



Royal City Men's Club

RCMC Newsletter

April 2023

April 13th. “LIVE MEETING”

Evan Ferrari: Fighting Climate Change: What do we need to do in Guelph?

Presentation:

We have two climate targets in the City of Guelph: Net Zero Carbon city wide and 100% Renewable energy for the corporation of the City of Guelph. While the City has made some progress, it's lagging in other areas.

We'll take a look at what the city - and individuals - can be doing to take a more active role in fighting climate change.

Bio:

Environmental stewardship and community development have been prominent themes throughout Evan's life: from founding a water-pumping windmill project in Tanzania, changing legislation on wilderness conservation and paddling from the Great Lakes to the Arctic Ocean. He is the Executive Director of eMERGE Guelph Sustainability.

Evan translated his business skills from management positions for an international photographic film company into leadership and advocacy roles in the fields of wilderness protection, waste management, energy conservation and renewables. He is on the board of Focus on Nature and was the President of the WindShare Cooperative where he oversaw the operation of North America's first urban windmill at Toronto's waterfront. He has helped community renewable energy projects get started around the province and right here as chair of the Guelph Renewable Energy Co-op or GRECo.

For his work on environmental initiatives Evan received the Canada 125 award. He shares his passion for the outdoors by teaching defensive cycling to high school students and he coaches children's cross country skiing. He is happiest when he's in nature with the people he loves.



10am. To be followed by Live Questions.

April 27th. 2023

Doug Larson: The Dogma Ate my Homework

Presentation: Bio:

Doug Larson retired from the University of Guelph 13 years ago after a 34 year teaching and research career. He is best known for the discovery of the ancient forests of the Niagara Escarpment. Four books and 130 research papers formed the core of the academic career while he was working. His teaching involved introductory ecology, physiological ecology and ecological methods. While not conducting research and teaching, Doug was heavily involved with woodworking, instrument building, songwriting, and recording. Five albums with *Kid Coma* (see iTunes for *Complete Metamorphosis*) were recorded over 8 years, and the material in those records covered many environmental and political topics. Most recently Doug has recorded an album whose goal was to initiate a war against dogma (*Things that need to be said*, with Steve Knox of the *Kramdens*). That battle has now culminated in a new book entitled "*the dogma ate my homework*" whose goal is show how hope for our species and for the planet we love is dependent allowing science to destroy dogma. The book was coauthored by Doug's son **Nicholas** who is a scholar, engineer, and infrastructure economist in his own right actively working for the Ontario Water Quality Association.



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Messages : Future Meetings

Meetings For May

May 11th.- Dr. Zhongwei Chen: How to Make the Batteries We Use More Sustainable

May 25th. Chief Cobe: Guelph Chief of Police: Adapting Police Services to a Changing Society

Coffee/Breakfast 10:am

April 6th. And April 20th.

RCMC Live Coffee at the following location:

Symposium Cafe - 9:30am

304 Stone Road West

Activities & Events

May 20th.

"Beautiful"

Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge

July 15th.

"Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat"

St. Jacobs County Playhouse

See activities desk for more details on both these great shows

Refer to the website often

Other News

There is a new What's New section on the Home page of our website. This will give you quick links to any new information which has been posted on the website.

If you have any new content for the website, please send to Ritchie Zelk at edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca

Membership

Please send any updates to your entry in the Membership Directory, including any change in email address, to Del Campbell, 519-826-0679, susan-delcampbell@sympatico.ca

Members are encouraged to invite male friends and acquaintances to our meetings.