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## CLIMATE CHANGE

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...DAVID SUZUKI** (born March 24, 1936, [Vancouver, British Columbia](#), Canada), Canadian scientist, television personality, author, and environmental activist who was known for his ability to make scientific and environmental issues relatable to the public, especially through his television series *The Nature of Things with David Suzuki* (1979- ), and for his efforts in environmental [conservation](#), and has informed, challenged created controversy for 40 years, has written 50 books and is CANADIAN.

I have been his wonderful book “**Sacred Balance**”, which was updated and expanded 10 years ago. What I like is that his explanations are both scientific and easily understood by non-scientists like me...Highly recommend from Indigos or Amazon.

For those that prefer to hear him talk here are some YouTube sites that are very good **YOU TUBE SESSIONS**... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ybBB5aTPups>

**David Suzuki - For Thought/ Hope for the Planet - YouTube.webarchive**

**David Suzuki/ An elder's vision for our sustainable future - YouTube.webarchive**

### **HOW THE SMALLEST TAKES THE BIGGEST STEP!!**

Prince Edward Island is the smallest Province in Canada both by land mass and population. amazingly they have taken the giant step to be **the first province to ban single use plastic bags** effect July 2019. Our Federal Government is looking at 2021!! **WELL DONE PEI!!**

### **ORGANIZATIONS RHUC IS WORKING WITH ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Global Warming Drawdown Richmond Hill**... Liz

Couture...<https://www.yorkregion.com/opinion-story/9165970-climate-change-we-can-fix-it-richmond-hill/>

Liz Couture is the organizer of the Drawdown Richmond Hill. As a “deep green” environmentalist, Couture works in multi-partisan groups to discuss various issues related to climate change. There is a “climate science basics” post that I recently saw on social media and it goes like this:

#### **Climate Science 101...**

1. It's warming....2.It's us...3.We're sure....4.It's bad...5. We can fix it ...

The last point is the one I like the most, because it **brings a sense of hope** to the urgency of the global warming crisis that is happening on our planet today. In the 2017 bestselling **book Drawdown, edited by Paul Hawken, there are 100 solutions** to reduce the overwhelming source of global warming, carbon emissions, in the way we live, work, and play.

Each solution is backed up by quantified research: **how much it will cost to do, how many tons of carbon emissions will it reduce, and how much will we benefit by doing it?** As it turns out, **unchecked carbon emissions are very costly, and reducing emissions saves money**. Reducing carbon emissions is required to provide a stable, livable climate for our children.

Yet, what are we to do in Richmond Hill? We have a responsibility as a community and as citizens to come together to figure out the solutions that work here. For the next nine months, citizens who are part of the **Global Warming Drawdown Richmond Hill group**, will work on reaching out to our fellow citizens, measuring our carbon emissions, and begin to identify strategies to reduce them. This group will welcome input from the people in the community on how best to tackle our carbon emissions in the areas of building heating and cooling, transportation and more..

**There is still much learning and understanding of the issues and solutions needed**, and as people see the verified evidence and realize what is happening around us, there will be fear, maybe even some emotional shutdown. For more information on how to get involved and about an upcoming community please contact [LizCouture@hotmail.com](mailto:LizCouture@hotmail.com) or Esther at [socjust16@gmail.com](mailto:socjust16@gmail.com).

**350.org...Anna Dall Rosa & Carolyn You... <https://350.org/about/>**

Building a future that's **just, prosperous, equitable and safe from the effects of climate change**. We're an international movement of ordinary people working to end the age of fossil fuels and build a world of community-led renewable energy for all.

**#1: We are bold, creative and strategic...**The climate crisis is immense – we must be daring and courageous in response. We embrace new experiments and solutions, **recognizing that this crisis requires new ways of solving problems.**

**#2: We Work for Justice...**The fight against climate change is a fight for justice. People all over the world are feeling the impacts, but **the people suffering the most are the ones who have done the least to cause the problem.**

The work we do — and the ways we do it — has to address that injustice. That means listening to the communities who are getting hit the hardest, amplifying the voices that are being silenced, and following the leadership of the people on the frontlines of the crisis.

**#3: We Care for and Trust One Another...**We take care of ourselves and our communities, honour one another in our **non-violent approach to this work**, and share that spirit and learning with others.

No one has all the answers, so we value the experience and knowledge of our partners and our communities. That's why we listen to our communities and our allies to learn and evolve together.

**#4: We are Stronger When We Collaborate...****Climate change is not just an environmental issue, or a social justice issue, or an economic issue — it's all of those things at once.**

The only way we will be strong enough to **put pressure on governments and stand up to the fossil fuel industry is if we all work together.**

That means bringing people together and building diverse coalitions — from students, to labor unions, human rights and social justice groups; from marginalized communities and faith groups, to universities, business owners and all those who believe in the need for transformational change.

**#5: We are Transparent and Accountable...**To ensure the integrity of our work, we strive to be transparent and open, while respecting everyone's right to privacy and ensuring people's safety. **We are accountable to each other, to the people and groups we collaborate with**, and to those impacted by our work. We strive to honour the relationships we build with each other.

