

May 4, 2015

1 - An oil spill occurring as the result of fracking under the seabed of western Newfoundland could contaminate hundreds of kilometres of shore lines not only in this province but could affect Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Quebec as well.

Industrial development must never take place to the detriment of local communities and the environment. Receiving social licence for resource projects must be the leading objective for both the government and proponents; public input and consultations are paramount.

Economic benefits must not come at the expense of sacrificing Newfoundland's environment.

We must move away from risky oil extraction and the blind greed of a few, and towards a just and fair future that embraces the alternatives that already exist, and chart the course toward the new energy future that this planet of ours so desperately needs, and so richly deserves.

The effects of the BP disaster are still being felt in the Gulf of Mexico and the root causes of this tragedy are still largely unresolved.

To needlessly expose the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the threat of shale oil extraction and spills is short sighted and irresponsible, oil spills do not follow provincial lines

Fracking underneath Port au Port Bay puts other Atlantic jurisdictions at risk even if they don't want drilling.

We need to explore the pathways that can take us from the 'old story' of addictive materialism into a new creative and regenerative post-industrial society and embrace a vision of a fulfilling and sustainable future.

Please don't allow fracking in western Newfoundland.

Thank you,

Caption for attached picture: Two horse back riders enjoy a summer day on the pristine beach at St. George's.

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May 14, 2015

2 - To: Newfoundland And Labrador Hydraulic Fracturing Review Panel.

Planned unconventional oil drilling and extraction under the seabed of Port au Port Bay and western Newfoundland is emerging as an important controversial energy and environmental issue. If it happens it will threaten marine life in Port au Port Bay.

Recent revelations about the danger that under sea Fracking poses to drinking water supplies, public health and global climate change are raising important questions about how clean this oil really is.

If we do not change our ways of addictive consumerism and live in harmony with Mother Nature we will soon face the environmental consequences of our actions.

This world is all about greed and money driven. We may not be able to change the world overnight but we can change ourselves, our attitude, how we live, how we treat ourselves, one

person, one change at a time does mean something. People say that we need jobs on the west coast but we need jobs that won't poison us.

For generations mainland corporations have stripped our province of its natural resources, trampling the rights of local people and destroying entire ecosystems for profit. Our government has been complicit in this, auctioning off oil and mineral rights to the highest bidder ignoring the consequences.

Treat the Earth well: it was not given to you by your parents. It was loaned to you.... We did not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.

Please inform Minister Dalley that we don't want fracking to take place in our province until it can be proven to be done without destroying what we now have. We must celebrate what we have now and then attempt to protect that for future generations.

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