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June 26 - **TED talk**: Just 2% of global GDP would prevent climate breakdown, ban on single use plastics, plight of teachers/nurses in Ontario, women lead five of world's most sustainable cities, Farmers for Climate Solutions want agricultural policy focused on climate - 3 farm practices to reduce GHG's, *Sue Big Oil* movement, Data reveals global heating in the Arctic *seven times faster* than the global average. Canada's banks & pension funds are financing a climate disaster.

June 12 - 43% of Ontarians voted in provincial election. Ontarians had PTSD after the 2022 winter of Covid worries. The war in Ukraine amplified our collective anxiety. Inflation is crazy - when things get expensive, people tend to be focused on short-term needs. Katharine Hayhoe warns: "Counting on adaptation to limit climate damage is no substitute for urgently cutting greenhouse gases. We will not have anything left if we do not address the climate crisis." Check out atmospheric CO2 levels this week - <https://www.co2.earth/weekly-co2>. Time lapse [video](#) of disappearing nature, Russia supplies a sixth of the global oil and gas supply. Global rush for new fossil gas production will put the Paris Agreement goal to limit global warming to 1.5 C out of reach,

May 29 - The June 3 provincial election is about ensuring a strong, transparent democracy in Ontario. PC candidates are no shows for debates. GASP video "Where have all the Tories gone?" Do we want a car economy or care economy? GASP Basic Income team's letter in Hamilton Spec: "We can't afford not to have BI." Janet Duval argues against the 413 - G&M. The election is about building walkable, bikeable, transit-supported communities. ***Calling all Grandmothers*** - Alice Walker poem

May 15 - GASP photos of Queen's Park Climate Rally, ten reasons to vote Ford out from SCAN, voters forget about climate when their pocket books are threatened,

Mother's Day Issue - To boost your spirit and warm your heart - inspirational quotes and videos, Co-chairs Carole and Lorraine create [GASP story](#) video.

May 1 - Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign has a 12-point pledge card for provincial candidates, Spotlight on Eco-anxiety/Climate Distress - six ways to help young people, Greenwashing of banks, air pollution may damage every organ in your body, health care privatization in Alberta,

April 17 - Carole's Op Ed: ***Who controls the fate of our grandkids?*** Fossil fuel companies, government and the world's largest private banks. Canada is a *rogue super-emitter* of GHG's - not a climate leader (chart), Canadians produce the 3rd highest climate pollution/person in the world, Ontario is derailing Canada's Emissions Reduction Plan, Cancelling license sticker fees before the election will cost the province more than a billion dollars, Halton Hills aims for a 74% emissions reduction, Pristine Okavango Delta in Botswana threatened by mining project, Buying more stuff (cartoon) stresses to the natural world.

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April 3 - Canada's First Green Bond Raises \$5B, IEA says *energy efficiency is the cheapest, safest, cleanest and fastest way to address the energy crisis*. Temperatures at both of Earth's poles reached more than 50°F above average. Increasingly frequent and intense wildfires around the globe are exacerbating Arctic warming. East Antarctic ice shelf collapses. Australian bushfires depleted part of ozone layer. Canada's 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP) is country's first legally mandated climate plan. Canadian Environmental Law Society says small nuclear reactors are a dangerous distraction from climate action. Open Letter from Nobel Peace Prize Laureates and citizens of the world against war and nuclear weapons

March 20 - Four ways the war in Ukraine could derail climate action. World's banks have amorally worked to build Russia's oil and gas industry - Biden has asked them to stop. **Watch the spiralling rise of world average temperature [here](#)**. Judy Black's TEDX talk about story telling and climate change. Bill for climate change will come 50 years from now. Canada exports 80 per cent of our crude production - we ignore Scope 3 emissions - hypocrisy! Our oceans store about 90 per cent of our planet's heat and they are hotter than ever.

March 6 - GASP stands with the people of Ukraine. 60% of Russia's exports are oil and gas - let's go renewable! We are not on track for a resilient future. Every choice we make impacts the future of the planet.

Feb 20 - Motion for No Urban Boundary Expansion in Halton pass by majority vote! Burlington Mayor says: "Our farms are under constant pressure from urbanization in this region and those pressures will only get stronger the more growth comes." (58 delegations.) **Nature's resilience**: science shows how fast carbon cuts can stabilize temperatures in 3-4 years, Seth Klein notes that governments in Canada are **doubling down on the extraction and export of oil and gas**, Imperial Oil raises dividend amid highest level of crude production in more than 30 years, Canadian taxpayers should not be expected to subsidize the cost of CCUS development, Banks pour trillions into fossil fuels, Bay du Nord project is a **carbon bomb**.

