



## January 2022 Newsletter

While it is true that Covid has a major focus again this month we would still like to step back into action to continue our fight against Climate Change. We hope you find these updates and actions a way for you to do the same!

Our planning meeting on Dec 8th was very productive and our commitment to work on actions that help fight Climate Change was once again renewed. We will continue to work on protecting Old Growth, building community resilience, getting gas out of class, creating safe routes to schools, helping our children deal with climate anxiety and whatever other current events we can support along the way in an effort to fight for our children's future.

We also welcomed two new working members to P4C, who have decided to further turn their passion into action! Welcome Emma and Sarah. Please join us at one of our monthly meetings to see if you too might like get more involved. Next meeting will be on Wednesday Feb 2nd at 7:00. Let us know if you'd like to join by emailing [p4c@forourkids.ca](mailto:p4c@forourkids.ca)

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### **1 - Meeting with Murray**

In a meeting in December with Erin, Bill Johnston (Elders for Ancients) and Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. The minister was supportive of an end to RCMP violence and occupation on the land and an immediate moratorium on Old Growth logging. We must hold him to account. Please email your MLA and request a meeting to demand real change. To find out who your MLA is, type in 'find my MLA' in your search bar. The Legislative Assembly website allows you to search by postal code. If our MLAs can't force change with provincial policy, who can? A follow up meeting with Minister Rankin is scheduled for the third week of January.

## **2 - #Candles4climate**

Emma, Kate and Erin from Parents 4 climate and CAPE joined Dogwood, Elders for Ancients, [#thewildernesscommittee](#) and others for [#candles4climate](#) outside Murray Rankin's office. This event was to commemorate people, animals and plants that have been affected by or died in the heat dome, floods, and other climate-related disasters this year -- and to call on elected representatives to confront the climate emergency and help prevent future deaths.

## **3 - Engage at Gage Gallery**

Art as a way of action! Check out <https://gagegallery.ca/community-engagement/> Are you passionate about the environment? Do you like to craft or make art? We at Gage Gallery invite you to become part of a creative community vision: what change would you like to see in society toward a climate-friendly future? Or what steps would you be personally willing to take? Draw, write, stitch, paint or collage your idea on a postcard, then send it to us or drop it off at our gallery to become part of THE POSTCARD CLIMATE SHOW!

## **4 - Climate Anxiety**

Kate, Sarah and Faro are starting the conversation about how to work to alleviate Climate Anxiety amongst our children through the school system. Interested? Join us!

For your interest you can read an article about Eco-anxiety in the Globe & Mail [HERE](#) featuring one of our P4C members.

## **5 - Climate Consultation - have your say by end of the day Jan 21st**

The federal government's consultation on our climate targets closes at midnight on Jan. 21st. It's a crucial opportunity for regular people to have our say about Canada's climate targets and the plan to reach them. You can use [Forourkids link](#) or the [Leadnow link](#) to help you craft your own personal thoughts and comments.

## **6 - More Free Trees!**

If you missed last month's Free Tree give away, and you live in the City of Victoria, email Erin to arrange for your free fruit or native tree - [eerenwick75@gmail.com](mailto:eerenwick75@gmail.com)

## **7 - Protecting Old Growth**

Logging of Old Growth is still happening so we continue to protest, make phone calls and write letters! It is important we continue to express our concern that this issue has not been resolved.

There is a small group of land defenders who have remained at Fairy Creek this winter but currently there are no visits occurring. But we will be organizing another visit to Fairy Creek in the spring for those families interested.

To keep you up to date you can find two of the Wilderness Committees recent press releases on the recent developments on old-growth [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). If you haven't already read their publication on this campaign you can find it [HERE](#)

In the meantime, if you would like to check out some resources that will help you meet with your MLA, this should get you prepped to make the next step. Best not to wait! Check out this page with tips & a webinar [HERE](#)

### **8 - Community Resilience Event - a way to connect and contribute**

We hope to join Surf Rider for a beach clean-up in February. Watch for the date to be posted in our next Newsletter or on the [Surf Rider Site](#) as the date is tba

### **9 - Gas Out of Class update**

The school board was receptive to the suggestion of making the new Cedar Hill Middle School gas free as well as putting in solar panels to achieve net zero emissions. However, there are many barriers to making this happen. Policies that prevent money being put toward this sort of “addition” and BC Hydro’s net metering rules around larger buildings generating their own energy could prevent a zero emissions school. Several motions were put forward (you can find them [HERE](#)) to start changing these policies. Strategies to work around BC Hydro’s rules, or at least put pressure on BC Utilities Commission to change these limitations, are being looked at by P4C and Dogwoods Beyond gas team.

Interested in helping with this? Join us if you can.

Keep in touch by finding us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook @Parents4climate

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