

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**New Dawn Enterprises Ltd.,  
Nova Scotia Co-operative Council,  
Dalhousie University's Marine & Environmental Law Institute,  
Preneal Canada &  
The David Suzuki Foundation**

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### **RENEWABLE ENERGY: Stepping it Up Featuring Renewable Energy Expert Paul Gipe**

*We invite the public to participate in this workshop and public lecture series to promote renewable energy development and learn about the benefits a "Feed-law" legislation for Nova Scotia & New Brunswick would create.*

Imagine that we were willing to adopt the best policy for establishing renewable energy. Do we know what that would really take? Internationally renowned renewable energy expert Paul Gipe explains "Progressive governments taking responsible action towards getting renewable energy on the ground have adopted a "Feed-law". This European-style policy allows homeowners, farmers and businesses to "feed" their renewable energy electricity into the (power) grid and get properly paid." The result is local jobs in manufacturing, installation and or maintenance and local financing and local ownership.

Provinces such as Nova Scotia & New Brunswick could be making much more substantive progress towards energy autonomy by establishing such a Feed-law policy for renewable energy with community ownership and by promoting more energy efficiency.

"Adopting a Feed-law for renewable energy would put Nova Scotia & New Brunswick among the leaders of renewable energy policy in North America and at the same time reduce pollution and greenhouse gases," said Mark Lutes policy analyst with the David Suzuki Foundation.

To learn more about:

- Renewable energy in an international & local context;
- Economic benefits for communities, businesses & investors;
- Government policy & regulations;
- Renewable Energy Feed Law & pricing; and
- Practical matters, How to get there? and What works?

you are invited to take part in one of the following:

## **PUBLIC EVENTS SCHEDULE**

### **WORKSHOP: Tuesday, November 13, 1-5 PM - Sydney, NS**

Location: Cape Breton University, Royal Bank Theatre,  
1250 Grand Lake Road

Registration: paulpatterson@ns.sympatico.ca Lunch Fee: \$10.00

### **WORKSHOP: Wednesday, November 14, 9-5 PM - Truro, NS**

Location: TBA

Registration: bobwill@eastlink.ca Lunch Fee: \$10.00

### **FREE PUBLIC LECTURE: Thursday, November 15 - Halifax, NS**

Public Lecture: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Dalhousie University Law School, 6061 University Avenue

### **Colloque énergie renouvelable: Friday, November 16 - Moncton, NB**

L'éolien et l'approche communautaire: vendredi 8-4:30

Location: Université de Moncton, Faculté d'ingénierie

Registration: ceolien@umoncton.ca Coûts: \$50.00

**PAUL GIPE** has over 30 years international experience in renewable energy and policy. He has popularized the use of wind energy worldwide through his work with renewable energy associations, his writing (includes 6 books) and through public speaking. His recent work as acting executive director of the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) resulted in Ontario being the first jurisdiction in North America to adopt European-style renewable energy policy or Feed-laws. See: <http://www.wind-works.org>

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