



This newsletter comes with a heavy heart. With the global protests and discussion that's been ignited as a result of the death of George Floyd, amid a pandemic and against the backdrop of a climate emergency, one can hardly be faulted for feeling overwhelmed. I'm usually an optimistic person but I have begun to wonder what's next in 2020.

Many environmental organizations are linking these three crises, calling for social change and economic stimulus that raises up disadvantaged people already hit hardest by COVID-19 and environmental degradation. These are the people most at risk of social injustice and police brutality and predicted to be hit hardest with the impacts of climate change. A good summary of current information applicable to Canadians can be found in an article published in [Work and Climate Change Report](#).

Meanwhile, two more recent reports from scientists again urgently warn us that climate warming is reaching a critical tipping point. One study published in the [Voice of Action](#) presents recent work by Australian researchers on tipping points. Another, published in [InsideClimate News](#), profiles atmospheric CO2 data just released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Global Monitoring Laboratory in Boulder, Colorado.

Some good news though; the Shuswap Climate Action group (previously Shuswap Climate Challenge), has launched their [website](#). Our focus is on local perspectives, news articles, and many links to information that support our community in the fight against global warming. Our first Shuswap Perspectives features writings by local authors Ceren Caner and Bernd Hermanski on topics that will stimulate conversation and action.

Stay safe and be well.

*Shuswap Climate Action acknowledges we are on the unceded and unsurrendered traditional lands of the Secwepemc Nation.*