

September 14, 2020

EVENTS

“Walking the Talk”: activating for the water

September 21, 10 – 11:30 am

The People’s Water Campaign is making connections between Ontario-based water injustices. This session focuses on various expressions and experiences protecting water as shared commons and sacred gift. One of the goals for the September 26th PWC Watershed 2020 digital convention is an invitational statement that supports this growing movement. Join Paul Baines and Tasha Beeds to learn about the written and experiential ways water protectors are stepping into their leadership roles. See more and sign up: https://wellingtonwaterwatchers.nationbuilder.com/_walking_the_talk_activating_for_the_water

All Nations Grand River Water Walk

September 12 – 19

The All Nations Water Walk will begin at Lake Erie and follow the beautiful water way to the source in Dundalk. The walk honours the water and connects all peoples to creation. It is a walk to honour and remember the teachings of the first water walker, Josephine - Baa Mandamin; other special water walkers who have walked on including Violet Caibaosai; and those who walk today. Send your prayers and follow their progress on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GrandRiverWaterWalk>

LISTEN

TED RADIO HOUR - Our Relationship With Water

We need water to live. But with rising seas and so many lacking clean water — water is in crisis and so are we. This hour, TED speakers explore ideas around restoring our relationship with water. Guests on the show include legal scholar Kelsey Leonard, artist LaToya Ruby Frazier, and community organizer Colette Pichon Battle. Listen to this 50 min recording:

<https://www.npr.org/2020/08/06/899845219/our-relationship-with-water>

CBC Ideas

Our 'futurecestors' deserve a voice in today's decisions, says author To become better ancestors, public philosopher Roman Krznaric says, we must take long view. . This episode is the first in our series called The Common Good. Throughout the season, we will ask one basic question: what do we owe each other? Listen here:

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/our-futurecestors-deserve-a-voice-in-today-s-decisions-says-author-1.5710902>

ARTICLE

A decade after UN declared water a human right, it's time for Canada to make it law,
By Vi Bui, water campaigner, Council of Canadians .

We have an opportunity to apply the human rights framework to water policy development and implement the human right to water. In practice, this means the government would address drinking water issues in First Nations, put in place national drinking water standards and work with other jurisdictions to protect Canada's fresh water — and the Canada Water Agency is the right mechanism to do so. Read the full article:

<https://thenarwhal.ca/un-water-human-right-canada-law/>

Province Proposes Extension to Water Bottling Moratorium

The province is considering a six-month extension to the current moratorium on water bottling permits. On Aug. 28 the Ministry of Conservation and Parks proposed extending the moratorium on new or increased permits to take ground water for bottled water until April. 1, 2021. Comments on the proposal, which can be found at ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2319, must be submitted by Sept. 27. Full article:

<https://www.wellingtonadvertiser.com/province-proposes-extension-to-water-bottling-moratorium/>

Promises to the Water

Other landowners acted as allies, or accomplices, as Waasekom prefers to say. Some settlers find their environmental concerns overlap with Wassekom's (and LeeAnne's) desire to become better caretakers of the water. Pollution, plastics, declining fish populations, invasive species, shoreline energy production, climate change....there is an endless list of threats to the Great Lakes.

Read the full article:

<http://www.rrampt.com/promises-to-the-water-25825>

RESOURCE

United Human Rights report on the Right to Water – fact sheet

Report starts by explaining what the right to water is, illustrates what it means for specific individuals and groups, and then elaborates upon State obligations with respect to the right. It concludes with an overview of national, regional and international accountability and monitoring mechanisms.

See our Blue Resources section for the report and also through this link:

<https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/FactSheet35en.pdf>