



Advocacy Groups Page

Advocacy Groups for Elections – [Groups with campaigns](#) for climate action for municipal, provincial and federal elections (pdf)

Legal and Policy Groups

[CELA](#) (Canadian Environmental Law Foundation) [CELA](#) is a specialty legal clinic within the Ontario-wide network of clinics funded by Legal Aid Ontario. We provide free legal services to people and groups across Ontario that qualify for legal aid.

[Environmental Defence Canada](#) Our mission as a leading Canadian environmental advocacy organization is to work with government, industry and individuals to defend clean water, a safe climate and healthy communities. Federal, Provincial and Municipal campaigns. [Ontario 2022 Provincial Elections webpages](#).

[Ecojustice Canada](#) Ecojustice was created to fight — and win — for our planet in court. Powered by a dedicated community of supporters, we're leading the legal fight for a brighter environmental future. The law is a powerful tool for change. Our legal victories have protected at-risk species, halted fossil fuel projects that came with unacceptable climate risks and kept toxic chemicals out of our air and water. Seven young people from across Ontario are suing Premier Ford and his government for tearing up the province's climate laws and violating their Charter rights to life, liberty, and security of the person.

[Climate Caucus](#) We are a non-partisan network of 460+ local elected climate leaders driving system change to transform our communities in ten years. Collectively, we create and implement 21st century socially-just policy which aligns the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

[Naomi Klein](#) is a journalist, author, filmmaker, activist and University of British Columbia Professor of Climate Justice. Her newest book is *How To Change Everything: The Young Human's Guide To Protecting The Planet And Each Other*. [The Leap](#) (2016 to 2021) was dedicated to advancing systemic change in the face of our intersecting crises of climate change, inequality, and racism. Six years of creative and collaborative projects at the intersection of climate and social justice are available to inspire.

Organizations that support petition/campaign creation

[LeadNow](#) organizes campaigns that build and defend a just, sustainable, and equitable Canada. Leadnow is an independent, multi-issue campaigning community driven by people-power.

[Change.org Canada](#) On Change.org, people everywhere are starting campaigns, mobilizing supporters, and working with decision makers to drive solutions. More than 200 million people in 196 countries are creating change in their communities.

[Wilderness Committee](#) Our grassroots campaigns are dedicated to preserving wilderness, protecting wildlife, defending parks, safeguarding public resources and fighting for a healthy climate. Our grassroots campaigns are dedicated to preserving wilderness, protecting wildlife, defending parks, safeguarding public resources and fighting for a healthy climate. There is a separate Ontario list of actions.

Municipal Elections

[TEA](#) (Toronto Environmental Alliance) Campaigns include TransformTO Climate Action Net Zero Strategy and Zero Waste High-Rise Project.

[GNN](#) Green Neighbours Network of Toronto is a grassroots community network of people and groups helping to make Toronto neighbourhoods across the City of Toronto and the GTA greener, healthier, and more sustainable.

[Bird Friendly City](#): A Certification Program from Nature Canada)

[Green 13](#) is a group of Ward 13 residents concerned about the impact humans are having on our climate and environment. Projects include protecting the urban forest, Junction Geo (geoexchange energy), preparing for extreme weather events. And advocating for policy and behavioural change.

[ProtectNatureTO](#) is an umbrella group advocating for the protection of wildlife and natural areas across the City of Toronto. There is a very useful series of [maps](#) by riding/ward that highlights the natural heritage areas to protect that can be sent to candidates.

[Youth Climate Lab](#) Pushing For Ambitious Climate Action At The Municipal Level

The [Infiltration Manual](#) aims to demystify municipal governance structures and provide youth with practical knowledge and tools on how to take climate action at the local level. Topics include an overview of municipal government, roadmap on how to gather community support, tips on how to represent an initiative to Council and a variety of email, meeting and petition templates.

