

# 60<sup>th</sup> Pugwash Conference Anniversary September 28-Oct 1

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The Centre for Local Prosperity, a non-profit organization focused on local economic development, the Cumberland Energy Authority and the Thinkers Lodge are pleased to announce a major event on climate change at Thinkers Lodge, Pugwash, NS, September 28 - October 1, 2017. International speakers and scientists will be joined with leading Atlantic Canada community leaders, artists and journalists, in an intensive 2-day retreat in the Thinkers Lodge.

The Cumberland Energy Authority representatives have decided instead of having a third Energy Authority conference / symposium, they would work with organizers to enlarge the 2017 Climate Change Thinkers Retreat, but also include an enlarged program on two days involving the public.

The public is invited for Thursday and Sunday events, which will occur before and after the 2-day retreat. There will be public talks and student activities about climate change.

For those who forget, the background to the Thinkers Lodge is summarized as follows: In 1955 the Russell/Einstein Manifesto asked: "shall we put an end to the human race?" The threat was Nuclear War and just two years later in July of 1957, 22 scientists from both sides of the Iron Curtain gathered at Thinkers Lodge in Pugwash to begin the process of mapping steps to curb nuclear proliferation. This was the first meeting of the Pugwash Confer-

ences on Science and World Affairs ([www.pugwash.org](http://www.pugwash.org)) that together with Joseph Rotblat were honoured with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1995.

Now 60 years later, the public are being invited for two days of public information, which will precede and follow two days of private retreat discussions by International thought leaders coming together with community leaders. Following the two day retreat discussing climate change ameage to Atlantic Canada and the world will be released on Sunday, October 1.

On the opening Thursday, Sept 28, from 10:00am to 9:30pm, there will be public and student-oriented events at several venues in Pugwash. Public events include a climate and environmental art exhibit, a talk by Regan Rosberg (Denver-based environmental artist) and Chad Frishmann (Project Drawdown Science Director), a panel discussion on climate change, the screening of the film *Albatross*, produced by Chris Jordan, and other events.

On Sunday, Oct 1, from 12:00am to 2:00pm, there will be announcements and a media release of the results of the Thinkers Retreat, as well as other invited speakers.

The public is invited to attend the Thursday and Sunday events. A full event schedule is available at: <http://centreforlocalprosperity.ca/events-2/thinkers-lodge-retreat/public-students-events-schedule/>



Thinkers' Lodge, Pugwash, Nova Scotia, Canada; site of the first Pugwash Conference in 1957. Now preparing to host the 60th Conference this fall.

# Thinker's Lodge Retreat Public Events

The following is the list of events planned on Thursday, September 28 and Sunday, October 1 prior to and following a two day thinkers retreat on Climate Change & the Human Prospect: *Empowering our Climate Future for Rural Communities*.

## Thursday, September 28:

10:00am to 3:30pm – Public tours of Thinkers Lodge (last tour starts at 3:00pm)

12:00 to 5:00pm – A Climate for Art and other Important Exhibits – Lobster Factory Student art displays, student ideas about climate change, organizers and sponsors information tables and displays.

Interactive display of CLIVE (Coastal Impact Visualization Environment) on sea level rise, with Dr. Adam Fenech, UPEI Climate Lab

Slide displays of environmental art of Regan Rosberg, and the works of Project Drawdown.

1:00 to 2:15pm – Art, Science & Climate Change: A Conversation – Pugwash High School

A presentation to students and public at the Pugwash High School Gym. Regan Rosberg and Chad Frishmann will present their views and works on climate change. Introduction by Robert Cervelli.

2:00 to 5:30pm – Public Performances and Discussions – Eaton Park Stage Activities:

2:00–2:30 Rebecca Moore, Mi'kmaq drumming for climate non-aggression

2:30–3:30 Meet some of the Thinkers, discussions on climate change and small towns

3:30–5:00 Local musicians

Boardwalk art & sculptures

Food trucks and vendors

5:30 to 7:30pm – Public Discussion – Peace Hall (first floor)

Opening Mi'kmaq blessing

Warden Gillis – Welcome

Robert Cervelli – Welcome and Introduction of Retreat Thinkers

Opening video short (3min) – "Clearer from Afar"

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John Eaton – Nuclear War and Climate Change 1957 to 2017

Panel Presentation and Public Discussion – *Empowering our Climate Future for Rural Communities*

Describing the urgency, the potency and the potential for a new human prospect – a focus on small and rural communities.

Moderator: Gregory Heming, Annapolis County Municipal Councillor

Panelists: Dr. Adam Fenech, UPEI Climate Change Lab

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Robert Cervelli, Exec. Director, Centre for Local Prosperity

7:45 to 9:25pm – Film *Albatross*, by Chris Jordan

A film about the Midway Island albatross' plight with consumption of ocean plastic, first screened in May, 2017 at Telluride. Gregory Heming will introduce Chris Jordan's film which describes his personal journey into horror, beauty, grief, love and – ultimately – healing.

## Sunday, October 1:

12:00 to 2:00pm – Outcomes of the Thinkers Retreat – Peace Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Talk by Jennifer MacIntrye, Canada's Climate Change Ambassador (to be confirmed); Media releases and press interviews; Personal statements by Thinkers; Poetry, music or retreat-inspired art and Mi'kmaq closing blessing.

PUGWASH – PUBLIC EVENT VENUES: Thinkers Lodge (tours); Lobster Factory (art exhibits); Pugwash High School (student talks); Eaton Park Stage (talks and entertainment) and Peace Hall (public discussion and movie).

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