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# review

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ROUND TABLE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMY

## Creating an Integrated Legacy of Economic, Community, and Ecological Well-Being: Federal Budget 2000 Recommendations

Through months of consultations with stakeholders, experts and key government officials, the NRTEE has been working to ensure that the federal government recognizes in its 2000 Budget the importance of economic, community and ecological linkages. The speech from the throne on October 12, 1999 supported this commitment. The government announced that it will place greater emphasis on sustainable development through a variety of initiatives.

Specific mention was made of the need to develop and adopt innovative practices and green technologies, to push the frontiers of environmental technology and eco-efficient practices and to create opportunities to access foreign markets. Measures were also announced that will strengthen the government's capacity for conducting environmental science research, curb pollution, expand national parks and protect wildlife.

The NRTEE believes that the Federal Budget 2000 should begin to build an integrated legacy of economic, commu-

nity and ecological well-being. The NRTEE is proposing a package of six measures that will contribute to the process of change needed to fully capture potential economic, social, and ecological synergies. By incorporating a number of significant environmental initiatives in its 2000 Budget, the federal government can begin to develop a balanced, integrated and sustainable legacy.

As a package, the six measures are comprehensive in that they include measures that both promote the protection and conservation of natural spaces and ensure that natural resources are used as efficiently as possible. It also includes capacity-building measures that will provide decision-makers in both the public and private sectors with the information and tools they need to integrate economic and ecological considerations into their decision making. By supporting the development and dissemination of such resources in Canada, the 2000

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### NRTEE Presents Public Lecture by Amory Lovins in Toronto

The NRTEE hosted a public lecture by renowned economist Amory Lovins entitled *Natural Capitalism and the Canadian Economy* on November 3, 1999 in Toronto. This public lecture was part of a year-long series of meetings to explore emerging sustainable development issues of top-most importance to Canada for the first decade of the new millennium.

Amory Lovins is one of the founders of the Rocky Mountain Institute and co-author of the recently published book, *Natural Capitalism: Creating the Next Industrial Revolution*. His presentation was followed by a question and answer period moderated by Stuart Smith, Chair of the NRTEE.

The Toronto public lecture was held in conjunction with a meeting of the NRTEE that explored issues relating to the environment, economy and jobs. The other themes and dates will be: Thursday, February 3, 2000 – Calgary on the preservation of nature and Thursday, May 4, 2000 – Montreal on urban livability. The first meeting

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Budget will lay a foundation that can help guarantee the successful implementation of future initiatives.

The six measures fall under three broad categories:

- *Catalyzing investment in innovative technologies* should include implementing a federal green energy procurement plan and an accelerated capital cost allowance for investments in highly eco-efficient technologies. These measures will improve productivity, expand exports to world markets and create jobs.
- *Protecting and conserving natural spaces* by reducing capital gains taxation on ecological land gifts and establishing a stewardship fund for habitat conservation. Such initiatives will create jobs and make communities more livable and healthy.
- *Capacity-building measures* consisting of a Canadian program for applied sustainable economics and the creation of a sustainable solutions network will provide governments, businesses and communities with the information and tools they need to integrate economic and environmental considerations into their decision-making processes.

The NRTEE recommendations put into action measures that will ultimately allow Canada to capture the economic and community benefits associated with environmental initiatives.

To advance the use of market-based approaches for environmental improvement in Canada and to promote meaningful budget reform, the NRTEE annually makes recommendations to the federal government on specific actions that can be taken in the federal budget. These recommendations are the product of months of research and are influenced by extensive multistakeholder consultations.

For more information on the NRTEE's Greening the Budget program and/or the NRTEE Budget 2000 Recommendations, please contact Elizabeth Atkinson at (613) 943-0394 or visit our website at [www.nrtee-trnee.ca](http://www.nrtee-trnee.ca).



*The NRTEE's first millennium public meeting, co-hosted with the Nova Scotia Community College, brought together over 150 participants to examine the environment and health. The meeting was held at Pier 21 in Halifax on August 5, 1999. (Left to right) Sheila Cole, Nova Scotia Allergy and Environmental Health Association, Dr. Judy Guernsey, Department of Community Health & Epidemiology, Dalhousie University, Dr. Colin Soskolne, Department of Public Health Science, University of Alberta, Dr. Donna Mergler, CINBOISE and Dr. Stuart Smith, Chair of the NRTEE.*

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was held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in August and it focused on health and the environment.

A statement emanating from these meetings will identify and offer a prioritized approach to addressing the major sustainable development issues facing Canada for the first decade of the new millennium. ☺

## **The NRTEE Welcomes Three New Members**

Lise Brousseau, Florence Robart and Judy G. Williams were recently appointed by the Prime Minister to the National Round Table.

Lise Brousseau, from La Prairie, Quebec, is a consultant in marketing, international development and energy. She was previously Director General and Founder of l'Association québécoise pour la maîtrise de l'énergie. Ms. Brousseau holds a Masters and a Bachelor of Library Science and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Montreal.

Florence Robart, from Moncton, New Brunswick, is a consultant in labour-management issues. She has worked for the New Brunswick Federation of Labour and Co-op Atlantic. A long-time community activist, Ms. Robart has done extensive research and writing on education, social policy and labour market issues and has

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## **Emerging Health and Environment Issues Identified at the First Millennium Meeting**

Exploring emerging challenges and concerns in the environment and health area, the first meeting featured presentations by: Dr. Donna Mergler, Director of CINBOISE, Université du Québec à Montréal, Dr. Colin Soskolne, Professor, Department of Public Health Science, University of Alberta and recently returned from the World Health Organization, and Ms. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, former Executive Director, United Nations Environment Program.

