robert Lyman references an analysis by Prof. Ross McKittrick:

*“Policy discussions in Canada, at least since the days of the Kyoto Protocol, have looked at the costs of reducing our total national emissions by some 10 to 30 per cent depending on the base year. At present this would amount to a reduction of about 0.01 to 0.03 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide, which, if achieved, would eventually reduce the rate of increase in the global CO<sub>2</sub> concentration by about 0.01 parts per million (ppm) per year, 17 orders of magnitude smaller than the natural monthly fluctuations in the global record, and **hence on a scale that for all practical purposes would have no discernable global effects. Complete cessation of all Canadian CO<sub>2</sub> emissions would reduce the global concentration by only about three ppm over the next 100 years.**” (bold emphasis added)*

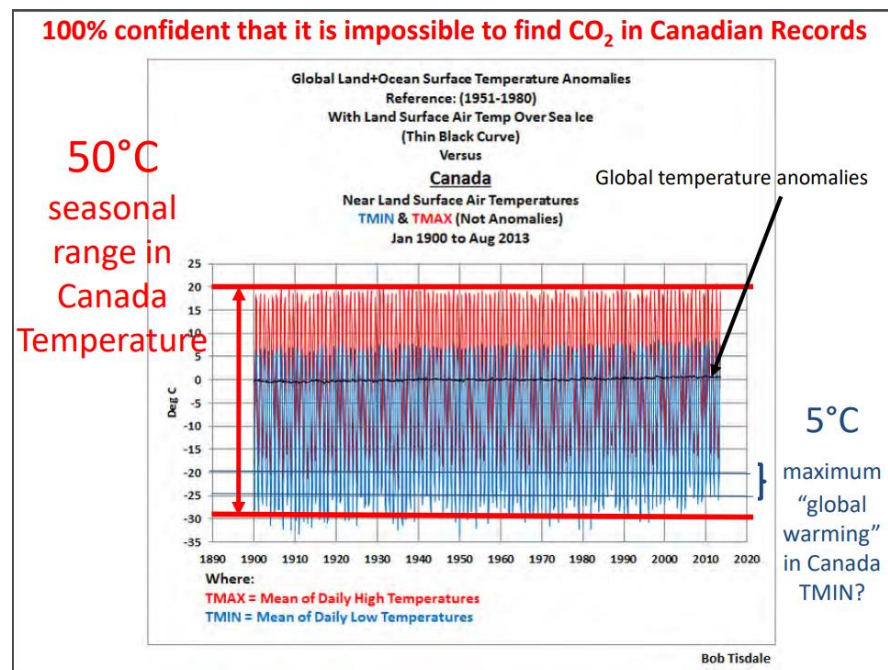
What are the costs and benefits of the policies and programs to reduce emissions through support for “green energy” and electrification of the economy?

Efforts to increase electricity production from renewables are especially puzzling in Canada, where eighty-two per cent of current electricity generation is already from sources that do not produce greenhouse gases, one of the highest rates in the world.

### 3. No Sign of Carbon Dioxide Driven Warming in Canadian Climate Records

We appeal to all parties named in this Open Letter to ensure that you open up this debate and that you call for full cost-benefit analysis of proposed policies like those of “NetZero2050”. The demand for a NetZero future is based on the theory that greenhouse gases from human industrial activity, principally carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), is driving global warming in a potentially catastrophic way.

The temperature record in Canada does not show signs of a climate emergency, certainly nothing driven by carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere.



Source: “The Sun Also Warms” 2019 Friends of Science Society Annual Event  
<https://youtu.be/KazGXAqgkds>

