



SWITCH

The Sustainable Energy People

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Greetings Everyone!

The next SWITCH Open Meeting **will take place on Friday, June 4th, 8 am, the Royal Kingston Curling Club, 130 Days Road**. Ian Baines from Windstream Energy Inc., will be speaking about the Wolfe Island Shoals Wind Farm project.

If you are interested in sponsoring the refreshments for an Open Meeting, at a cost of \$30, or sponsoring an e-newsletter, at a cost of \$60, please contact Catherine or Ted, info@switchkingston.ca. The refreshments for the June, July and September meetings will be sponsored by **Kingston Solar Installations**. October and November will be sponsored by **Air Liquide**. December is sponsored by an anonymous donor.

Save a paper cup, bring a travel mug to the next open meeting!

All visitors to SWITCH can enter through the main entrance to Novellis (the front doors) and ask the receptionist to call the SWITCH office (dial 9+613-547-6700 x129). We will come and badge you in. **Parking is available in the WEST parking lot.**

SWITCH News & Announcements

1. Welcome to new members **Ian Prescott** and **Abdulrahim Kalendar**. Thank you to renewing member **The Sisters of Providence**.

2. Friday's open meeting will be webcast. To join in, go to <http://www.switchontario.ca/index.php#dimdim> and sign in to the share widget at least one hour prior to the event.
3. Come and Network by the Lake at the June 'Mix and Mingle' on June 16th at 4:30 pm at the Portsmouth Olympic Harbour Restaurant. The event is free and jointly sponsored by ELORIN, Innovation Park, KEDCO, Kingston Technology Council, PARTEQ Innovations and SWITCH. Party platters will be provided, but attendees must purchase their own drinks. RSVP by June 14th, Darlene Kirkpatrick, (613) 544-6920 x246.
4. The *Kingston Whig Standard* featured an article last week on the high volume of applications for the microFIT program and the subsequent backlog, <http://www.thewhig.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=2597534>. SWITCH recently learned that the OPA are re-deploying lots of people to work on the backlog of rooftop solar microFIT applications. A significant number of applications should be completed by mid-June and they should be back on schedule by August.
5. **The Community Energy Partnerships Program (CEPP)** covers up to 90% of eligible development costs to a maximum of \$200,000 for community power projects greater than 10 kW and no larger than 10 MW. **Come to the SWITCH open meeting on July 9th and join Laurie Arron, Program Director for the CEPP** and discover what kinds of projects can apply to CEPP, who is eligible, what kinds of grants are available and what costs they cover. For more information on the program, visit <http://www.communityenergyprogram.ca/Home.aspx>.
6. **Carpooling** is available to the SWITCH meeting on Friday. There will be at least one car at each pick up location. Please contact info@switchkingston.ca if you need a ride or would like to offer one. A copy of the carpooling schedule is attached.
7. SWITCH quarterly open meeting in Napanee, July 16, 8 am, The Strathcona Paper Centre, 16 McPherson Drive, Napanee. Rob Miller of **Axio Power Canada** is the scheduled speaker. **TD Canada Trust** will be sponsoring the refreshments.
8. The **1000 Solar Rooftops Challenge** will begin soon. Students will be going door to door, identifying homes with solar potential and delivering customized information to homeowners. The students will be available at various public events over the summer. SWITCH will be setting up a database of installed solar energy systems, recognizing the installers involved with the project.
9. SWITCH executive director Ted Hsu, will be speaking at the Earth, Body & Spirit Expo at the Invista Centre, on Saturday June 5th at 11 am. Ted will be giving a presentation on how to use the microFIT spreadsheet calculator available on the SWITCH website, <http://switchkingston.ca/wiki/doku.php?id=microfit:calculator>.

10. Website feature: <http://switchkingston.ca/wiki/doku.php?id=biomass>
11. Correction and apologies: Please note there is no ELORIN Biobreakfast on June 10th. Please come to the 'Mix and Mingle' instead (see above for details).