Feb 6 - Snowy Oakville protest to save farmland, Ottawa study showed that low density development **costs \$465/person** annually, whereas **high density saves \$606/person annually**. Residents pay ongoing maintenance costs in perpetuity, while developers profit up-front. 88,000 acres of land within urban boundaries across Greater Golden Horseshoe already approved for housing — enough to meet Ontario's provincial growth projections for decades to come. Ontario is responsible for 22% of Canada's GHG emissions. With Ont gov't weak climate plan, the province and Canada will fail to meet its target. Gordon Laxer's report on *How Big Foreign Oil Captures Canadian Energy and Climate Policy*.

[Jan 24](#) - Phil Pothen: "We need to plan for compact neighbourhoods - single family home style of communities is catastrophic." Colin Best lists four flaws in the provincial

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process, GASP creates [educational newsletter](#) with highlights of Stop Sprawl Hamilton webinar - land use decisions have big influence on taxes, congestion, food security, GHG emissions, air quality, livability. 400+ academics urge Canada to ditch carbon capture tax credit, Facts on greenwashing, Introduction of Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, Nancy Hurst vows to protect Garner Marsh

[Jan 16](#) - **Ont gov't Land Grab** - Municipalities have been ordered by the Province to show how they will accommodate growth to the year 2051. "The most powerful mechanism municipalities have to reduce CO2 emissions is land use planning." Corporate Knights outlines principles of 15-minute neighbourhoods, Municipalities influence 50% of Canada's emissions. Report shows Big Foreign Oil has been working through CAPP (the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers) to shape climate and energy policy in Canada. Paul Hawken: "***We are in an extractive economy that takes life and concentrates wealth. Any time we take life, whether it be the life of a community, soil, oceans, species, insects, cultures, forests or human rights, it is degenerative. Regeneration means placing life at the centre of every decision.***"

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[December 12](#) - Importance of preserving nature, Ford gov't harming species at risk due to habitat loss, need for federal body to steer *Just Transition*, foreign oil's grip on federal gov't

[Nov 28](#) - COP 26, Land use win in Hamilton, BC's flooding disaster, Canadian youth letter to political leaders, Juice Media video on the "net zero" lie.

[Nov 14](#) - "Good, bad and ugly" outcomes of COP 26, Powerful plea from island states, 413 protest rally and articles, 10 ways the Ont gov't has weakened environmental policy, GASP member Kathleen Moleski's letter to TD - one of world's top ten funders of fossil fuels.

[Oct 30](#) - New federal cabinet, divestment trends, 413 protests, Video - "Don't choose extinction," Steven Guilbeault is new climate chief, G-20 public finance for oil and gas projects.

[Oct 16](#) - COP 26 issue, Tzeporah Berman's Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty campaign, Global emissions are on track to rise 16% by 2030—putting humanity on track for 2.7°C average warming.

[Oct 2](#) - first national day for Truth and Reconciliation, what the future hold for grandchildren - three times as many climate disasters as their grandparents, 90% of the world's people are breathing unhealthy air, role of youth at COP 26, Loss and Damage for developing countries, Stop Sprawl Hamilton

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[September 25](#) - Post election issue, need for urgency, collaboration and hope. 60% of Canadians vote for climate action. They expect measurable and substantial steps on climate change. Three proposed climate solutions.

[Election Issue – September 13](#) - GASP urges “Vote Climate” in federal election. **Canada is on fire**

[Labour Day](#) - Sept. 8 “Day of Action” 350.org, Liberals pledge to end fossil fuel expansion, Conservatives plan to roll back climate action, Ford gov’ts’ attack on farmland - who will be the last farmer left?

[August 28](#) - Turn your climate anxiety into action. Need for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, Greenhouse gas levels - highest in recorded history. Average Canadian vehicle size rises 25% with sales of trucks, SUV’s. Ending deforestation.

[August 21](#) - GASP letter to Jonathan Wilkinson re: stop fossil fuel expansion - Every degree of warming we can prevent saves lives. Naomi Klein’s book - *“How to change everything.”* Paul Hawken’s *12 Principles of Regeneration*. Need for a new world view and focus on well-being. Six conclusions from the IPCC report on Climate Change. Ban fossil fuel advertising.

[August 8](#) - GASP members at the “No more highways” 413 protest in Oakville. Need to get cars off the road. New highways create “induced demand” and more traffic congestion, Western Canada’s deadly heat wave. Climate change - #1 health threat (Lancet, World Health Org’n), Case for climate optimism (Guardian)

[June 26](#) - Rachel Carson quote, Climate Emergency video, IPCC warns about climate tipping points, lawyers define Ecocide, Ont. gov’t muzzles critics, the need for legislation on Mining, Canada has most polluting vehicles in world.

