• Citizens Climate Lobby presses for progressive climate legislation.

• We lobby our representatives and governments to support carbon fee and dividend and end subsidies to fossil fuel companies.

• Use a model for citizens to create political will that has proven to be successful in Canada and the U.S. by the organization RESULTS (which has the mandate to reduce poverty).
Citizens Climate Lobby in Canada

- CCL Canada launches the fall of 2010. CCL Toronto gets underway January 2011.
- Met with MPS – Four met to date: Sudbury, Red Lake & Toronto re: fee & dividend. More being scheduled.
- Met with MPPs – Two met thus far re: FIT program
- Created a short film on fossil fuel subsidies for Climate Action Network to use
- Had published 12 letters to the editor and four op-eds and articles
- Joined our American CCL friends to lobby the US Congress and Senate in June
- Lobbied the World Bank
- Wrote & Managing an open letter from businesses to the leaders of the provincial parties to stay the course on the Act and FIT

Citizens Climate Lobby in the USA

- Two conferences and lobby days in Washington. Lester Brown & Dr. James Hansen keynote speakers. In 2010 – 105 meetings with representatives in District Offices and Capital Hill. In 2011, more than 100 on Capital Hill alone and altogether 180 meetings.
- Published economic report “Building a Green Economy”.
- Wrote first legislative proposal – the Carbon Fee & Dividend Act.
- White House meeting with Todd Stern, the US International Climate Ambassador.
- Million Letter March has produced 1671 letters to date and 127 international letters.
- Published 65 times in 2010, including 7 times in the Huffington Post and 20 op-eds. In 2011, so far published 34 op-eds and 65 letters to the editor. There have also been 12 meetings with editorial boards and 53 outreach, education and community events.
World Bank

- WB Energy Strategy Approach Paper
- Met with Donal Cahalane, Climate Change advisor, Office of the Executive Director for Canada, Ireland and the Caribbean
- Request to end all WB loans for coal projects, especially in light of the Eskom Power coal deal in South Africa
- Follow up letter to Cahalane
- September WB/IMF Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors and the Civil Society Policy Forum & Civil Society Policy Dialogues
Ontario Election

- Hudak’s promise to kill the feed-in-tariff (FIT) program and Samsung deal if elected.
- Open letter from businesses and associations to Ontario political leaders to stay the course on FIT.
- Election dialogue – steer how to improve FIT and the application process, not kill it.
- Working with the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) and Climate Action Network on the save FIT campaign.

National Energy Policy


- July meeting in Kananaskis focused on exporting tar sand oil.


- CCL to focus on carbon fee and dividend in light of these talks. Next Ministers’ meeting is Sept 2012 in PEI.
• As early as September, President Barack Obama will decide whether to light a fuse to the largest carbon bomb in North America. That bomb is the massive tar sands field in Alberta. And the fuse is the 1,700-mile long Keystone XL Pipeline that would transport this dirtiest of petroleum fuels all the way to Texas refineries.

• If built, the Keystone XL Pipeline would lock North America into a future of planet-warming energy dependency. Indeed, Dr. Hansen – America’s top climate scientist – has said that full exploitation of Canada’s tar sands would be “game over” for efforts to confront the climate crisis.

• From August 20th to September 3rd, thousands of Americans (and Canadians) – including Bill McKibben, Naomi Klein and NASA’s Dr. James Hansen – will be at the White House, day after day, to demand that President Obama reject this tar sands nightmare. Given the high stakes, many protestors will engage in peaceful civil disobedience to make their voices heard. This event may become the biggest act of civil disobedience in the climate movement’s history.

• This protest will be going on for two weeks between Aug. 20 and Sept. 3 to let the world know just what we think of the tar sands.

• President Obama alone – without input from a dysfunctional Congress – has the power to approve or reject the Keystone XL Pipeline. He will decide as soon as September whether to honour his campaign pledge to create a clean-energy economy, or to lock the US in as a nation that cooks and distills filthy tar sands bitumen for much of their energy. Building this pipeline would be an economic and moral setback for clean-energy sources of all types. We must draw a line in the sand -- the tar sands!

• If this project is approved it would encourage the exploitation of Canada’s tar sands, accelerate the destruction of the ecosystems in that area, and lead to increased dumping of toxins into the Athabasca River – the main source of water for some First Nations groups. In addition the proposed pipeline would be built over the Ogallala aquifer, a main source of potable water in many regions of the US.

• We encourage President Obama to advance the US as a leader in clean energy development. An effective mechanism to drive this transition to a clean energy economy is Carbon Fee & Dividend. Put a price on carbon that increases over 10 years and give the dividend back to the American people to help shoulder price increases during this transition.

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