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**SWITCH**

*The Sustainable Energy People*

SWITCH news, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Greetings Everyone!

The next SWITCH Open Meeting **will take place on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 8 am, in the Press Lounge at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour, 53 Yonge Street.** Ben Bowen from Seaway Document Solutions Inc., an Authorized Xerox agent, will be speaking about Sustainable Manufacturing. The refreshments will be sponsored by SWITCH member **CPE Division-L Inc.** The venue is sponsored by an anonymous donor.

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](mailto:info@switchkingston.ca). The refreshments for the May open meeting will be sponsored by NEDCO, and June, July and September will be sponsored by Kingston Solar Installations.

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 member **Thompson Electric** and thank you to renewing members **Fifth Town Artisan Cheese, Ben Kenney and Bardi Vorster, Individual Landscapes.**
2. **Starting in May, SWITCH open meetings will now be held in the Royal Kingston Curling Club at 130 Days Road.**
3. Carpooling to SWITCH open meetings will soon be available – stay tuned for updates.
4. *How your rooftop and land can make you money: The new Green Energy Act and your business*, March 31st, 5 - 8 pm, Memorial Hall, 216 Ontario Street, Kingston. Registration starts at 5 pm. Tickets are \$5, refreshments will be provided. The presentation starts at 5:30 pm. RSVP to [register@switchontario.ca](mailto:register@switchontario.ca). Launched on October 1st, 2009, the new Green Energy Act will enable Ontario businesses to unlock their rooftop and land assets and earn revenue by generating solar energy and feeding it back into the grid. There are also incentives for your business to become part of the quickly growing renewable energy market by diversifying your products or processes.
5. The March 17<sup>th</sup> edition of *Profile Kingston*, features an article about SWITCH and the 1000 Solar Rooftops initiative.
6. To read the SWITCH 2009 Annual Report go to <http://switchkingston.ca/switchdocs.php>.
7. SWITCH meeting in Napanee, April 16th, Strathcona Paper Centre, 16 McPherson Drive, 2nd floor lounge, 8 am. Guest speaker Kathy Wood of Natural Capital Resources will discuss how Lennox and Addington County's small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) can benefit from new supply chain opportunities in solar and wind energy. For more information, <http://www.switchontario.ca/> or email [register@switchontario.ca](mailto:register@switchontario.ca).
8. Website feature: <http://switchkingston.ca/wiki/doku.php?id=microfit:calculator>
9. Calling All Editors and Knowledgeable Readers: Our Energy Digest is being read by more and more people as the Internet search engines discover us...and that means we have an even greater need for high quality, up-to-date information. This is currently the most complete source of reliable information on the FIT and microFIT program. SWITCH now needs you to share your expertise by editing the Energy Digest: simply go to <http://www.switchontario.ca/wiki>, and when you see something that you think should be different, log in (very easy) and make the changes. SWITCH staff will monitor all changes and ensure accuracy, style and correct spelling, so don't be shy! Call Mark at 613-532-7220 if you have other ideas or want help connecting.
10. "Become a SWITCH sponsor": You may have noticed this message at the top of the sidebar of our updated website. That space, as well as space on our weekly e-newsletter, and our email signature, will be available on an annual basis to a SWITCH sponsor. Please consider providing vital financial support to SWITCH and its mission of making the Kingston region a centre for sustainable energy. Contact SWITCH

executive director Ted Hsu for more information.

