



Environment **UPDATE**

Environment Week 1982 — Public Consultation

What's NEW

This year National Environment Week ends on World Environment Day, marking the 10th anniversary of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm, Sweden.

Since 1972, scientists have confirmed that the earth's resources are seriously threatened by pollution, overexploitation and mismanagement. That's our earth and its future at stake--and it's up to all of us to do something about it.

Whether you live in the city or the country, there's nowhere to hide from environmental dangers. Water and air pollution, the loss of good farmland, forests, fisheries, wildlife and other resources threaten jobs, human health and living standards everywhere.

Look around you, starting at home. Are you recycling used paper, glass and other materials? Are you taking adequate care in disposing of unused paint, insecticides and other wastes?

Then, if you drive, consider your driving habits and the care you take of your car. Are they easy on fuel consumption and exhaust emissions? Do you use unleaded fuel and keep your car in top running order?

Look around your neighborhood, your workplace, your city, town or other municipality. And don't forget your summer cottage or other favorite vacation resort. Are parks, beaches and water safe and clean? Is there adequate waste treatment, with effective control of air pollution? Is wildlife habitat properly protected?

You can make your own environmental checklist--and act upon it, too. Discuss your findings with your neighbors, your elected representatives and appointed officials. Support political leaders, groups and organizations who really care about the environment, and press for action to protect it.

Urge your service club, community group, union or professional association to support this cause. Join your local environmental group, or join with your neighbors in getting one started. And enlist the help of the schools in teaching your children to respect and cherish their natural heritage.

National Environment Week is a time for all Canadians to ponder their own responsibility--a time for NEW initiatives and NEW dedication.

John Roberts
Minister

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This fall you will have a special opportunity to influence government policies and programs. This issue explains how you and your organization can help make plans for special public meetings with government officials on environmental matters.

NEW: The Action Begins With You

National Environment Week gives you new opportunities to help protect our natural heritage. You can do this by taking part in some of the week's special activities, designed to heighten public awareness of environmental problems and the efforts to solve them.

As the slogan for NEW puts it, "The action begins with you."

Special events are being planned at the national, provincial and local levels. Watch for details on television, radio, posters and newspapers in your area.

Coordinating the week's activities are representatives of the following organizations:

The Canadian Environment Council
 The Canadian Labour Congress
 The Canadian Nature Federation
 The Council of Federal and Provincial
 Directors of Environmental Information
 Environment Canada
 La Fédération Québécoise de la Faune
 The National Survival Institute
 Petro Canada
 The United Nations Environment Program

A symposium in Calgary, June 3-4, will have as its theme "Water: Our Unacknowledged Resource". It will close with the annual Marguerite and Vernon Heaslip Awards presentation for environmental stewardship.

This year's winners will receive United Nations medals marking the 10th anniversary of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment.

Environment Canada will schedule special events in the national capital area and elsewhere across Canada.

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Calgary Symposium on Water

Further information:
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Marguerite and Vernon Heaslip Awards

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WHAT'S NEW?



NEW is National Environment Week and the action begins with you! May 30 – June 5, 1982



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Last October the Honourable John Roberts announced Environment Canada's new public consultation and information availability policy.

As one important aspect of this policy, Environment Canada's first annual headquarters Public Consultation meeting will take place in Ottawa September 21, 22 and 23, 1982.

Public Consultation meetings will also be held at regional centres across Canada. Dates and locations of regional meetings will be announced in Update when they are confirmed.

The meetings will allow private citizens, environmentalists, industry spokesmen, professional associations, community groups and other organizations to dialogue directly with government officials on environmental matters.

Environment Canada invites you to help plan the headquarters meeting by sugges-

ting topics you would like to have discussed. We also want your suggestions concerning the meeting format--for example, on the scheduling of workshops and plenary sessions.

The proposed format and some suggested agenda items appear elsewhere on this page. The final agenda will be published in the August issue of Environment Update.

