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## The Sustainable Energy People's NEWSLETTER June 15th, 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.

Interested in sponsoring the refreshments for an Open Meeting (\$30) or our E-Newsletter (\$60)?

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

**Dear Catherine,**

Welcome to the **NEW** SWITCH newsletter as designed by Jennifer Kiwala.

We have sound! SWITCH open meetings will now have the use of a wireless microphone to facilitate a better sound experience for all attendees.

This week be sure to read the posting for an **Event and Outreach Coordinator**, the weekly **1000 Solar Rooftops Program** update from Challenge Coordinator Tyson Champagne, and the "thermo-ionic" **desalinization process** developed by Saltworks Technologies.



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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 Curling Club, 130 Days Rd.  
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**Napanee  
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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Thank you to renewing members [KEDCO](#), [Axio Power](#), Gerardo Benavides and Amy Colebourne.

### The 1000 Solar Rooftops Challenge.

It looks like Kingston will have some competition in becoming the first community of its size to reach 1000 solar installations. SWITCH has been in contact with multiple communities that are interested in taking up the challenge.



Also, a new web page for the **1000 Solar Rooftops Challenge** is almost complete and a launch event for the project will be taking place by the end of the month. If you have any questions or you'd like to get involved, please get in touch with [Tyson](#).

SWITCH is currently seeking an [Event and Outreach Coordinator](#).

A SWITCH member has proposed an association plan for SWITCH members to offer employee benefits. This plan would include, possibly, coverage for things like life insurance, critical illness, disability, extended health care, dental, small group RRSP, and health care spending accounts. Before proceeding we would like to invite any other SWITCH members, who might wish to submit similar proposals, to please [email](#) the SWITCH staff or call 613-547-6700 ext. 129.

### 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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**Elorin corner:** Come and Network by the Lake at the June 'Mix and Mingle'. **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 today**. See details at [Events and Opportunities](#) below.

The [Kingston Sustainability Centre](#) has a new website.

**Axio Power** is now [located](#) at Innovation Park.

The Well Aware program, a free, confidential, non-regulatory well check-up by a certified guide is back and being delivered locally by **Hearthmakers Energy Cooperative**. Well Aware is an educational program that assists homeowners with caring for and maintaining their water supply. A limited number of visits will be delivered this year and will be booked on a first come, first served basis. [Book yours today!](#)

**Fifth Town Artisan Cheese Co.** recently opened a small retail outlet at [Huff Estates Winery](#).

Read about the [living roof](#) on the earth-sheltered house being built by **Moore Partners**, Steven and Susan Moore.

To apply for the Eastern Ontario Development Program, go to **Frontenac CFDC's** [website](#).

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Sign up for the [Power Pledge](#) and pledge to reduce your electricity use. See how Kingston compares to other communities in the [Community Challenge](#).

Pythagoras Solar has developed a photovoltaic glass unit that "...simultaneously blocks solar radiation, concentrates sunlight and converts it into solar energy." [Pythagoras glass units](#).

Saltworks Technologies out of Vancouver has developed a less energy intensive water desalinization process called "thermo-ionic desalinization." [Read about it here](#).

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## → Events & Opportunities

### **JUNE**

#### **Urban Forestry Workshop**

Help grow Kingston's urban forest.

Date:	Tuesday, June 22nd, 2010
Time:	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Location:	Meeting room A/B, Invista Centre, 1350 Gardiners Road, Kingston

**"The Ontario Solar FIT program: Opportunities and Challenges for farmers"** hosted by the Ontario Solar Network

An evening of networking featuring industry and agricultural professionals

Date:	Tuesday June 22nd, 2010
Time:	6:00 to 9:00 pm
Location:	The Hilton, 300 King St., London, ON
Contact:	Register <a href="#">Ontario Solar Network</a>

#### **'Mix and Mingle'**

Free networking event jointly sponsored by ELORIN, Innovation Park, KEDCO, Kingston Technology Council, PARTEQ Innovations and SWITCH. Party platter will be provided, but attendees must provide their own drinks.

Date:	Wednesday, June 16th, 2010 <b>(RSVP by today)</b>
Time:	4:30 pm start
Location:	Portsmouth Olympic Harbour Restaurant
Cost:	n/a
Contact:	Email <a href="#">Darlene Kirkpatrick</a> , (613) 544-6920 x246

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All the best from the SWITCH TEAM,



Ted, Catherine, Jennifer & Tyson

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