### 4. Faulty Climate Models Mislead Policymakers

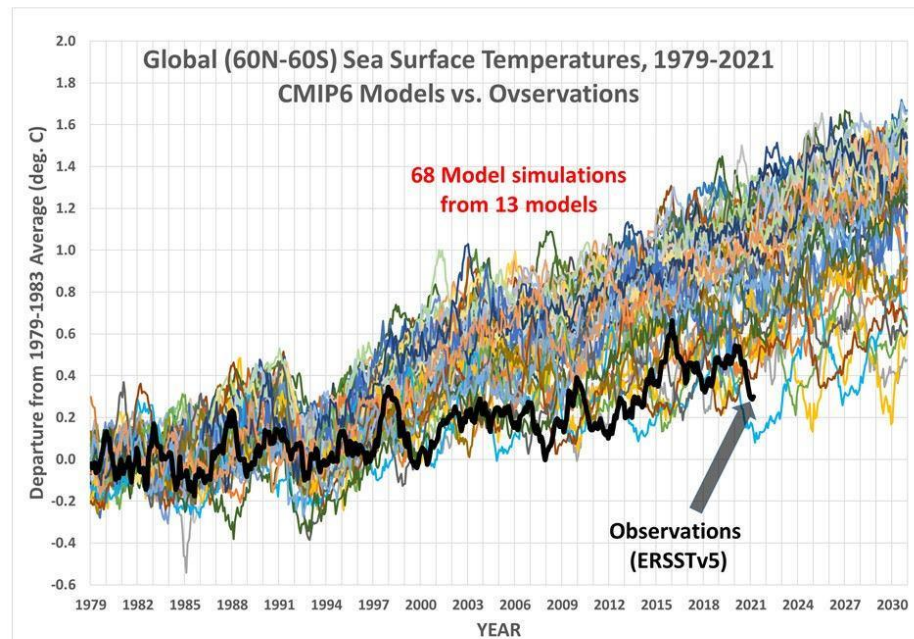
The major goal of Friends of Science Society is to provide insights on climate science and related energy projects. The evidence shows the public that the theory of warming claimed to be caused by increasing greenhouse gases as quantified by climate models and incorporated into the IPCC reports is grossly exaggerated.

The most important issue is that the climate emergency narrative is based on climate models (computer simulations). These simulations exaggerate the global short-term warming by a factor of two, and long-term warming by a factor of three. We know this by comparing the observed temperatures versus the projections of the models (see graph below of Global Sea Surface Temperatures, 1979-2021). The main

reason is that climate modellers ignore natural climate variability which is driven mainly by the Sun. The models also warm the atmosphere above the tropics by up to four times the rate of the measurements by weather balloons, which is very strong evidence that the models are wrong.

Two other issues are that:

- about half the recent warming over land as measured by weather stations is caused by urban warming (i.e., the retained warmth over cities, generated by human activity, heat exhaust from buildings, vehicle heat exhaust, and heat absorption/reflection by dark pavement and buildings). This warming is not caused by greenhouse gases.
- the social benefits of warming and CO2 fertilization are much larger than the costs of warming. For cold nations like Canada, warming is extremely beneficial in terms of reduced winter heating costs and improved summer growing days. These benefits are excluded from cost-benefit evaluations and the alleged costs of warming are exaggerated in economic models, because economic models (Integrated Assessment Models – IAMs) are calibrated to the faulty climate models which exaggerate warming by two or three times.



## 5. The Paris Agreement 1.5°Celsius or 2°Celsius Targets are Unscientific

The 2 degree C Paris target and the prospect of an impending Climate Emergency is not supported by the scientific studies used by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) which is often referenced by Climate Alarmists. The IPCC itself is clear that no long-term prediction of climate can be made, due to the 'coupled non-linear chaotic system'. Therefore, claims of a climate emergency are not founded in science, but rather speculation.



**"In climate research and modelling, we should recognize that we are dealing with a coupled non-linear chaotic system, and therefore that long-term prediction of future climate states is not possible."**

**~ The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ~  
(IPCC)**

**Third Assessment Report (2001)  
Section 14.2.2.2, page 774**

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The 2 degree C Paris Target is a figure that was arbitrarily set by William Nordhaus some 40 years ago. In his more recent works, he shows that temperatures could go to 3.5 degrees Celsius with [less economic harm than throwing money at 'green' projects](#).

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## AN ARBITRARY TARGET

My uncle, the Yale University economist William Nordhaus, is widely credited with being the first person to propose that climate policy should strive to limit anthropogenic global warming to two degrees above preindustrial temperatures. He didn't arrive at that conclusion through any sort of elaborate climate modeling or cost-benefit analysis. Rather, he considered the very limited evidence of long-term climate variance available at that time and concluded that a two-degree increase would take global temperatures outside the range experienced by human societies for the previous several thousand years and probably much longer. The standard was, by his own admission, arbitrary.

