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## The Sustainable Energy People's NEWSLETTER

July 6th, 2010

The refreshments for the July & September meetings will be sponsored by [Kingston Solar Installations](#), and October & November by [Air Liquide](#). December is sponsored by an anonymous donor and January is sponsored by Amy Colebourne. Thank you for your sponsorship.

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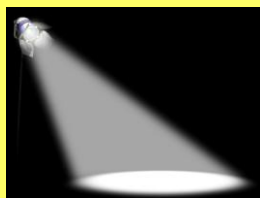
Contact [Catherine](#) or [Ted](#).

**Dear Catherine,**

SWITCH is seeking your input on the recent change to the feed-in tariff for [ground mount solar](#).

Representatives from the [Community Energy Partnerships Program](#) will be at the Open meeting on Friday to discuss who can apply for the CEPP, and what costs they will cover. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn more about the program.

This week be sure to read the weekly update from Tyson Champagne on the [1000 Solar Rooftops Challenge](#), plan to attend the launch event for the [Join the Journey](#) program, and visit the website for consumers developed by the [Ontario Electricity Board](#).



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## Open Meeting:

**JULY 9th, 8:00 AM**

### GUEST SPEAKER:

Laurie Arron, the Program Director for the Community Energy Partnerships Program (CEPP) will speak about what projects can apply, eligibility, grants that are available and the costs they cover.

### Location:

The Royal Kingston Curling Club,  
130 Days Rd.

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### Carpool Schedule:

Depart from **Queens** - *Union St. and Frontenac St. outside Goodes Hall*  
**7:35 am sharp**

Depart from **St. Lawrence College** - *on Mary St. off Portsmouth Ave.*  
**7:45 am sharp**

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### SWITCH Open Meeting:

**July 16, 8:00 AM**

### GUEST SPEAKER:

Rob Miller of [Axio Power Canada](#) is the scheduled speaker. [TD Canada Trust](#) will kindly be sponsoring the refreshments.

### Location:

Lennox & Addington County Court House, 97 Thomas St. East, 2nd Floor, Committee Room, Napanee

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A big welcome to new members **G&R Mechanical Insulation** and **CleEnergy Solutions**.

Last week was the official launch of **The 1000 Solar Rooftops Challenge**. The challenge team will soon be hitting the streets and going door-to-door to deliver customized information to homeowners of properties with solar potential.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) for media coverage of the launch. For more information about 1000 Solar Rooftops please contact Challenge Coordinator [Tyson Champagne](#).



The SWITCH Board is looking closely at the recent change to the feed-in tariff rate for ground-mount solar under 10 kW. **Your input would be most welcome.** Please [email](#) SWITCH with your perspective. To read an article about the change from 80.2 cents per kWh to 58.8 cents per kWh [click here](#).

This Friday's open meeting will be webcast. In order to join in, you must first [sign up](#) at least one hour before the meeting.

Need a ride to the Open meeting? Please [email](#) SWITCH. There will be at least one car available at each [pickup location](#).

### One-to-One Meeting with the Community Energy Partnerships Program at the July 9th SWITCH meeting.

Representatives from the Community Energy Partnerships Program (CEPP) will be available after the **July 9<sup>th</sup> open meeting** (until the early afternoon) for one on one presentations to community power groups and individuals in the Kingston region.

If you are interested in meeting with a member of the CEPP project management team, please send your contact information, along with a brief description of your project (technology, size, status of development) and someone will get back to you shortly, [email](#). The 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. For more information on the program, [visit their website](#).

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MEETINGS:**

**Napanee:  
July 6, 5 pm to 9 pm**

**Location:**  
Napanee Lion's Hall, 57 County

**→ Member News**

The **Kingston Sustainability Centre** will be holding a launch event for the **Join the Journey** program on July 16th. Come and meet the team of 12 students and pledge to reduce your greenhouse gas emissions. Working in collaboration with **St. Lawrence College**, the Join the Journey program will be seeking pledges from the community to reduce waste production and water and energy consumption. Come to the launch and learn more about the program! More details can be found under **Events and Opportunities**.

**Hearthmakers Energy Cooperative** offers **building audits to faith organizations** who often have large, old buildings with high electricity bills.

**Nature's Powers** in Augusta, Ontario, has a **test and training centre**.

**Nature's Way Landscaping** provides **natural organic lawn care** services.

SWITCH member **Chris Morris, RealtySource**, is starting a new chapter of the Business Network International (BNI) called BNI Eco Partners. SWITCH member **Cathy Campanaro, Dominion Lending Centre**, is also involved. Meetings will be on Thursdays from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Please **email** or call Chris, (613) 539-8438 if you are interested.

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**→ Local & Non-Local News**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB), has developed a site to help consumers calculate an estimate for their monthly electricity bill. **Click here** to try it out.

Appliance company Bosch, has established the **Canadian Eco-Leader Award** to celebrate individuals and not-for-profit community groups and organizations that lead changes towards more sustainable living. Qualifying individuals and organizations can nominate themselves or others. **The deadline to apply is September 19th.**

Industry Canada and Natural Resources Canada are currently seeking a Consultant to coordinate the development of a **Marine Renewable Energy Technology Roadmap**.

SolarBC has developed a Google map of **solar thermal**

Road 8

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**Prince Edward County:  
July 7, 5 pm to 9 pm**

**Location:**

Prince Edward Community Centre,  
375 Main Street

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Canada's Climate Change Calendar shows when in 2010 the average Canadian citizen has produced as much greenhouse gases as a citizen from another country produces over the entire year. Today is **[Denmark Day](#)** because it takes only 187 days for the average Canadian to produce as much greenhouse gases as the average Dane will over the course of the whole year.

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 **Events & Opportunities**

**SUMMER AND FALL**

**Join the Journey Launch Event**

Meet the team and be among the first to pledge to reduce your greenhouse gas emissions. Refreshments provided.

Date:	July 16
Time:	noon to 1:00 pm
Location:	Kingston Sustainability Centre, 193 Princess Street <b><a href="#">RSVP</a></b> by July 12

**Brockville Climate Action Group Public Meeting**

Blake Poland will be discussing the Transition Movement

Date:	August 21
Time:	2:00 pm
Location:	Brockville Public Library, 23 Buell Street
Contact:	<b><a href="#">BCAG</a></b> for more information

**Wintergreen Studios Open House Days**

Dates:	Jul 18, Aug 22, Sep 19, Oct 17
Time:	11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Location:	Wintergreen Studios, 9780 Canoe Lake Road
Cost:	<b>FREE!</b>
Contact:	<b><a href="#">email</a></b> Wintergreen

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All the best from the SWITCH TEAM,



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