[June 20](#) - Pollinator Week, G7 falls short, Net Zero Greenwashing, Bill C-12 Climate Accountability, Pension industry investments could shift from constant destruction to regeneration, Ont. Gov’t MZOs favour private developers, Ont. Fed. Of Agriculture campaigns to save farmland, forest fires to increase 71% by 2100, Biodiversity declines can lead to ecosystem collapse, aim for 50% native plants in your garden, Warmer, Wetter, Windier and Wilder future with climate change.

[June 12](#) - Human costs of climate change: more ground level pollution, Lyme disease, crop declines, decline in health and wealth. Inequity gap is growing. Men in top 20% income live 8 years longer than men in lowest 20% income. We are nature - we don’t own it.

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[June 5](#) - Indigenous rights and real reconciliation, “uncovery” of 215 unmarked graves, climate change Netflix movie - *Breaking Boundaries*. Attenborough shows extent of Earth’s degradation & need for drastic action.

[May 29](#) - plant-based diet would save 60 billion animals yearly and 8 billions tonnes of CO2. Third of global food production will see drastic changes to rainfall and temperatures with global warming, Nature-based solutions - make a tree your best friend!

[May 21](#) - Douglas Tallamy’s term “*Home grown national park*” when half your property consists of native plants. International Energy Agency (IEA) calls for no new fossil fuel investment! Small homes and multi-unit dwellings will help reach climate targets. The message behind the *Home Grown* advocacy campaign to save farmland by Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA): “Once it’s paved over, it’s gone forever.”

[May 14](#) - [Time lapse video of Google Earth](#). GASP co-founders on Zoomer TV, Corporate Knights give Ontario a C- for climate action, Green-washing - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says climate change is an “existential threat,” Canada’s emissions have increased since the 2015 Paris deal due to Tar Sands exploitation. Scientists are startled at the rate of BC’s disappearing glaciers. Only **3.5 %** of registered Canadian vehicles are electric, What’s Canada’s bestselling vehicle today? The Ford F-150 truck. Hitting climate targets involves building smaller homes and more multi-family units, Small farms deliver better yields and biodiversity,

[May 8 – Mother’s Day Issue](#) - Carole’s published letter “A Mother’s Day call to climate action,” Need for public education on climate action, Seth Klein says: “Tell the truth about the severity of the crisis.” Richest 10% of the world’s population were responsible for 52% of the cumulative carbon emissions from 1990 - 2015. Build publicly supported housing on municipal land banks - great housing solution!

[April 30](#) - Trudeau proposes weakest emissions target at Leaders’ Climate Summit. Canada - only G7 country with rising emissions since 2015. Bill C-12 - no urgency.

[April 23](#) - Earth Day Issue - Pale Blue Dot (Carl Sagan), Lorraine’s letter to RBC - #1 funder of climate chaos, Dalai Lama and Nobel Laureates say: “Keep fossil fuels in the ground.” Research shows how Canada can reduce GHG’s.

[April 16](#) - “2050 net zero” is a PR stunt to keep the environmental plundering system in place, Greta says: “Activism is needed even more than science... we need to educate everyone.” Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) recognizes in federal law the right to a healthy environment. In 2020 alone, Canada’s federal government announced at \$18 billion in subsidies for fossil fuel companies. BUT Government’s new

climate plan commits \$15 billion to climate initiatives – *spread over ten years*. Bill 257 gives Ont. gov't unchecked power to fast-track development on precious farmland.

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[April 10](#) - Carbon pricing is great but the federal gov't supports 20% increase in oil production and 17% increase in gas production. The Federal Greenhouse Gas Offset System gives a break to heavy industrial emitters - credits bought from other emissions-reduction initiatives.

Eight of Ontario's most powerful land developers own thousands of acres of prime real estate near the proposed route of the controversial Highway 413. MZOs threaten Ontario's finite resource — farmland. Ontario can't afford to prioritize haphazard urban development over prime food-producing farmland.

[April 2](#) - Seven young climate leaders launched a legal fight for a safe climate - Nov 2019, Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area activists fight Doug Ford's urban sprawl plans. Canada is a rogue climate polluter - see charts. Only G7 country polluting well above 1990 baseline. A price on carbon rewards innovation, reduces costs and slows a climate breakdown. We need a fossil fuel-free energy future. Call for a basic income.

[March 26](#) - Chief Justice said the federal government is free to impose minimum pricing standards because the threat of climate change is so great that it demands a co-ordinated national approach. New federal Conservative leader Erin O'Toole insisted: "Climate change is real." The party's grassroots voted against this! Mark Carney believes every financial decision should take climate change into account. Canada's big five banks are among top funders of fossil fuels. Air pollution costs Canada \$120 billion/year,