



# THE NIPR NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome to our quarterly newsletter

Hello fellow Greens! Our cover page montage hopefully gives you a feel for what we've been up to this year. In this issue our CEO wraps up the year with her end of year message and offers a few thoughts about 2025.

Check out "Inside This Issue" to see what else we have for you. As always we hope to be informative and interesting. Please feel free to engage with us through our website ([NIPR Greens](http://NIPR Greens)) or via email ([northislandgreens@gmail.com](mailto:northislandgreens@gmail.com)).

We acknowledge that we are based on stolen land on the traditional, ancestral territories of many different First Nations including the We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, Homalco, K'ómoks, Tla'amin, Kwakuitl, and Gwa'sala'Nakwaxda'xw Namgis.

~ Annie, Carol, Jay, Jessica, Larry, Linda, Mark, & Susan

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# 2024 End of Year CEO Message

*“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.”*



Forgive me for quoting the entire paragraph, but when searching for the line from Charles Dicken’s novel “A Tale of Two Cities” the first dozen words just did not feel adequate. The complete paragraph seemed a more apt quotation to describe this past year and beyond. The prevailing sentiment was not so different in 1859 as it is in 2024.

However, I am not going to focus on the negative emotions and events taking place in Canada and around the world right now. Instead, I want to focus on the real meaning behind this holiday time of year. The time of year when we should be thinking of our children, grandchildren, extended family, friends, and others who are close to us or far apart geographically. That is not to say we should not be thinking about our loved ones during the entire year, but the holiday season allows us the opportunity to reflect and reconnect.

Whatever nationality you are or however you celebrate, it is vital that we hold on to one precious thing more than anything else.... that is Love. We can love and feel compassion for the ones who make it easy to love, but we need to remember those that differ in opinions and ideas. That is where it gets more difficult. We need to look past what separates us and focus on the beauty of all humanity. We will get nowhere in this life if we cannot put aside our differences and express tolerance and compassion. We will stagnate as individuals and as a collective if we do not remember the best of what we have and who we can be.

Your NIPR team is heading for a remarkably busy 2025. Plans are underway to hold a major fundraising event in the spring. More to come on this in the New Year. Our Annual General meeting will be held in early summer and of course the Federal Election is looming, and we need to be ready. We will be ready, and we hope you will be ready with us.

We are continuing in our efforts to engage with communities in our riding to further Green initiatives and to find out what issues are uppermost in the minds and lives of our constituents. We are no longer a single-issue party. The environment is only one part of our platform, but it is the one that we believe everything else depends upon. As Greens we know this, and we need to approach what needs fixing with an open mind, tolerance, and a desire to have real and meaningful conversations with those that feel different.

The North Island Powell River EDA wishes you all a very joyous holiday season with peace and love uppermost in your hearts, as we continue our efforts into 2025.

*Linda Ash*  
*NIPR EDA CEO*

# Finding Climate Solutions

## Free Workshop/Intro Session



Bomb Cyclone? Really? As extreme storms, droughts, flooding and forest fires have made climate change very personal in BC over the past 5 years, an increasing number of people are experiencing climate anxiety. The climate crisis can feel too big to stop or even mitigate, but over 200 International scientific researchers say it is possible to do just that. There are currently available solutions to counter this crisis based on the work of Project Drawdown and Project Regeneration. Hope lies in implementing these actions.

Did you know that two of the most powerful climate solutions occur in our kitchen more than in the cars we drive? Would changing cooking methods in a distant country actually help? Do we really need to talk about this?

*Finding Climate Solutions* is a fast paced 1.5 hour interactive workshop where such questions will be explored. The Council of Canadians Campbell River chapter is generously hosting this free event Jan 22, 10:30am -12noon at the Campbell River Community Centre. The workshop is presented by Regenerate BC: a registered nonprofit society dedicated to climate change education.

For registration and more information contact Annie Smith at [smithannelouise52@gmail.com](mailto:smithannelouise52@gmail.com).

A more in-depth 5-week course will be available (to those chronologically eligible) through North Island Elder College Campbell River: Mondays, 12:30 - 2:00, March 3 – 31, 2025.

# Greens Call on the Federal Fisheries Ministry to Act on Shipbreaking in Union Bay

The Concerned Citizens of Baynes Sound (CCOBS) have retained legal assistance through West Coast Environmental Law, in order to assess whether federal laws have been broken by the activities of Deep Water Recovery, the company responsible for ship-breaking operations in Union Bay.