### 6. Undue Influence on Markets and the Media by Activist Institutional Investors leads to Greenwashing the Public

How can the Charter Right of Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press be observed when activist investors are telling media outlets and banks wherein, they have investments, that they must support the Paris Agreement, the 2 degree C target and the work of groups like Ecofiscal Commission (which has now morphed into Canadian Institution for Climate Choices – a body funded by the federal government for some \$21 million, and which has no dissenting views whatsoever represented within the group)?

<b>Rogers</b>	<p>Rogers Communications is a diversified Canadian communications and media company that operates in the field of wireless communications, cable television, telephone and internet connectivity</p> <p>www.rogers.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GHG emissions and climate policy</li> <li>• Respecting privacy and human rights</li> </ul>	<p>We met with Rogers in June 2015 to follow-up on our climate change dialogue. In light of the upcoming Paris Climate Conference and negotiations on global climate policy, we encouraged Rogers to take a leadership position by expressing public support for climate policy and carbon pricing in Canada. We highlighted several initiatives, including the work of the Ecofiscal Commission and CDP's Road to Paris commitments, and the company indicated it would consider such opportunities. We discussed the progress industry and provincial governments are making on advancing climate policy.</p> <p>With regard to its own climate performance, Rogers explained it looks at 17 different areas of emissions to measure its total carbon footprint. It continues to be active in implementing energy efficiency projects and retrofitting to drive down energy costs while the business grows: it has added over 500 cell sites this year. Several of Rogers' data centers are now LEED certified. In April 2015, Rogers was selected as one of Canada's top 100 environmental employers.</p> <p>In 2014 we had shared our observations on Rogers' 2013 CSR report, and we were pleased to note that the company had responded to some of our suggestions in its 2014 report, such as enhanced disclosure on privacy and data security. Rogers noted that this topic was identified as material by customers. The company has moved to GRI G4 reporting. We commended Rogers for the steady improvement in its sustainability reporting, and encouraged the company to continue enhancing its stakeholder feedback process.</p>	<p>Ethical Balanced Fund Ethical Canadian Equity Fund</p> 
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Even the Ad Standards Council is fraught with representatives that are deeply entrenched in climate change ideology, with, for example, VISA having a direct association with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The UNFCCC's political definition of climate change is not supported by the scientific evidence, nor is it a scientific definition. The public are being greenwashed and there is no recourse for open, civil debate. So, it is good and right that Minister Wilkinson has recognized this and made the right call for an 'adult debate'.

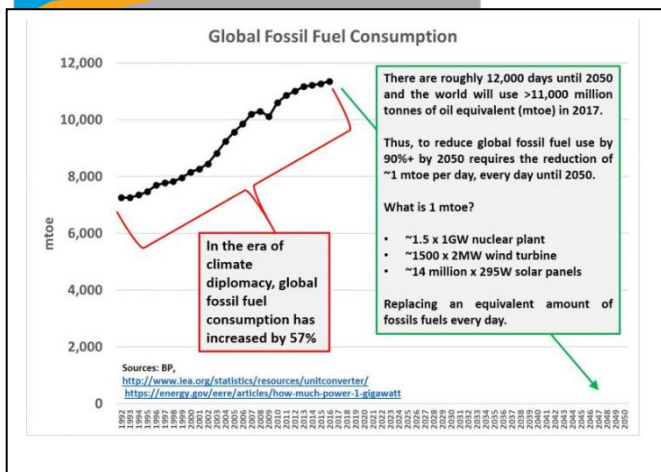
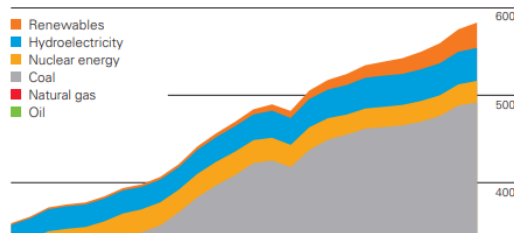
Before making environmental claims, businesses must make sure that the claims:

- **Aren't misleading or likely to result in misinterpretation**
- **Are accurate and specific:** claims that broadly imply that a product is environmentally beneficial or benign must be accompanied by a statement that provides support.
- **Are substantiated and verifiable:** claims must be tested and all tests must be scientifically sound, conducted in good faith and documented.
- **Are relevant:** claims must be specific to a particular product, and used only in an appropriate context. Claims must also take into consideration all relevant aspects of the product's whole life cycle.
- **Don't imply that the product is endorsed by a third-party organization when it isn't**

January 23, 2017 — OTTAWA, ON — Competition Bureau

How can economically sound decisions be made when the media is flooded with hyped up stories of how renewables are set to take over from oil and gas as prime energy, when the evidence does not support this claim at all? [“What Energy Transition?”](#) discusses the evidence.

