



I hope this greeting finds you doing well. This is a real meerkat, by the way, who greeted a friend of mine, a nurse manager, as she ventured out to the Valley Zoo in Edmonton for the first time since COVID struck. Zoos can be controversial. At the same time, there's no question for me that this moment sparked an energy and lightheartedness in my friend that hadn't been there for a long time. So, that's the story. Just wanted you to know it wasn't a random cute meerkat picture taken off the interwebs.

**On to updates.** Here's a look at some of the really amazing action that's happening around the FOK network:

- FOK Toronto is calling on Toronto city council to sign the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, an international initiative you can find out about here: <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/>
- BC groups continue to support land defenders in standing up for old growth forest protection, an action that grows more meaningful with every severe heat event and ongoing forest fires. It's been inspiring to see the impact of groups working together on this, raising awareness through regular protests at MLA offices and the head office of Teal Jones as well as meeting with MLAs and Ministers. They are also working collaboratively on a submission to BC's Climate Adaptability Strategy, and carrying on individual team actions as well. Mères au Front | For Our Kids Nelson held a beautiful vigil in their old growth forest on June 30<sup>th</sup>, imagining what the coming year could be in their community, in the Kootenays, and in Canada ([here's a link to their FB page](#)). Parents4Climate in Victoria hosted a moving online session with four artists who are part of the Eden Grove Artist-in Residence program; to get a profound look at what is happening to land defenders, [here's the link](#) to the session.
- Speaking of sessions, Natalie and I were talking the other day about how we don't promote FOK's YouTube channel enough – there are amazing recordings there from different teams and network events. Something to browse through when you have a few minutes, and share with your own networks. Here's the link to the channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9i40PI0IZPEKixOM8V7vbg/featured> Make sure to follow us so you get updates.
- Here's a great idea from FOK Ottawa-Gatineau: they're using their FB feed to reach out to “armchair activists” who want to help with social media posts and other pieces of activism that busy team members don't always have time to do. This offers a gentle way for people to help the group's work without necessarily joining as a member.
- We have a date – **July 21 @ noon PT / 3 pm ET** - for the idea-generating session we've been working on, looking at ways to engage with parents at the school level. Team leaders Kate, Ellen, Jenna and Anne from Parents4Climate Victoria, FOK Cowichan, FOK Guelph and FOK Toronto will present – each group is involved in a different initiative with their local school district. There will be lots of time for Q&A and discussion. This is open to all team members and beyond - please share among your networks so that members of the public who are interested in this topic can join as well. Good opportunity to recruit new people to your teams! [This is the registration link](#) you can share with your networks. [Here's the FB event](#) for team leaders, which includes a **PLUS** – if you're available, please join the event a half-hour before it starts and/or stay on a half-hour afterward for a social check-in with your fellow team leaders. It's been challenging trying to schedule team leaders' meetings lately, so I thought this might be an opportunity to say hello before taking a bit of a break in August. Would be great to see you there.

- Finally (for today at least), if you're wondering what the heck next with Bill C-12, check out the [updated Bill C-12 page](#). We've made it an ongoing campaign to monitor implementation of the bill and invite people to get involved through the Net-Zero Advisory Body. Please share!

Stopping here, with a reminder to please share comments, reactions, ideas, and thoughts about how I can support you and your groups going forward.

Take care,

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