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The Sustainable Energy People

SWITCH news, June 8th, 2010

Greetings Everyone!

The next SWITCH Open Meeting **will take place on Friday, July 9th, 8 am, the Royal Kingston Curling Club, 130 Days Road.** Laurie Arron, Program Director for the Community Energy Partnerships Program (CEPP) will be the speaker. Find out what kinds of projects can apply to CEPP, who is eligible, what kinds of grants are available and what costs they cover.

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 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!

Visitors to the SWITCH office 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 member **The Township of Frontenac Islands**.
2. Last Friday's open meeting set an attendance record of 106. To watch the CKWS coverage of Ian Baines' presentation on the Wolfe Island Shoals Wind Farm Project go to <http://www.kwstv.com/index.cfm?page=news&id=2613>
3. **Representatives from the Community Energy Partnerships Program (CEPP) will be available after the July 9th 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) to info@communityenergyprogram.ca and someone will get back to you shortly. 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 <http://www.communityenergyprogram.ca/Home.aspx>.
4. SWITCH would like to welcome new staff member **Tyson Champagne**. Tyson is the Challenge Coordinator for the **1000 Solar Rooftops Challenge**. Students will be going door to door, identifying homes with solar potential and delivering customized information to homeowners. The students will be attending 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. For more information on the project, please get in touch with Tyson Champagne, tchampagne@switchkingston.ca.
5. **Beer and Brainstorming II:** Wednesday, June 9th, 5 to 7 pm, The Grad Club, upstairs, at 162 Barrie Street (Barrie and Union). Last summer, with the **Queen's Solar Design Team**, we had a great time networking and talking informally about cutting edge green home-building, solar technology, and the Solar Decathlon competition. The QSDT is looking to compete at the Solar Decathlon next time and looking for ideas to improve their designs. They are interested in considering interim projects that will provide them with valuable experience in the green building sector and discussing ways to collaborate with the SWITCH community.
6. 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.
7. Website feature: <http://www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca/GMF/>
8. **Carpooling** is now available to SWITCH meetings. Please consider offering a ride or using the available resources as an alternative to driving.

SWITCH Member News & Announcements

- 1. ELORIN corner:** 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, kirkpatricd@limestone.on.ca (613) 544-6920 x246.
- 2. Global Point Energy** has 2 case studies of solar thermal applications on apartment buildings, http://www.globalpointenergy.ca/pdfs/GPE_Apartment_CS.pdf.
- 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.

Local non-member News & Announcements

- 1.** The final draft of the City of Kingston's Urban Design Guidelines for Residential Intensification and New Communities is now available, <http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/development/urbandesign/>.
- 2.** Green Centre Canada has awarded Dr. Jason Clyburne, a St. Mary's University researcher \$25,000 in Proof of Principle funding. The grant is for Dr. Clyburne to further develop new compounds ("ionic liquids") for removing CO₂ from industrial gas emissions, <http://www.greencentrecanada.com/news/saint-mary-s-researcher-receives-greencentre-funding-to-further-develop-specialized-liquids-for-co2-removal>.
- 3.** Green Centre Canada will be launching the opening of their new facilities at Innovation Park on August 19th, from 3 to 5 pm outdoors. RSVP Lyndsey Darling lyndsey.darling@greencentrecanada.com, (613) 507-4700 by July 29th.

Non-local News & Announcements

- 1.** Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) teleconference, June 16th, \$35 administration fee. To register and find out more about the teleconference please go to http://quest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=248ed54a-b315-438b-a96d-529d1c7efd27&mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWff9wsRonu6zBZKXonjHpfSx74%2BopW7Hr08Yy0EZ5VunJEUWY3Io%3D.
- 2.** The Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph will be holding solar energy information sessions starting on June 28th, <http://www.ridgetownc.com/solar/>.

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Hope to see you at the next SWITCH event,

Ted Hsu, Executive Director; Jennifer Kiwala, Event and Outreach Coordinator; Tyson Champagne, 1000 Solar Rooftops Challenge Coordinator; 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.