



Good afternoon,

Welcome to newest edition of the Community Update. With June upon us, and the end of our event season for 2013/2014, there is so much going on and worth sharing. Check out the information on our last few events of the year and get all the details on Bike Month, plus so much more.

And, as many of you know, new legislation has come out to prevent spam hitting your inbox. We think we send some pretty great stuff, but we want to make sure we have your permission to send it. Please confirm your subscriptions by [clicking here](#) and letting us know what you'd like to receive from SWR.

Enjoy this edition and we look forward to seeing you biking on the roads with us this month.

All the best,

Tova Davidson
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Regional Carbon Initiative Members

Renewing Regional Carbon Initiative Members



[Canadian General-Tower Ltd.](#)
Observing Organization
 RCI member since: 2014



[Just Fix It](#)
Pledging Partner
 RCI member since: 2012
 25% reduction commitment since 2012 (absolute)



[Gore Mutual Insurance Company](#)
Observing Organization
 RCI member since: 2010

If interested in joining the Regional Carbon Initiative as either a [Sustaining Partner](#), [Pledging Partner](#) or [Observing Organization](#), please see the [Sustainable Waterloo Region website](#) for further details and contact [Tova Davidson](#) with any questions.

Upcoming SWR Events

#BikeMonthWR is Here!

Whether you're a weekend road warrior or a casual commuter, there are lots of great opportunities to enjoy cycling throughout June. SWR is proud to work alongside the Region of Waterloo in promoting upcoming TravelWise events and challenges, including:

- A Bike Pledge throughout June—take the pledge and you could win some awesome prizes!

- Bike-2-Work Breakfasts in Kitchener, Cambridge, and Waterloo—stop by for food and a quick bike tune-up from a local bike shop
 - Get your office involved—challenge your colleagues to bike to work with our fun poster series
- Visit regionofwaterloo.ca/travelwiseevents for more info!

Moving Your Workforce: Sustainable Commuting and Your Business

Sustainable transportation is a growing concern in Waterloo Region. The objective of this session is to leave participants with an understanding of the importance that commuting plays in a workforce and supportive opportunities and strategies that are available.

This event is for RCI and Communitech members only.

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2014

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Location: 151 Charles Street West, Atlas/Matrix Rooms, Kitchener, Ontario

[Registration is now open](#)

Milestones as Stepping Stone

Regional Carbon Initiative (RCI) milestones are designed to help members set and achieve their greenhouse gas reduction targets. But as members work through the four milestones, it's not always smooth sailing. Join us at this technical workshop to hear RCI members share the hurdles they faced and the solutions they used to move to the next level. Attendees will enjoy question and answer periods with each presenting member and will also get a preview of what's to come in the 2014/2015 RCI Season.

Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: 50 Kent Street, Suite 203, Kitchener ON, N2G 3R1

Cost: \$35 (+HST) for non-RCI members, this event includes breakfast

[Registration is now open!](#)

SWR Updates

Announcing ChargeWR!

Over the past few months we have been exploring our role in the adoption of electric vehicles in Waterloo Region. We are now excited to announce ChargeWR, an online space for local electric vehicle updates, information, and resources throughout the region and beyond. Connect with ChargeWR today, on both Facebook and Twitter. Stay tuned for future updates!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/ChargeWR

Twitter: [@ChargeWR](https://twitter.com/ChargeWR)



Research and Ideas

EU Set To Overshoot 2020 Climate Goals, Split Over 2030

The European Union will cut its carbon emissions in 2020 by a bigger margin than it has pledged it would under United Nation climate change treaties. The EU has unilaterally pledged under the UN's Kyoto Protocol on climate change to reduce its emissions to 20% below 1990 levels by 2020. The bloc has already almost met that target and now expects to beat it easily by 2020. [Find out more about it here.](#)



Natural Capital Depletion Will Leave Firms Dangerously Exposed

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) in collaboration with EY, the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), and the Natural Capital Coalition, launched a new report last week that calls for finance professionals to take action and lead the change to prevent their organizations from failing as levels of natural resources become dangerously thin from the demands of a growing and more prosperous global population. [Find out more about the report here.](#)

Antarctic Glacier Loss is 'Unstoppable' Study Says

New data has scientists convinced we've "passed the point of no return" with a slab of ice that makes up 10% of Antarctica's total land ice volume, enough to raise the global sea level by 15 feet if it melts. [Find out more about the research here.](#)

From the Blog

Can You #bikemonthWR?

By: Mat Thijssen

It's been one heck of a winter, but now that the warm weather has finally arrived, I'm starting to get into the swing of my summer routine. The gardening gear is ready, the windows are open, and I've pulled out my bike to get ready for my summer commute. With Waterloo Region's second annual Bike Month happening in June, there is no better time to bike than now...

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