### ***SWITCH Member News & Announcements***

- 1. ELORIN corner:** Spring Training Workshop, April 8th, 9:30 to 11 am, Innovation Park. Paul Blais, a partner in Millier Dickinson Blais, Canada's largest economic development specialist consultancy, will be speaking about setting up a successful consulting firm in Eastern Ontario. The workshop is free, but space is limited. RSVP to [info@elorin.ca](mailto:info@elorin.ca) by April 6th.
- 2. Enfinity** announced yesterday that the Stardale project, a 30 MW solar photovoltaic project in St. Eugene, near East Hawkesbury, is near completion. The ground mounted solar PV plant was installed on over 240 acres of property. To read more about the Stardale project, please go to <http://www.thebioenergysite.com/news/5876/enfinity-canada-in-30mw-ontario-solar-project>.
- 3.** SWITCH member **Aztech Associates** and Elster recently announced the launch of an in-home display utilizing Elster's EnergyAxis system to provide current energy use data to homeowners, [http://www.elster.com/en/press\\_releases\\_997.html](http://www.elster.com/en/press_releases_997.html).
- 4.** The **Living Cities Company** is holding a Spring Rainbarrel sale. Each rainbarrel costs \$60 and must be pre-ordered by April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached for more details, or contact [rainbarrel@livingcitiescompany.ca](mailto:rainbarrel@livingcitiescompany.ca).
- 5.** Professor Steven Moore, Queen's School of Business and SWITCH member, **Moore Partners**, will be discussing sustainability on March 31 at 7:30 pm in Ellis Hall, Room #327. This Panel on the Environment series is sponsored by STRIVE, part of the Sustainability Office in the Alma Mater Society. The topic is consumption and consumerism. There will be a short clip from *The Story of Stuff*, then Prof. Moore will briefly speak on sustainability and why we need to change our attitudes towards consumption. Dr. Scott Uzelman, Queen's School of Environmental Studies will briefly speak on how the media encourages us to consume, followed by a question and answer free-for-all.
- 6.** KTC luncheon, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am, The Harbour Restaurant, 53 Yonge St. Students from the **Building Construction Internship Program**, and Don Votary, will be speaking about Harvest House, Canada's first student built energy net-zero home. Tickets are \$35 and \$20 for students. Pre-registration by noon on April 14<sup>th</sup> is required, [http://www.kingstontechnology.net/publisher/articleview\\_frmArticleID/39/](http://www.kingstontechnology.net/publisher/articleview_frmArticleID/39/).
- 7.** Interested in attending a SWITCH meeting in the Ottawa area? If so, contact SWITCH member Ben Kenney, [bkenney@gmail.com](mailto:bkenney@gmail.com). If there is enough of a response, Ben might help to organize one.
- 8.** Event: The 3rd Annual Conference on Biomass for Energy, May 30-31, Queen's University, The Great Lakes Bio-Region: Market Opportunities and Carbon Pricing. From SWITCH member QIEEP: "Demands for low-carbon sources of energy mean that governments are crafting policy and committing funds to biomass, and businesses are making decisions and allocating their resources. The biomass industry is changing as quickly as it grows, and it therefore remains crucial to share information and to highlight best practices, challenges and successes." Online registration now available, <http://www.queensu.ca/qieep> or contact Lisa Doulas, [ldoulas@cogeco.ca](mailto:ldoulas@cogeco.ca), 613-539-2482.
- 9.** If you operate a business or farm in Frontenac County, please contact SWITCH member Frontenac CFDC to find out if you are eligible to receive an interest free loan for the purchase and installation of alternative energy where the energy will be used for the operation of the business. For more information, contact the Frontenac CFDC at 613-372-1414 or toll free 1-888-372-9962.

### ***Local non-member News & Announcements***

- 1.** Paul Charbonneau, energy consultant and facilitator of energy projects across Ontario will be giving a presentation on solar roof opportunities for non profits, at the **Kingston Sustainability Centre**, from 10 am - 12 pm on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Paul Charbonneau specializes in community energy projects for non-profits, schools, and faith communities. The Kingston Sustainability Centre is located at 193 Princess Street in downtown Kingston. For more information, please contact David Kay, (613) 484-5687
- 2. Event:** Urban Design Guidelines for Residential Intensification and New Communities, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 to 4 pm and 6 to 8 pm, Press Lounge, Portsmouth Olympic Harbour, 53 Yonge St. The draft document is available for review at 1211 John Counter Blvd. and <http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/development/urbandesign/>. Comments can be made until **Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** to Sonya Bolton, Senior Policy Planner, [sbolton@cityofkingston.ca](mailto:sbolton@cityofkingston.ca), 216 Ontario St., K7L 2Z3.
- 3.** Event: Earth, Body, Spirit Expo, June 5-6, Invista Centre. There will be opportunities for exhibitors, workshop presenters, demonstrations, sponsorships, and volunteers to participate. For more information go to [www.EarthBodySpiritExpo.com](http://www.EarthBodySpiritExpo.com), or call 613-767-9721, [info@withinkingston.com](mailto:info@withinkingston.com). **The application deadline is April 10th. A 10% discount is available to all SWITCH Members.**

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- 1.** To read an article about the newly launched Standard & Poor/TSX clean technology index, go to <http://www.thestar.com/business/article/785514--clean-tech-industry-gets-a-mixed-review>.
- 2.** The Excellence in Education Award from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), honours secondary and post-secondary educators who have encouraged students in the development of sustainable communities by integrating sustainable concepts in housing and community development into their curriculum. For more information, please go to [http://www.cmhc.ca/en/inpr/su/su\\_002.cfm](http://www.cmhc.ca/en/inpr/su/su_002.cfm). **The deadline for nominations is May 31st.** A nomination form is attached.
- 3.** Schuco Canada is offering a series of training sessions for solar photovoltaic (PV) and solar thermal starting in March and April. Please go to their website for full details of each course, [http://www.schueco.com/web/ca/commercial/trainings\\_events/solar\\_trainings\\_events](http://www.schueco.com/web/ca/commercial/trainings_events/solar_trainings_events).
- 4.** Clean Tech Funding is available through SDTC (Sustainable Development Technology Canada). SDTC is accepting statements of interest from **February 24 to April 21, 2010.** "The SD Tech Fund™ invests in late-stage development and pre-commercial demonstration of clean

technologies by Canadian companies." Please visit their website for more information, [http://www.sdtc.ca/en/funding/NextGen\\_Biofuels\\_Fund/index.htm](http://www.sdtc.ca/en/funding/NextGen_Biofuels_Fund/index.htm)

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Hope to see you at the next SWITCH event,

Ted Hsu, Executive Director; Mark Gibson, Green Energy Business Consultant; Jennifer Kiwala, Outreach & Event Coordinator; Pierre Nadeau, Sustainable Energy & Internet Communications Assistant; Catherine Humphreys, Administrator

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Has SWITCH helped you? Would you like to support our work?  
Please consider becoming a member or a sponsor of SWITCH.

For more information, go to our website: <http://switchkingston.ca/> or phone us!

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.

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