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Friends of Science Slam Alberta Climate Dialogue's Low Carbon Fantasy and Lack of Science in Citizen's Opinion Poll

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Friends of Science condemn the so-called "[Citizens' Panel on Edmonton's Energy and Climate Challenges](#)" for its lack of up-to-date science and manipulative questionnaire.

"EKOS opinion polls about climate change are a poor basis for public policy and planning," says Len Maier, president of Friends of Science and a U of Alberta alumnus. "That an esteemed university like the U of A would be a participant in such a fraud makes a mockery of science."

"They are relying on out-dated information from 2009 in the Pembina Institute's "Greening the Grid" and Edmonton's June 20, 2012 "transitions" report," says Ken Gregory, director of Friends of Science. "In fact, global warming stopped 16 years ago."

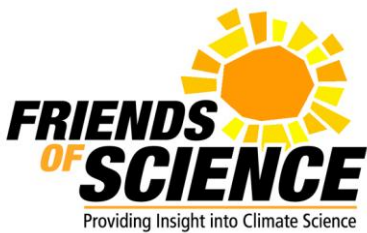
The "transitions" report included fantasized horror stories written by fictitious characters, supposedly offering a catastrophic retrospective after global warming.

"The issue should be scientific evidence, not science fiction," says Gregory.

Gregory points to the manipulation of data in another recent Pembina report. Pembina called for the early closure of coal-fired plants on health grounds.

The Pembina report says the particulate matter (PM) from Alberta coal-fired plants are 6% of man-made emissions, but they fail to mention 3,400 tonnes of fine particulate emissions from residential fireplaces, 7,000 tonnes from forest fires and 209,000 tonnes from driving on unpaved roads.

"In reality, says Gregory, "Pembina neglected to clarify that fine particulate matter (PM2.5) emissions from coal-fired plant are only 0.4% of all sources in Alberta. This is a serious discrepancy. One has to ask what their agenda is and how much their pro-wind, anti-coal perspective has tainted this Edmonton study too?"



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“Low carbon” urban planning has been a fad of recent years wherein high density urban planning and a reliance on public transit have been seen as a way to ‘stop global warming’ or ‘stop climate change’.

Friends of Science refute these theories stating there is no scientific evidence to support the catastrophic anthropogenic global warming theory. Based on a decade of research, Friends of Science position is that the sun is the main driver of climate change – that being related to the magnetic flux. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is not a toxin or pollutant, but a beneficial gas, essential to life.

“These well-meaning, but non-scientific citizens have been scared into believing they will burn up, when the scientific evidence clearly shows there’s been no global warming for 16 years,” says Gregory.

He adds, “Solar cycles indicate we are moving into a cooling trend, perhaps as grim as the Little Ice Age. In this case, it would be advisable to keep all our coal fired plants running.”

Friends of Science point to the tragedy in the UK this spring when a sudden cold snap led to the deaths of thousands as they were confronted with a ‘heat-or-eat’ crisis.

“Renewable energy and ‘green’ policies have sent UK home heating bills sky high leaving people both hungry and cold,” says Gregory. “The 4,500 wind turbines in Britain couldn’t squeak out more than 0.3% of the national power requirements during one cold day. Following such ‘renewable energy’ policies would be ridiculous for fossil-fuel rich Alberta.”

Friends of Science invite the public to come to the 10th Annual Friends of Science Luncheon. Dr. Benny Peiser of the UK’s Global Warming Policy Foundation will present “To Heat or Eat: Europe’s Failed Climate Policies” on May 14, 2013 at the Met Centre, Calgary.

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