[Climate Caucus](#) is a non-partisan network of 400 local elected climate leaders driving system change to transform our communities in ten years. Our members include rural, urban and indigenous, local and elected councillors, mayors and regional directors. We represent millions of constituents who recognize the magnitude of the crises we face and are demanding socially-just climate action that aligns with science. We are supported by a coalition of volunteers representing environmental and NGOs, non-profits, academia and grassroots climate organizers. **1•10•Zero** – [A City Councillor’s Climate Action Handbook](#) A toolkit for local elected leaders (and their allies) to take action on global heating, biodiversity, and social equity

[Federation of Canadian Municipalities](#) (FCM) – FCM’s programs and advocacy help secure new tools that empower municipalities to build stronger communities of all sizes. Explore below to find out what’s new with us. [Case study](#): Edmonton develops a sustainable, carbon neutral live-work community.

[ICLEI](#) – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network of more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 125+ countries, we influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and

circular development. Our Members and team of experts work together through peer exchange, partnerships and capacity building to create systemic change for urban sustainability. Toronto is a member.

Provincial Elections

[GreenPac](#) is Canada's only non-partisan, non-profit working to build environmental leadership and government action on the environment. Programs include Parliamentary internship for the environment, [100 Debates](#) on the Environment and candidate endorsements. (not a charity)

[CELA](#) (Canadian Environmental Law Foundation) (see Legal and Policy Groups)

[David Suzuki Foundation](#) Always grounded in sound evidence, the David Suzuki Foundation empowers people to take action in their communities on the environmental challenges we collectively face. We're One Nature. [Ontario Election](#) Here is a list of what you can do (and think about) from now until E-day. We will be updating this page with new information and opportunities to be involved, so don't forget to check back for new info!

[Ontario Nature](#) is a charity that has been protecting wild species and wild spaces through education, conservation and public engagement since 1931. Campaigns include Conservation Authority mandate changes, Ministry Zoning Orders (MZO) Protected Places, Migratory birds, Pollinators, Wetlands, Natural heritage systems, Bill 66.

[NCC Ontario](#) The Nature Conservancy of Ontario NCC has helped to protect more than 83,000 hectares (205,000 acres) in Ontario. From the north shore of Lake Superior to Pelee Island in Lake Erie, NCC works to protect the province's most significant natural landscapes. We focus our conservation work in priority areas, identified through science-based planning initiatives. These are areas where species and ecosystems face the greatest threats.

Federal Elections

[GreenPac](#) (see Provincial) [100 Debates](#) on the Environment and candidate endorsements. (not a charity)

[Nature Canada](#) Nature Canada has a network that includes more than 100,000 supporters and more than 800 nature groups across the country. Our mission is to protect and conserve wildlife and habitats in Canada by engaging people and advocating on behalf of nature. There are many Defend Nature Campaigns at a federal, provincial and municipal level.

[Wildlands League](#) is one of Canada's pre-eminent conservation organizations. We protect wilderness. We collaborate with communities, governments, First Nations, scientists and progressive industry to protect nature and find solutions that work for the planet and for all. We are a not-for-profit charity that has been working in the public interest since 1968, beginning with a campaign to protect Algonquin Park from development.

Nature Protection groups with campaigns

[OUFC](#) (Ontario Urban Forest Council) The Ontario Urban Forest Council (OUFC) is a not-for-profit volunteer organization dedicated to the health of the urban forests in the province of Ontario. Advocate

for urban forest conservation at the provincial and municipal level and Develop cross-sectoral partnerships to advance the principles of urban forest planning, stewardship and conservation.

[WWF Take Action](#) and [Regenerate Canada](#) campaigns. World Wildlife Fund Canada draws on scientific analysis and Indigenous guidance to expand and protect habitats, decrease the amount of carbon in the atmosphere, reduce industrial impacts and, as a result, reverse wildlife loss.

[NCC](#) The Nature Conservancy of Canada works to protect our country's most precious natural places. Proudly Canadian, we empower people to safeguard the lands and waters that sustain life.

[Planetary Climate Alliance](#) Mission: To promote, mobilize, and lead an inclusive, transdisciplinary field of planetary health and its diverse science, stories, solutions, and communities to achieve the Great Transition, a comprehensive shift in how human beings interact with each other and Nature. Now a highly effective coalition of 250+ member institutions from 40+ countries, the PHA is supported by a Secretariat based at Harvard University and a Steering Committee of international experts.

[Planetary Health Alliance](#)

Planetary health is a solutions-oriented, transdisciplinary field and social movement focused on analyzing and addressing the impacts of human disruptions to Earth's natural systems on human health and all life on Earth.