SWITCH Member News & Announcements

1. Congratulations to **St. Lawrence College** for receiving a grant from The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) yesterday. The five year, \$2.3 million grant allows student and faculty researchers to work with local communities and businesses to get environmentally friendly innovations out into the marketplace
<http://www.thewhig.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=2602223>
2. Congratulations to **Burt's Greenhouses** for receiving a regional Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence. The award was given in recognition of the work done modifying their biomass combustion heating system,
http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/premier_award/2009/events/brighton/bg.htm
3. **Frontenac CFDC** will be presenting 2 free information sessions on the "Transition to Harmonized Sales Tax", Tuesday, June 8th, 9:00 am to noon, at the United Church Hall in Inverary and Tuesday, June 15th, 5:45 to 8:15 pm, at the Wolfe Island United Church Hall. The sessions are geared towards small businesses and the self-employed who are currently registered for GST and need to know how the HST will affect them. For more details and to register, contact krista@frontenaccfdc.com, (613) 372-1414.
4. Congratulations to Michael Tiffe, **TAB Mechanical**, for recently completing the LEED for Homes Professional Accreditation exam. "As the fifth individual in Canada to successfully pass this milestone, Michael now holds both the LEED AP+Homes designation and is Canada's first LEED for Homes Green Rater-in-Training, thereby allowing TAB Mechanical to support the full suite of services for the LEED for Homes program."

Local non-member News & Announcements

1. A free public screening of the film "In Transition", documenting the Transition Town movement, will take place on **Wednesday, June 2nd at 6:30 pm, in the Wilson Room, Central Library, 130 Johnson St.** The film will be followed by a discussion (around 7:45 pm) about how to make positive changes in your community, along with information from local organizations actively involved in helping us to move away from oil dependence. If you would like more information, or are interested in showcasing your organization, please contact transitionkingston@gmail.com. A small donation to help cover costs would be appreciated, but is not required.

2. Community Power Funding Webinar, June 2nd, 10:00 am to noon. To participate, send you name and email address to w_ebinars@communityenergyprogram.ca. For more details, please go to www.communityenergyprogram.ca.
3. The County of Prince Edward is currently seeking a Green Development, Lead. The deadline to submit an application is by 4 pm on June 11th. Please go to this site for a job description and application guidelines, <http://ht.ly/1Rfjp>.
4. Annual IEEE Kingston Section Banquet, June 21st, 6 pm, Donald Gordon Conference Centre, 421 Union St. The guest speaker will be Michael H. Brigham, Toronto Renewable Energy Co-operative, *Ontario Green Energy Act, OPA MicroFIT Program, and the Renewable Energy Sector*. Registration ends at noon on June 14th. For information on ticket prices and other details, please go to http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/7/www_kingston/.
5. **New Price:** GreenUP! 2010 will form part of the Earth, Body, and Spirit Expo at the Invista Centre, June 5-6. **Booths are available at a cost of \$200 each.** Please contact the GreenUP Committee, greenup.planning@gmail.com to inquire about booth space, or for further information about the festival.
6. **Event:** Tamworth Green Energy Fair, Saturday, June 5th, 9 am to 2 pm. The event includes workshops, vendor exhibits, and a tour of renewable energy projects.

Non-local News & Announcements

1. Brooke Gilmour brooke.gilmour@gmail.com, former Solar Project Coordinator with Viessmann Manufacturing Company Inc., in Waterloo, ON is moving back to the Kingston area and seeking employment. Please contact Brooke Gilmour if you would like to receive a copy of her resume.
2. OPA Management Teleconference, June 4th, 10:00 to 11:00 am. To join in by telephone dial 1-866-212-9078 by 9:55 am. For online participation, go to http://www.snwebcastcenter.com/event/?event_id=815 anytime during the call-in period.

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Hope to see you at the SWITCH open meeting on Friday,

Ted Hsu, Executive Director; Catherine Humphreys, Administrator

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SWITCH often provides services, or is available for consultations, on a confidential basis. We would be happy to accept any request that you have to keep certain information confidential. However, one of SWITCH's main activities is networking services. Unless otherwise requested, you should expect that information which the SWITCH staff learns in communications with you might be used to make progress on our mission of making the Kingston region a centre for sustainable energy.