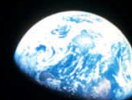




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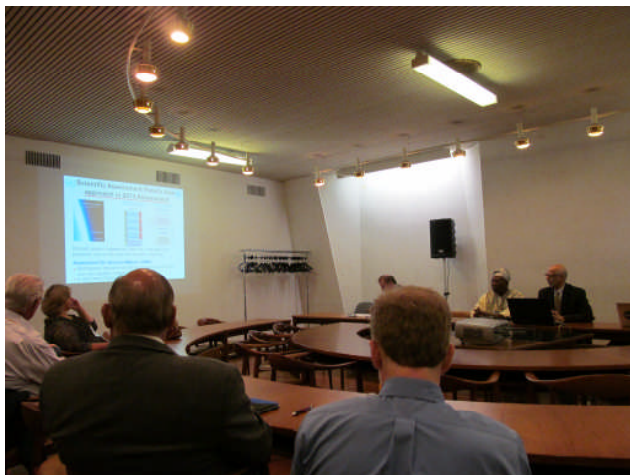
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### March 21 – 7 pm Come out to MOPIA's 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM



Plan to attend MOPIA's 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM being held in Winnipeg on Monday evening, March 21, 2016. There is no cost to attend this annual event. Come hear about our last fiscal year's activities and our financial results.

Contact MOPIA regarding the meeting location.

### Retire Your Fridge Program



Manitoba Hydro's Power Smart program continues to offer their Retire Your Fridge Program. Owners of working fridges, 15 yrs old or more, can contact their program contractor for free collection of the unit(s) throughout Manitoba. Eligible units earn \$50 from Manitoba Hydro but more importantly you may be saving upwards of \$100/yr on energy savings as these older units tend to be less efficient.

Over 30,000 fridges have been recycled to date. See: [https://www.hydro.mb.ca/your\\_home/appliances\\_electronics/refrigerator\\_retirement/index.shtml](https://www.hydro.mb.ca/your_home/appliances_electronics/refrigerator_retirement/index.shtml) or call 1.855.5Fridge

### MOPIA meets with Manitoba Conservation Officials



As part of MOPIA's on-going positive relationship with Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship staff and their Enforcement Division, Mark Miller (Executive Director), met with senior Conservation officials on March 9 at their headquarters in Winnipeg.

They discussed possible regulatory amendments to reflect the new Code of Practice, Environment Canada and international approaches to further controlling substances.

They also discussed enforcement issues including some leads for investigation and the tracking of the flow of regulated products via internet re-sellers.

White goods was a key theme that was discussed. Fridges, freezers, water coolers and dehumidifiers are not handled consistently through the waste stream. It is possible to recycle over 95% of every unit disposed, but appears to be a challenge often in rural and First Nations communities. Whether it be a new levy applied on the sale of new units or some other method, a focus to find a solution should be a priority to better safeguard the environment.

### Next Certification Training Session

MOPIA's next one-day certification class is Saturday, March 19 in Winnipeg. Register by email ([mopia@mymts.net](mailto:mopia@mymts.net)) or calling MOPIA at 204.338.222 / toll free 1.888.667.4203.



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## HFCs Future in the Hinge 37<sup>th</sup> OEWG Meeting



The 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol are meeting in Geneva, Switzerland April 4-6.

The Agenda is focused on addressing HFCs as a result of the last Meeting of the Parties in Dubai in 2015.

There is strong global support to either phase-out or phase-down HFCs as they are powerful greenhouse gases. Projected growth and the expanded use of HFCs under the current status quo may make them the most potent and high impact greenhouse gas. So, there is momentum and concern that if they are not controlled, climate change will be significantly increased over time.

Manitoba has regulated HFCs in that they must not be vented and are controlled broadly from their purchase to record keeping of their use in the A/C sectors. More controls are being considered such as restricting or banning their use in aerosol products, which MOPIA has been a long-time advocate.

This is a crucial meeting as a Report from the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) on alternatives to ozone depleting substances (ODS) will be discussed as well as a proposal to develop an HFC amendment to the Montreal Protocol later this year.

See more at: <http://ozone.unep.org/en/meetings>

## Earth Hour 2016 is Coming!

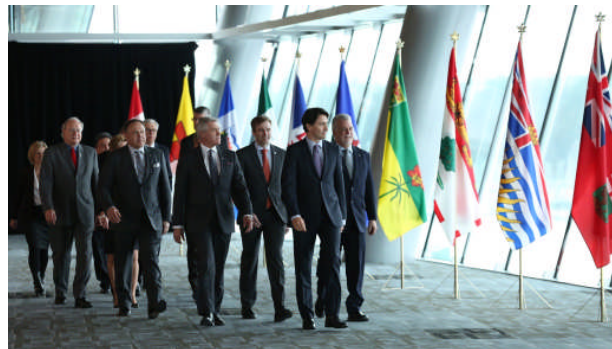


Saturday, March 19 is this years' Earth Hour, promoted by The World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

At 8:30 pm local time, you are encouraged to turn out your lights and various power sucking devices to show your support for Earth Hour.

See more information on Earth Hour at: <http://www.worldwildlife.org/pages/earth-hour>

## Prime Minister & Premiers Meet to Discuss Climate Change



Canada's political leaders met in Vancouver, B.C., in early March to discuss the economy and climate change.

The Government of Canada committed to the following:

- support climate change mitigation and adaptation through investments in green infrastructure, public transit infrastructure and energy efficient social infrastructure;
- work together with the provinces and territories on how best to lever federal investments in the Low Carbon Economy Fund to realize incremental emission reductions;
- advance the electrification of vehicle transportation, in collaboration with provinces and territories;
- foster dialogue and the development of regional plans for clean electricity transmission to reduce emissions;
- advance efforts to eliminate the dependence on diesel in Indigenous, remote, and Northern communities – and use renewable, clean energy as a replacement;
- as part of Canada's participation in Mission Innovation, double investments in clean energy, research and development over five years, and work with global partners to promote cleaner energy and better environmental outcomes.

See more at:

<http://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2016/03/03/communiqu-canadas-first-ministers#sthash.J2Kv4N7H.dpuf>

Manitoba's Climate Change and Green Economy Action Plan can be seen at:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/climate/>

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Climate Actions can be seen at:

<http://www.unep.org/climatechange/>

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