



Blue Community Updates and Invitations

How are the waters around you doing these days?
Frozen? Flakey? Flowing?

Welcome to 2021 and another short update from the CSJ Blue Community project. Below are some news and event items that align with our pledge to protect water as a human right, shared commons, and sacred gift.

For the most current updates, I post regularly to the project's [Facebook page](#).

EVENTS

January 26, 10 - 11:30 am

Water For All: a conversation with Water First

Join our conversation with John Millar (Executive Director and Founder) from Water First -- an organization addressing these water challenges through education, training and meaningful collaboration. Hear about their work, reflections, and how Canada can ensure water for all.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_goS9fLuGS62S5sugHYxcmg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. PLEASE BRING A GLASS OF WATER WITH YOU.

January 22 - 29

The ReFrame Film Festival, online across Ontario

We are sponsoring the Water Stories – Shorts program – 7 films, full list here. Try our Coupon Code: **WS-Sponsor**

<https://watch.eventive.org/reframe2021/play/5ff7dc33cbd0000e5cf9e539>

See the full lineup here – very affordable rates for viewing all these docs:

<https://my.reframefilmfestival.ca/films>

Contact Paul if you have any questions. These online things can be complicated – even for Paul.

February 24 & 25

Sustainable Development goals in Peterborough

Paul has met 3 times with a local water circle that is adapting these United Nations Sustainable Development Goals locally which include: SDG #1 No Poverty, SDG # 4 Quality Education, SDG #6 Clean Water and Sanitization, and SDG #13 Climate Action.

There is an online Community Forum Feb 24 and 25. For those in the Peterborough area rsvp here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leaving-no-one-behind-advancing-the-sdgs-in-nogojiwano-ngpeterborough-registration-135378646175>

ACTION

People's Water Campaign phase 2 survey:

The Wellington Water Watchers are seeking your input. Help strengthen our collective efforts toward water justice, organize better events in the future, and create valuable insights to learn more about online community organizing.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGHPJSD>

One Planet, One Right

Sign the petition to make it a UN-recognised human right to live on a healthy planet. It may seem overwhelming, but it's true: to emerge from these crises, to ensure our future and that of the planet, we need to entirely transform humanity's relationship with nature. This human right helps make that happen.

<https://1planet1right.org/>

READING

New blog post -- Water is Alive: a conversation

On January 13, there was a conversation between several Indigenous water leaders and their reflections on ways to recognize water as a spirited being with agency.

<https://www.bluecommunitycsj.org/post/water-is-alive-a-conversation>

First Nations communities pursue clean drinking water through the courts

Court documents state that the lake has been contaminated by feces and toxic blue-green algae blooms have become common. Fishermen regularly catch fish "covered with grotesque lesions" and the community erected signs to deter swimming there. Following a flood in the spring of 2017, residents began falling sick with stomach and skin ailments after consuming the local water, prompting a boil-water advisory that remains in effect.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-first-nations-communities-pursue-clean-drinking-water-through-the/>

Government of Canada launches consultations on new Canada Water Agency

Water challenges such as droughts, floods, and deteriorating water quality are intensifying, due in large part to climate change. Canadians are seeing these costly impacts first-hand in their communities, across the country. That's why the Government of Canada is establishing the Canada Water Agency to find the best ways to keep our water safe, clean, and well managed. The Canada Water Agency will be established in close collaboration with provinces, territories, Indigenous Peoples, and other partners.

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canada-launches-consultations-on-new-canada-water-agency-873493081.html>

You can always check our website for more information and to get in touch with Paul Baines, the CSJ Blue Community Coordinator. If you have water news or invites to share, please get in touch.

<https://www.bluecommunitycsj.org/>

To see the complete log of CSJ Blue Community updates, visit the website:

<https://www.bluecommunitycsj.org/email-updates>