

## April 09 2020 Newsletter

### Update and Thank You from Organizers of the 2019 Town Hall for a Green New Deal

Greetings from the organizers of last year's Salmon Arm Town Hall for a Green New Deal (GND). We thank you again for your enthusiastic participation! We are now following up to make you aware of some plans to keep you up to speed on the GND, as well as a new, local initiative you may be interested in.

#### **Green New Deal Update**

You may have already heard that Sarah Weaver - the main organizer of last year's GND Town Hall - recently moved to Victoria. Thank you for all your good work, Sarah. You will be missed! To maintain momentum on this issue, Sarah handed me (Julia Beatty) the reins, and I hope to work with others to produce a monthly newsletter to keep you apprised of news on a GND for Canada.

Regarding the GND, the organisations that came together to sponsor the Town Halls across Canada have a web site summarising the results of feedback received from folks like you. If you haven't seen it, you may access it [here](#).

On December 5<sup>th</sup> 2019, NDP MP Julian re-submitted his Motion (M-1) in the House of Commons, calling on Parliamentarians to support a Canadian Green New Deal. It is the first and only legislative initiative before the House of Commons in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament advocating for a GND. You can find more information and a petition to the House of Commons calling for M-1 support [here](#).

Since the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, there are several articles popping up in various publications that point out the benefits of instituting the GND. Here's one such [article](#) and an [op-ed](#) in the Globe and Mail.

#### **Climate-focused Shuswap Group**

With the strong focus on climate change during the October 2019 federal election, a small group of like-minded people in the Salmon Arm area has formed in hopes that the climate discussion might continue. We call ourselves the "Shuswap Climate Challenge". Our primary goal is to educate the community and promote awareness about the climate emergency. We had been planning a one-day community seminar this spring but with the COVID-19 pandemic upon us, those plans are on hold indefinitely. For now, we will try to connect with the community through the internet (social media, email lists, etc.) to help us get the word out.

#### **Monthly Newsletters Planned**

To keep you informed on these important issues, Sarah provided me with the Salmon Arm GND Town Hall contact list containing your email. This will allow us to distribute a monthly newsletter aimed at keeping you and our newly formed climate group up to date on the latest news about the GND, as well as some initiatives around climate action that we think are relevant to the Shuswap.

We hope you find these monthly newsletters interesting and we encourage you to send us ideas, articles, or pictures to include in the communication. We hope that when we are eventually able to hold a community climate seminar, you'll be there with us. If you want to play a more active role in our group, or know someone who wants to be added to this mailing list, please let us know. And if you would rather not receive further information from us, simply click "unsubscribe" at the bottom of this email.

I look forward to continued communication and speedy progress on these issues. Thank you for your interest and support.

Julia Beatty