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## **UPDATES**

### **Halting new oil sands development**

On the heels of the provincial government's release of its climate change plan last week, the Sierra Club of Canada's Prairie Chapter is leading a coalition calling for a cease to new projects in Alberta's tar sands. The coalition is seeking individual and organizational signatures on a petition, located online at:

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/no-new-approvals-on-tar-sands-developments>

The petition is also found on Facebook at: <http://apps.facebook.com/petitions/view?pid=882288252>

For more information about the campaign to curb tar sands development, see:

<http://www.tarsandstimeout.ca/>

The Sierra Club Chinook Group has joined other Alberta organizations in expressing disappointment in the province's "green plan" announced by Premier Ed Stelmach, noting that the plan allows for Alberta's greenhouse gas emissions to continue rising until 2020 and aiming for only a 14 per cent reduction in emissions by 2050 – far lower than the federal government's emissions targets and nowhere near what Canada has committed to under the Kyoto Protocol.

### **Biodiesel for sale**

Community Natural Foods is now selling B100 biodiesel for an introductory price of 99-cents per litre.

The store's website says: "If you drive a diesel vehicle, and would like to try adding B100 soy-based biodiesel to the mix, stop by either store. We have 20L jugs for sale, at 99 cents per litre (plus gst), and a \$10 jug deposit. Reduce your emissions, choose a renewable fuel source, and improve engine life and performance! B100 Biodiesel is 10 times less toxic than table salt, and more biodegradable than sugar.

Stop by the store for complete details, or visit the stores' website: <http://www.communitynaturalfoods.com/>

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## **EVENTS and TRIPS**

### **Global warming & climate change "Teach-In" at U of C**

Concerned about global warming and climate change? Join at "teach-in" on the topic taking place at the University of Calgary on Friday, Feb. 1 from noon to 4 pm in Room 3208 of the Professional Faculties Building (in the Faculty of Social Work). Sessions will take place throughout the afternoon and attendance is on a drop-in basis. Presenters include students and faculty from social work, biology, environmental design, religious studies, business, medicine/veterinary medicine, politics and education.

For more information or to see the complete schedule of presenters, see: <http://fsw.ucalgary.ca/teach-in>

## **Next group meeting: February 6**

The Chinook Group's next monthly public meeting will take place on February 6 at 7 pm at the Calgary Area Outdoor Council building (1111 Memorial Drive NW). The meeting will feature a screening of the documentary "Bridge to Community: The Affordable Housing Crisis in Alberta" followed by a discussion. This locally produced 85-minute documentary focuses on the affordable housing situation in Calgary and Alberta. Monthly meetings are free and open to the general public.

## **Next outing: Chester Lake snowshoe adventure, February 23**

Thanks for everyone who came out this past weekend and made our annual trip to the Lake Louise Alpine Centre a success. Fifteen members and their friends joined us for a weekend of cross-country skiing, potlucking, relaxing in the sauna, chatting about the environment, and simply hanging out. For those of you who missed it, you can check out some of the pictures on our Facebook site (under Sierra Club Chinook Group).

Fresh off the heels of that trip, we're planning our February snowshoeing day-trip to Chester Lake in Kananaskis Country. This year it's slated for Saturday, February 23rd. It's usually a great trip for beginners and pros alike, as there are a few different routes to take. As it's a day trip, the cost for this one is free, and we will be meeting at Shouldice Arena (16th Ave & Home Road NW) to car pool at 8:30 AM. If you're interested, email Alex Taylor at [alex@sierraclubchinook.org](mailto:alex@sierraclubchinook.org)

**To be added to our Events and Outings email list, go to:**

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## **Chinook Group Vision Statement**

The Sierra Club of Canada - Chinook Group is an environmental organization that changes consciousness through political influence, education, advocacy and fun!

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