Please send your own suggestions no later than July 1, 1982, to:

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Proposed Format

Tuesday, September 21

Evening: Registration

Wednesday, September 22

a.m. Corporate consultation

Overview of public and department concerns

p.m. Service consultation

Concurrent meetings with Environment Canada's component services on their special concerns: Parks Canada, Atmospheric Environment Service, Environmental Protection Service, Environmental Conservation Service, Canadian Forestry Service

Thursday, September 23

a.m. Service section consultation

Concurrent meetings with service directorates--e.g., Inland Waters and Historic Sites--on their special concerns

p.m. Final discussion and debate

Overview of issues and mechanisms for effective public consultation in the coming year

Proposed Topics

Environment Canada has been canvassing environmental groups, industry and government officials regarding the agenda for the Ottawa public consultation meeting on September 22-23. Here are some of the topics proposed so far:

- .Acid rain
- .Assistance to public interest group
- .Energy megaprojects
- .Environment Canada and the north
- .Environment and the economy
- .Environment quality
- .Federal policy on land use
- .Hazardous wastes
- .Health hazards in the workplace
- .Public consultation
- .Shore zone
- .Strategic planning
- .Water quality
- .World conservation strategy

What They Do

To help you participate effectively in the public participation process, Environment Canada provides background information on request. This includes scientific papers and other material published by the department and its component services.

Here are their areas of responsibility, with the contact persons who can furnish more detailed information about them.

Environmental Protection Service:

Water and air pollution (including the long-range transport of air pollutants), wastewater treatment, environmental contaminants, environmental emergencies, toxic chemical and waste management, environmental/pollution legislation, environmental impact of federal projects.

Susan Eros, (819) 997-2375.

Environmental Conservation Service:

Conservation of water, wildlife and land resources, their management and related research. This includes migratory birds, wildlife habitat, wildlife interpretation, toxicology; water quantity and quality surveys, international and interprovincial water issues and policies, flood damage reduction, river basin planning; land capability and land use studies and inventories, federal land policies and management.

Al Teskey, (819) 997-2897.

Canadian Forestry Service:

Research to support the provinces and industry in forest management and protection; policy development; statistics, national and international relations.

Jim Munro, (819) 997-1463.

Atmospheric Environment Service:

Atmosphere, ice and sea conditions, research and development on weather forecasting and observing systems, climate, air quality.

Yvon Bernier, (819) 997-6655.

Parks Canada:

Management and development of existing national parks, national historic parks, sites and monuments, and the development of new ones; federal-provincial cooperative agreements on recreation and conservation; Canadian heritage river system and national land parks.

Jim Shearon, (819) 994-2534.

Regional Meetings

Public consultation meetings in the Western and Northern Region are tentatively scheduled as follows:

September 12	Winnipeg
September 19	Regina
September 22	Yellowknife
September 26	Edmonton or Calgary

Please send inquiries and agenda suggestions to:

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Transportation Assistance to Attend Annual Meetings

Limited transportation assistance is available for both headquarters and regional meetings designated under the Public Consultation Policy.

To qualify for assistance in attending these headquarters and regional yearly meetings, a public interest group or professional association must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Be a non-profit organization with an interest in the policies and programs of Environment Canada;
2. Indicate a financial need and be willing to make available a financial statement and budget, if requested;
3. Indicate its reasons for wishing to attend a designated meeting for which financial assistance is being requested;
4. Participate at the designated meeting.

In addition, to assist Environment Canada in allocating the limited funds available, the following criteria will be used:

1. That there is a clearly ascertainable interest that ought to be brought to the attention of Environment Canada;
2. That separate and adequate representation of the interest would make a necessary and substantial contribution to the annual meetings;
3. That the applicant organization demonstrate or be willing to demonstrate its own commitment to, and representativeness of, the interest it seeks to represent (e.g., nature and extent of its own contribution, past involvement in similar activities, size of its constituency);
4. That the applicant organization not obtain funds for the same activity from other federal agencies.

All transportation assistance must be authorized before the journey is undertaken. The assistance is for transportation only. All applicants planning to attend the headquarters meeting in Ottawa must request assistance in writing by August 14, 1982. Those wishing to attend regional meetings should contact the respective regional coordinators.

Transportation costs will be reimbursed, but no advances will be made. If you wish to apply for assistance in attending the headquarters annual meeting in September, please contact Mary McLaughlan or Gail Turner at the address given in this issue.