[The Green Party calls on Federal Fisheries Minister Diane Lebovillier](#) to order a formal review of the current federal regulations regarding shipbreaking, in order to assess the environmental damage at Union Bay and to determine whether Deep Water Recovery or the Province of British Columbia have contravened the Federal Fisheries Act, and if so, what measures will be taken to mitigate further environmental damage.

See the full news release at <https://www.greenparty.ca/en/media-release/2024-12-11/greens-call-federal-fisheries-ministry-act-shipbreaking-union-bay> .

## Protect Habitat for Nesting Marbled Murrelet

Suitable nesting habitat for threatened Marbled Murrelet (low elevation old growth forest) is being



Photo by Deborah Freeman

progressively destroyed on Southern Vancouver Island and in Tree Farm License 46 near Fairy Creek. Marbled Murrelets are in danger of extirpation unless more habitat is protected.

Join the NIPR EDA executive in helping to push forward a petition calling on the government and the Pacheedaht First Nation to protect Marbled Murrelet in the Bugaboo and Fairy Creek watersheds in perpetuity by creating new Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas OR Wildlife Habitat Areas in Tree Farm License 46.

Sign the petition at <https://www.change.org/p/protect-habitat-for-nesting-marbled-murrelet> .

## Coldest Night of the Year – Feb 22, 2025



On February 22, 2025 walkers across Canada are walking to raise funds for many important social justice causes. In 2025 we will have two Green teams in NIPR walking in CNOY highlighting local greens involved in local communities.

The Comox Valley Green Team has been doing this for a number of years to raise funds for Dawn to Dawn (action on homelessness) and the Comox Valley Transition House (shelter and housing, counselling and support). Last year we raised over \$10,000 - let's see if we can do even better this year!! You can join the Comox Valley Green team or just send financial support by using the Comox Valley link below. All is greatly appreciated. We had a great team in 2024 so let's see how many

walkers we can have in 2025. You can walk with us in Courtenay or you can walk remotely if crowds are not your thing. Once you join the team, do reach out to your friends, relatives and colleagues as they will all want to support a great cause and this is how we will meet the great needs in our valley.

This is the first year we will be fundraising for CNOY in Campbell River. The Campbell River Green team will be fundraising for the Campbell River Transition House (housing, counselling and support). The Campbell River Link below will allow you to join the team and / or donate to the team. Once you join the team, do reach out to your friends, relatives and colleagues as they will all want to support a great cause and this is how we will meet the great needs in the Campbell River area. Let's make this a great first-time fundraiser!!!

If you are having any problems, connecting through the CNOY fundhub link below do contact Don or Jay.

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# Season's Greetings from your EDA Executive

North Island-Powell River is a large riding and our executive are scattered throughout the riding. We therefore spend a lot of time on Zoom. We even held a year-end social gathering on Zoom and decided that we would take a picture just to say hi and let you put faces to the names. It's also an opportunity to introduce Danica Marsden who has just joined our team in the role of Official Agent for Jessica's upcoming campaign.

All the best of the season to you and wishing you a happy and healthy 2025.



# Consider a Yearend Donation

There is still a little time to top up your 2024 political donations and take advantage of the tax credits for this year. Help us to continue the good work and make sure we are prepared for the 2025 election.

Here are your options for making a donation to NIPR, North Island-Powell River Green Party:

- **E-transfer:** the recipient is NIPR Green Party, email [susaneshort20@gmail.com](mailto:susaneshort20@gmail.com)
- **NIPR website:** your donation will go through PayPal (credit card)
  - <https://greensofnorthisland-powellriver.ca/donate/>
- **Cheque:** make it out to NIPR Green Party;
  - mail it to: Susan Short, 204-6900 Burnaby St., Powell River V8A 1Y9
- **Questions:** call Susan Short, NIPR Financial Agent 778-220-1125

Here are some examples of the tax credits you can receive:

Contribution	Tax Credit	Your Actual Cost
\$40.00	\$30.00	\$10.00
\$60.00	\$45.00	\$15.00
\$100.00	\$75.00	\$25.00
\$200.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
\$400.00	\$300.00	\$100.00
\$600.00	\$400.00	\$200.00
\$1,000.00	\$558.00	\$442.00
\$1,725.00*	\$650.00	\$1,075.00

\*1,725 is the limit to donate in 2024



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