

PH Resource List for “Ford’s Bogus Climate Plan: The Climate Emergency and the New Face of Denial”, with David Robertson, February 10, 2022

1. David Robertson Biographical Information

David is a retired former Director of Work Organization and Training at the Canadian Autoworkers, a position he held for over 25 years. Prior to that he was a Research Associate with the Ontario New Democratic Party Caucus at Queen’s Park. In his earlier student activist days, David was involved in setting up the university-based, Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG).

David is a member of Seniors for Climate Action Now (SCAN!) where he sits on its Co-ordinating, Education and Ontario Election Committees. Before getting involved in SCAN!, David was active with the Good Jobs For All Coalition’s successful campaign to stop Google’s takeover of the Toronto waterfront.

In addition to his involvement with SCAN! David’s retirement project is learning to play the guitar, about which he acknowledges the patience and support of his wife Moya and son Brendan.

2. Links to Information about Senior’s For Climate Action Now (SCAN!)

- * About SCAN!: <https://www.seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/about.php>
- * SCAN! Campaigns: <https://www.seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/Campaigns.php>
- * SCAN! Platform:
[https://www.seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/source/Platform Final Format Sept%202021.pdf](https://www.seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/source/Platform%20Final%20Format%20Sept%202021.pdf)

3. Reports, Articles and Presentations Authored or Co-Authored by David Robertson

- * “The Liberal Climate Action Formula: A Recipe for Failure”, published by Seniors’ For Climate Action Now (SCAN!), April 2021:
<https://seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/source/The%20Liberal%20Climate%20Action%20Formula%20-%20March%202021.pdf>
- * PowerPoint Presentation on “Canada’s Climate Action Plan: The Good the Bad and the Ugly, SCAN!, Environment Haliburton (EH!) and Climate Action Muskoka (CAM), March 19, 2021:
<https://www.seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/source/SCAN%20HEHE%20PPP%20Final%20March%2019%20Version%20With%20Intro%20Slide%20TM%20March%2024%202021%20pptx.pdf>
- * “Ontario Stands Out as ‘Climate Hooligan’ Amid Patchwork of Provincial Policies”, The Energy Mix, January 13, 2022: <https://www.theenergymix.com/2022/01/13/opinion-ontario-stands-out-as-climate-hooligan-amid-patchwork-of-provincial-policies/>

4. Ford’s Climate Plan and Related Documents

- * “Made in Ontario Environment Plan”: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/made-in-ontario-environment-plan>
- * “A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe” <https://files.ontario.ca/mmah-place-to-grow-office-consolidation-en-2020-08-28.pdf>

* “Sustainable Growth: Ontario’s Forest Sector Strategy”: <https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf-fid-forest-sector-strategy-en-2020-08-20.pdf>

5. Critical Discussion of Ford’s Climate-Related Policies

* “Will the Forest Sector Strategy Make Forestry Great Again?”, February 3, 2020, Julee Boan, Ontario Nature: <https://ontarionature.org/forest-sector-strategy-blog/>

* “The battle for the ‘breathing lands’: Ontario’s Ring of Fire and the fate of its carbon-rich peatlands”, The Narwhal, July 11, 2020: <https://thenarwhal.ca/ring-of-fire-ontario-peatlands-carbon-climate/>

* “Why Doug Ford can’t be trusted to protect the Greenbelt”, Now Magazine, Feb. 19, 2021: <https://nowtoronto.com/news/can-doug-ford-be-trusted-on-the-greenbelt-duh>

* “Ford’s ‘growth plan’ encourages more sprawl in Toronto area”, The Toronto Star, Jan 16, 2019: <https://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorials/2019/01/16/fords-growth-plan-encourages-more-sprawl-in-toronto-area.html>

* “Cuts, conflict and collaboration: how the Ford government built a bridge to conservation authorities”, The Narwhal, November 24, 2021: <https://thenarwhal.ca/ontario-conservation-authorities-doug-ford/>

* “Everything you need to know about Doug Ford’s controversial plans for new highways in Ontario”, The Narwhal, November 8, 2021: <https://thenarwhal.ca/highway-413-bradford-bypass-explainer/>

* “Ford govt inexplicably repealing Ontario policy prioritizing renewable energy”, York University Sustainable Energy Initiative, April 29, 2021: <https://sei.info.yorku.ca/2021/04/ford-govt-inexplicably-repealing-ontario-policy-prioritizing-renewable-energy/>

* “First, Doug Ford ‘stopped the carbon tax’: how Progressive Conservatives reshaped Ontario’s environmental policy”, The Narwhal, November 9, 2021: <https://thenarwhal.ca/doug-ford-ontario-environment-explainer/>

* “Going 100% Renewable”, Ontario Clean Alliance: <https://www.cleanairalliance.org/campaigns/#>

* “Helping our climate by phasing-out Ontario’s gas plants”, Ontario Clean Air Alliance, April 2, 2020: <https://www.cleanairalliance.org/gas-phaseout/>

* “Lower electricity costs, By Defunding Nuclear”, Ontario Clean Air Alliance, September 1, 2020: <https://www.cleanairalliance.org/time-to-defund-nuclear/>

* “New GTA reactor a bad plan”, Ontario Clean Air Alliance, December 11, 2020: <https://www.cleanairalliance.org/new-gta-reactor-a-bad-plan/>