**World consumption**  
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There is no conceivable likelihood that any country can reach ‘NetZero 2050’ without the development of some presently nonexistent, magical technology – which, even if invented, could take 70-100 years to transition into society. Robert Lyman outlines these issues in [“Magical Thinking – Why NetZero is Neither Possible nor Desirable”](#).

The push for NetZero is driving essentially fraudulent capital markets because the proposed replacements – wind and solar – do not displace fossil fuel use to any great degree. Wind and solar impose high costs on the rest of the electrical grid, making them uneconomic, both in terms of the cost of the electricity they provide and the claimed environmental benefit of reduced carbon dioxide emissions.

A thorough quantitative analysis of wind and solar energy, such as our new report [“What You Really Need to Know About Renewables \(That Pembina Institute Won’t Tell You\)”](#) shows that society cannot reliably replace conventional forms of power generation with wind and solar; and climate activist claims that battery storage or complete electrification to replace natural gas are simply dangerous, energy illiteracy.

The costs of proposed policies and the cost-benefits are not being presented to the public and the market dominance of federally funded media or institutional investor-directed media and banks mean there is no forum for full analysis. The public and markets are being greenwashed and this is carried out, to a large degree, by tax-subsidized Environmental Non-governmental Organizations (ENGOS). As shown in the film [“Global Warning”](#) by Mathew Embry, ENGOS appear to have very favorable access to government officials via lobbying and at major climate events. When climate activists are shown that carbon dioxide is not long-lived in the atmosphere, by a scientist in the laboratory,<sup>1</sup> they continue to

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.globalwarningdocumentary.com/en/?utm\\_source=friendsfoscience](https://www.globalwarningdocumentary.com/en/?utm_source=friendsfoscience) Sponsored Content. This link provides a paid viewing option, of which Friends of Science Society will receive a small fee.



spew climate emergency claims. Federally registered charities have a requirement to provide a “net benefit” to the public. What is the ‘net benefit’ of the destruction of our major energy export industries in a way that only assists competitor nations to sell more oil? How can this charade go on? Many of the [climate activist organizations have received or still receive foreign funding](#) which has been shown, in some cases, to directly impact Canadian energy policies to the negative.

The screenshot shows the Oak Foundation website. The header includes the 'OAK FOUNDATION' logo and navigation links: 'About Us', 'Programmes', 'Grants', and 'What we're learning'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header, a banner states: 'Oak Foundation commits its resources to address issues of global social and environmental concern'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with links: 'Grant Making Criteria', 'Letters of Enquiry', 'Grant Application Procedures', 'Grant Database', and 'Frequently Asked Questions'. The main content area is titled 'Tar Sands Campaign' and includes the following details:

- Home » Tar Sands Campaign
- Organisation: ForestEthics
- Website: [www.forestethics.org](http://www.forestethics.org)
- Amount: USD 299,879
- Purpose: To minimise Tar Sands impacts by 1) creating a perception of economic risk, whereby Tar Sands imports become less attractive to US corporations and, the Canadian government questions its unbridled support for expanded and unregulated development; 2) placing a hard cap on Tar Sands emissions to slow expansion and clean up operations; and 3) addressing the environmental impacts of Tar Sands to limit toxic pollution of water and air and respect Aboriginal Treaty Rights. ForestEthics will work with at least 10 Fortune 500 companies to publicly disavow Tar Sands fuel and to purchase fuel from less polluting sources; work with at least one of these companies to exert influence within the US Government to support regulations that will disadvantage Tar Sands fuel; and stop Enbridge's proposed Northern Gateway pipeline which would carry Tar Sands oil from Alberta through BC's pristine wilderness to an oil tanker port on the coast for shipment to Asia.
- Programme: Environment
- Sub-programme: Climate Change North America
- Country: United States
- Year Awarded: 2010
- Startdate: 1-Aug-10
- Enddate: 1-Aug-12
- Duration: 24months

The [tax subsidized ENGOS have tremendous social media presence, have billions in funding, some of which is showered upon them by governments at all levels](#), and they seem to have excellent media cachet. Some evidence suggests that many are funded proxies for various green corporate plans – which we understand is forbidden by the Competition Act and by the Charities Directorate Guidelines.