Following deliberations, members indicated an initial interest in air quality and respiratory issues, total load (the cumulative and interactive effect of low-level exposures to multiple toxins), genetically modified organisms (GMOs), and endocrine disrupters.

For more information on the NRTEE's Millennium Program, or on the public lectures, please contact Lisa Woodward (613) 943-0399 or by E-mail: [woodwardl@nrtee-trnee.ca](mailto:woodwardl@nrtee-trnee.ca). ☺

## Program Updates



The goal of this program is to improve policy and decision-making processes linked to issues of health, environment and economy. The NRTEE is currently completing four case studies to illustrate different types of decision-making processes and to ground the program in actual experiences. These case studies are: Lindane (a pesticide), sulphur in fuel, MMT (a fuel additive) and Revalor-H (a bovine growth hormone). The case studies will be available on the NRTEE's website in December.

All four case studies illustrate the process issues that the NRTEE will examine, including transparency and scientific capacity for policy and decision making. To help stakeholders focus on the policy-making process, rather than on the specific decisions described in the case studies, a discussion paper will be prepared that will feature more in-depth discussion of these cross-cutting issues. A multistakeholder workshop will be held in Ottawa on January 13 and 14, 2000 to examine and develop appropriate policy tools and recommendations. The results of this workshop will lead to the final report, scheduled for release in the fall of 2000.

### CLARIFICATION –

The last edition of the *Review* inferred that there were common trade issues between Revalor-H and GMOs (genetically modified organisms). Revalor-H, is a compound of two hormones, neither of which is produced using genetic modification and is therefore not a GMO. We did not wish to imply otherwise.

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### *International Outreach*

The NRTEE will be participating in a federal mission to Egypt in November, taking part in high-level discussions with Egyptian environment officials and providing advice on multistakeholder processes at the national level. The mission is co-led by Industry Canada and Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. While in Egypt David McGuinty, Executive Director and CEO of the NRTEE will also give the keynote address at Egypt's international conference Environment '99. In addition, CIDA has requested Stuart Smith, Chair of the NRTEE, address the steering committee of the Environmental Initiative Fund, a major focus of CIDA's programming in Egypt.

In cooperation with the International Institute for Sustainable Development, the NRTEE has been invited to explore how it could support the Romanian National Council on Sustainable Development's proposal for a regional body to coordinate sustainability efforts in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and Turkey.

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The goal of this program is to identify the essential components of a process to guide the development of non-renewable resources while continuing to balance the economic, environmental and social interests of industries, Aboriginal communities, environmental non-governmental organizations and governments located in Canada's north.

The NWT has been identified as the key area for the NRTEE to explore since Nunavut is still adjusting to its emergence as a new territory on April 1, 1999 and the Yukon is in the process of implementing its Development Assessment

Process. The geographic scope will focus specifically on case studies within the McKenzie Valley. The McKenzie Valley is the part of the NWT that is not included in the Inuvialuit or Nunavut settlement areas. It is bounded on the west by the Yukon Territory, the north by the Inuvialuit settlement area, the east by the Nunavut settlement area and on the south by the 60th parallel.

The NRTEE will focus on two case studies. The case studies will examine the natural gas fields in the Liard Valley and the diamond exploration and development within the 'Corridor of Hope.' The Liard Valley is located in the southwestern part of the NWT, encompassing the Nahanni National Park and river. Chevron Canada Resources is the lead in a consortium of companies with interests in this area. The 'Corridor of Hope' is found approximately 250 km north of Yellowknife, and includes: the Ekati diamond mine, the proposed Diavik diamond mine, and potential developments being spearheaded by companies such as Monopros, a De Beers Company, and Winspear Resources Ltd. As well, the NRTEE will examine not only non-renewable resource development within the unsettled claims areas (Deh Cho, North Slave and South Slave) where the above case studies are located, but also the settled claims areas (Gwich'in and Sahtu).

A multistakeholder meeting is scheduled for February 2000 in Yellowknife, NWT.

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Cohort 8, LEAD Canada's newest group of Associates, completed its first domestic training session in October. The session featured a three-day module on conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation by Dr. Chris Moore, a conflict resolution specialist from Boulder,

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also served as Co-Chair of the New Brunswick Labour Force Development Board.

Judy G. Williams, from Vancouver, British Columbia, is a partner at the law firm of MacKenzie Fujisawa Brewer Stevenson. She holds a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of British Columbia. She is currently serving as a Committee Member of the Urban Development Institute, as well as the Real Property Subsection and is a member of the Business Law Subsection of the Canadian Bar Association.

The NRTEE's members are distinguished Canadians appointed by Governor-in-Council. Members represent a broad range of regions and sectors — including business, labour, academe, environmental organizations and First Nations. 🌱

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Colorado. Associates were also introduced to the international dimensions of sustainable development, ecological economics and intercultural effectiveness skills. As well, the Associates participated in a site visit to Dupont in Kingston, Ontario.

With their first national training session behind them, Cohort 8 is gearing up for their first international training session in Brazil in March 2000.

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## **Tools of Change: Proven Methods for Promoting Environmental Citizenship**

By Jay Kassirer and Doug McKenzie-Mohr  
for the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy

This workbook, founded on the principles of community-based social marketing, offers specific tools and case studies for helping people take actions and adopt habits that are more environmentally sustainable. It will help you include in your program the best practices of many other environmental programs – practices that have already been successful in changing people's behavior.

Visit the Tools of Change interactive Website at [www.toolsofchange.ca](http://www.toolsofchange.ca)



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