



Canadian Association of  
**Physicians for the Environment**

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## CAPE News Update



### ***Mixed Messages on Canada's Climate Plan***

There have been mixed messages on Canada's Climate Action Plan over the last two weeks. On November 21st, [the federal government announced](#) that it will take steps to phase out coal-fired power plants across the country by 2030, a decision which has the potential to [create \\$5 billion in health benefits for Canadians](#) if properly implemented. A few days later, [the Government of Alberta announced](#) that it has signed an agreement with three major power generators to ensure the phase-out of coal plants in Alberta by 2030. These are policies that CAPE has been actively promoting!

After a promising week of action to accelerate the end of coal power in Canada, we were disappointed to hear that the [federal government has approved](#) the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain and Enbridge Line 3 pipeline projects. These two pipelines are expected to increase Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 23 to 28 megatonnes per year through increased production in the tar sands, which will make it even harder for Canada to meet the GHG reduction targets pledged under the Paris Agreement.

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## NEW CAPE REPORTS ON COAL, CLIMATE, AND HEALTH

### **Breathing in the Benefits: How an accelerated coal phase-out can reduce health impacts and costs for Albertans**

In September, we released a [collaborative report](#) that estimated the health benefits of a 2030 phase-out of coal plants in Alberta with the Pembina Institute.

[Click here](#) to read the full report.

[Click here](#) to read a 4-page summary.

For more information see our [Alberta coal phase-out factsheet \(version française\)](#)

### **Out with the Coal, In with the New: National benefits of an accelerated phase-out of coal-fired power**

Last week, we released a collaborative report that estimated the health benefits of a 2030 phase-out of coal plants across Canada with the Pembina Institute.

[Click here](#) to read the full report .

[Click here](#) to read a 2-page summary of the health benefits.

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**ABOVE:** On November 25th, Executive Director Kim Perrotta and CAPE member Dr. Raquel Feroe met with Alberta's Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sarah Hoffman and Alberta's Minister of the Environment Shannon Phillips to brief them on the findings of our new report, "Out with the Coal, In with the New", which estimated the health benefits associated with a Canada-wide phase-out of coal-fired power plants by 2030. [Click here](#) to read more.

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### ***ACTION ALERT for FAMILY DOCTORS!***

Proposal: A Fifth Principle of Family Practice—Ecology and Health

The Four Principles of Family Practice have provided worthy guidance to family physicians in Canada since their introduction in the mid-1980s, but realities of the 21st century demand that we add a fifth. This new principle must situate family medicine squarely where it operates—not in a clinic or a hospital—but within human society, on Planet Earth.

This proposal has been submitted to the College of Family Physicians of Canada. We would like to show the leadership of the College that there's support for Canadian family physicians to become leaders in ensuring that our patients—both current and future—have the opportunity to experience well-being supported by a healthy environment. Please [visit this link](#) and sign!

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October 11, 2016 - [Strong Support for a Ban on Cosmetic Pesticides in Alberta](#)

November 21, 2016 - [Health Benefits from a Canada-Wide Coal Phase-Out](#)

November 28, 2016 - [Some Good News for People and the Planet](#)

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## CAPE Letters & Submissions to Political Representatives

August 18, 2016 - [Climate Change Adaptation for the Health Care Sector: Submission to the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Working Group on Adaptation and Climate Resilience](#)

September 13, 2016 - [Open Letter to the Federal Ministers of Health, Environment and Climate Change, and Indigenous and Northern Affairs re: Health Impacts of Fracking](#)

September 22, 2016 - [Statement to the Committee on International Trade re: Health Impacts of the Trans-Pacific Partnership \(Executive Summary\)](#)

October 11, 2016 - [Open Letter to the Federal Minister of Natural Resources re: Failures of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission \(CNSC\) \(version française\)](#)

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## CAPE in the News

### Coal

October 25, 2016

[Doctors call to phase out coal-fired electricity](#) (CMAJ)

October 28, 2016

[It's time to clear the air on Canada's coal-fired electricity](#) (Globe and Mail Op-Ed)

November 8, 2016

[When coal companies fund public health research: The case of TransAlta and the University of Alberta](#) (DeSmog)

November 21, 2016

[Environment Minister Catherine McKenna and Dr. Joe Vipond on coal](#) (CBC)

[Coal and Health](#) (CTV)

[Coals plan from Ottawa mesh with Alberta](#) (630 CHED)

November 22, 2016

[Phase out of coal powered electricity big win for Canadian health: Calgary doctor](#) (CBC)

[Calgary doctor has worked years against coal](#)

### Pesticides

19 septembre 2016

[Réglementation des pesticides: les engagements tardent](#) (La Presse)

October 11, 2016

[Many Albertans concerned about effect of pesticides](#) (660 News)

Octobre 11, 2016

[Poll finds support for phase out of lawn and garden chemicals](#) (NewsTalk 770)

October 15, 2016

[Albertans support cosmetic pesticide ban: survey](#) (St. Albert Gazette)

November 15, 2016

[Survey says Manitobans favour pesticide ban](#) (Winnipeg Metro)

### Le transport actif

14 novembre 2016

[Plus d'espace réclamé pour les cyclistes](#) (Métro)

(CBC)

[Phasing out coal could prevent over 1,000 premature deaths, says report](#) (CBC)

November 24, 2016

[Province to pay to end coal-fired power](#) (CTV)

November 26, 2016

[CAPE happy with move to phase out coal-power](#) (630 CHED)

November 28, 2016

[The cost of phasing out coal to taxpayers: Does the environmental positives outweigh the hit to our electricity bill & tax dollars?](#) (630 CHED)

November 29, 2016

[A good week for people — and the planet](#) (Waterloo Region Record Op-Ed)

14 novembre 2016

[«Couler la sécurité dans le béton»](#) (Le Devoir)

## Climate Change

October 30, 2016

[A price is right: The health case for a price on pollution](#) (CBC Op-Ed)

## Pipelines

November 19, 2016

[Thousands gather to protest Trans Mountain pipeline](#) (CBC)

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