It is alarming to read that the tax subsidized McConnell Foundation provided significant funding to a group of about a dozen of the largest ENGOS in Canada, known as the Strathmere Alliance/Strathmere Group.

From: <https://mcconnellfoundation.ca/grant/equiterre-strathmere-group/>

## Equiterre / Strathmere Group



### Background

Founded in 2006, the Strathmere Group is comprised of 14 of Canada's largest environmental organizations. The Strathmere group enables its members to coordinate strategies and communications for greater impact. The Secretariat of Strathmere rotates and is currently assumed by Equiterre.

### Full Description

Using shared public opinion research, Eco-Analytics' aim is to help to ensure that diverse environmental campaigns and initiatives are structured for success in the current policy and political milieu. Eco-Analytics will commission an extensive annual national survey on Canadians' beliefs and attitudes about environmental issues such as species at risk, air and water quality, and climate change. As well as making its research available to the Strathmere partners and paying subscribers, Eco-Analytics will carry out public presentations on findings to policy makers and educators at the local, regional and national levels.

### Overview

Social Innovation Fund

RENEW

2016 - 2018

\$150,000

<https://mcconnellfoundation.ca/grant/pembina-foundation-for-environmental-research-and-education-2/>

## Pembina Foundation for Environmental Research and Education



### Background

The Pembina Foundation for Environmental Research and Education supports initiatives to develop our understanding of the ways we produce and consume energy, of the impact of these means on the environment and on communities, and of options for the more sustainable use of natural energy resources.

Pembina acts as the coordinating partner for The Strathmere Group.

### Full Description

At the conclusion of the Foundation's capacity-building program for national environmental organizations in 2005, environmental lawyer Jerry de Marco produced a reflective paper titled *Ideas for a More Effective Environmental Movement in Canada*. Its first recommendation was that environmental non-government organizations (ENGOs) must overcome the "silos" isolating them from one another in order to "think and act like a movement".

### Overview

Regular Grant

Environment

RENEW

2007 - 2010

\$338,000

The Strathmere Group was formed in response to that need. Collectively, its 11 member organizations<sup>[1]</sup> have over 358,000 members, 420 staff and annual budgets totaling over \$50 million. The coalition's purposes are to develop movement strategy, collaborate on communications, harmonize human resource policies and reduce fundraising costs.

The Foundation's grant supports specific collaborative projects (see "Tomorrow Today" under Knowledge Produced by this grant, below) and enables member Executive Directors and senior staff to meet at regular intervals.


[1] Pembina Institute, World Wildlife Fund, EcoJustice Canada, Nature Canada, Sierra Club of Canada, Pollution Probe, Greenpeace, Environmental Defence, Equiterre, David Suzuki Foundation and the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society.

#### Resources

- [Tomorrow Today – policy recommendations for a sustainable society](#)
- [U.S., Canadian groups gear up to halt oil sands development](#), a story in the New York Times about the Strathmere Group and its US counterparts issuing a joint statement on oil sand development
-  Pembina Visit [www.pembina.org](http://www.pembina.org) for more information

<https://archive.nytimes.com/www.nytimes.com/gwire/2009/06/04/04greenwire-us-canadian-groups-gear-up-to-halt-oil-sands-d-53217.html>

It is equally concerning that the tax subsidized McConnell Foundation gave a grant of \$10 million to one of the world's largest companies – BlackRock. What is the net public benefit to Canadians?



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## BlackRock Global Renewable Power Fund II

The fund invests a portfolio of renewable power assets, primarily focused on wind and solar in OECD countries. It is an opportunity to participate in the transition to a lower carbon economy.

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Overview

Environment

RENEW

2017

\$10,000,000

In addition to this, the McConnell funded Strathmere Group appears to have tremendous influence in the media and on political framing of messaging for elections. As noted in the grant information above, the Strathmere Group “*have over 358,000 members, 420 staff and annual budgets totaling over \$50 million.*”

According to [Boothroyd Communications](#):

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**“Strathmere Group (Greenpeace, Pembina Institute, WWF-Canada et al):** In 2014, we planned and facilitated the Toronto skills-building workshop *Campaigns and Communications 2014*, where directors from Canada’s 12 leading environmental organizations learned from leading market researchers, journalists and organizers, and agreed to work on shared frames and messages in advance of the 2015 federal election.”

