

PH Resource List for “Adaptation, Health and Safety and the Climate Emergency” with Jennifer Penney, June 27, 2024

1. Background information on Jennifer Penney

Jennifer has a doctorate in Work Environment Policy from the University of Massachusetts Lowell and she worked for many years in occupational health and safety.

From 2004 to 2010 she was Director of Research at the Clean Air Partnership, where she led research and training programs, and organized conferences and webinar series on climate change impacts and adaptation for municipalities.

Jennifer was the principal author of the City of Toronto’s first adaptation strategy, which was adopted unanimously by City Council in 2008.

After retiring, she took up beekeeping, chaired the Urban Toronto Beekeepers’ Association for a time and served two years on the Board of the Ontario Beekeepers’ Association, as well as helping on her son’s organic farm in Grey County, something she continues to do.

Two years ago, Jennifer joined Seniors for Climate Action Now! (SCAN!) where she chairs the Adaptation Working Group. Jennifer was the main author for Bill 198, An Act Providing a Climate Change Adaptation for Ontario, tabled as a private member’s bill by Peter Tabuns in the Ontario Legislature in May this year.

2. Background Information on Seniors for Climate Action Now (SCAN!):

<https://seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/about-us-2/>

SCAN!’s Climate Change Adaptation Work

- **SCAN! Ontario Climate Change Adaptation Campaign:**
<https://seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/ontario-adaptation-campaign/>
- **SCAN! Open Letter to the Ford Government: RELEASE THE SECRET CLIMATE CHANGE REPORTS:**
<https://seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Open-Letter-to-the-Ford-Government-Release-the-Reports-Edited.pdf>
- **SCAN Media Release on Clandestine Release of Secret Climate Adaptation Reports, Sept, 8, 2023:**
<https://seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SCAN-Release-the-Reports-Media-Release-Sept.-8-2023.pdf>
- **“A grim report about climate change in Ontario was kept quiet for 8 months - Southern Ontario to see 60 days of temperatures over 30 degrees by 2080s”, CBC News, Sep 13, 2023:** <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-climate-change-impact-assessment-1.6964662>
- **SCAN!’s Collaboration with NDP MPP Peter Tabuns on “The Ontario Change Adaptation and Resilience Act, 2024” Bill 198:** <https://seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/rallying-for-the-ontario-change-adaptation-and-resilience-act-2024/>
- **SCAN!’s National Adaptation Strategy Submission, July 14, 2022:**
<https://seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/22-07-14-SCAN-Submission-on-the-National-Adaptation-Strategy.pdf>