This suggests the media are accepting the framing of issues from ENGOs in advance of an election period. Consequently, there is little to no public debate on climate change or energy policies.

Prior to Minister Wilkinson’s call for an adult debate, any dissenting scientist would not be given a platform in the media and would be mobbed by the tax-subsidized climate crowd that is putting forward unattainable, ideological proposals for climate and energy policies. Without Minister Wilkinson’s call for an adult debate on climate and environment, like Minister Guilbeault’s now halted Bill C-10 plan to censor the internet, and Bill C-36, which may expand risks of fines or deplatforming of dissenting scientists/citizens who reject the federal government’s ‘party line’ on climate change, will further destroy open, public debate on these important issues.

The current situation contravenes all common sense, all best business practices, all tenets of democracy, all principles of parliamentary procedure, and **therefore we are ecstatic that Minister Wilkinson has called for an adult debate on environmental policy in Canada.**

We ask you, as various bodies charged with protecting consumers, rights and freedoms, fair reporting, and fair market dealings, to require the tax-subsidized media to open the access to dissenting scientists, like those in our group or those signatory to the [CLINTEL World Climate Declaration](#), so that there can be full, free, and open debate on the topic of climate and environmental policies. This requirement to equitably reflect the views of all Canadians is already part of the Journalistic Standards of most broadcasters and news publishers but is not followed by many.

It is our view that the federal government climate plan “A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy” will impose “[A Cruel and Unusual Punishment](#)” on Canadians, as will Bill C-12 and the push for a NetZero2050 society.

We demand that these plans be halted until proper debate can be heard in the public forum, in the taxpayer funded media, and in the marketplace, without restriction and without bullying.

We believe that the role dominance of institutional investors directing media outlets or banks to promote the Paris Agreement contravenes the Competition Act. As Roger Pielke, Jr. and Justin Ritchie have shown, climate emergency claims are [based on outdated science](#) and the [misuse of an implausible scenario known as RCP8.5](#).

It is crucial that Canadian media and markets reflect these findings and that the adult debate on climate change policies and a full cost-benefit analysis begin immediately – an adult debate, absent Greta

Thunberg, absent the child proxies of climate activist parents pushing them into courts of law, and absent childish bullying.

We are surprised that it is Minister Wilkinson calling for this adult debate and are pleased that he has seen the light.

To kickstart this debate, we have made [our recent online events](#) free to the public. Learn from Donna Laframboise, investigative journalist and a former VP of the Cdn Civil Liberties Association, how “[Climate Activists are Undermining Your Freedoms](#)” and from NASA Award-winning scientist, Dr. Roy Spencer, “[The Main Reasons Why There is No Climate Emergency](#)”.

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We look forward to prolific media reports and fulsome debate from their information.

We hope recipients of this letter will take appropriate steps to encourage the adult debate required to achieve sound public policy on climate and energy issues for the net public benefit of Canadians.

Sincerely,

Friends of Science Society



## Appendix I

### Statement from the Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson on the Conservative Party of Canada's 15-page environmental policy pamphlet

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Canadians have been waiting a long time to see a serious plan from the Conservative Party of Canada to address the existential threat and economic opportunity of climate change. We're still waiting.

The Conservative Party of Canada's 15-page pamphlet is a great disappointment. No mention of science. No numbers on how much any of these policies will cost consumers. No incentives to help Canadians afford an electric vehicle, or retrofit their homes to help them save money and energy.

Instead, what we see in the latest Conservative pamphlet is an Erin O'Toole carbon tax that cuts less pollution, that costs more, and that takes away the Climate Action Incentive rebates that make life more affordable for families. In fact, the Conservatives appear to be proposing a new version of petro points – the more you burn the more you earn.

This is a pamphlet that will do less, and cost Canadians more, from a party that doesn't think that climate change is real.

And that is the fundamental problem. After fighting climate action for years, after working with Conservative "resistance" premiers to make pollution free for years, after doing virtually nothing on the climate issue for ten years under Stephen Harper and after failing to acknowledge climate change is real only a few weeks ago, Canadians cannot trust that the Conservative Party of Canada will do any of what they are saying they will do in this insufficient pamphlet.

We are long overdue for an adult debate on environmental policy in this country from the Official Opposition. This pamphlet doesn't get us there.