



Friends of Science Congratulates Canada on Receipt of Rio+20 Fossil Award

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(CALGARY) As the RIO+20 UN Conference on “Sustainable Development” in Brazil has drawn to a close, the Friends of Science Society of Calgary is proud to acknowledge Canada’s receipt of the RIO+20 “Fossil of the Day Award.”

Len Maier is the president of the Friends of Science Society which has been tracking and reviewing climate science for the past decade. A retired engineer, Maier runs a tree farm in the Calgary area. “I too am an environmentalist - with common sense,” he says. “Most of us are. I resent these radical green groups trying to force Canadians into fuel poverty. They absurdly demand that the taxpayer prop up ‘green-tech’ industries that are not market-ready.”

Radical Green Killing Global Economies

He’s referring the collapsing economy of Ontario, where Suzuki and friends helped force through the economically devastating Green Energy Act resulting in solar energy in Ontario that costs 12 times that of conventional sources.

“In their fund-raising letter, the Suzuki Foundation states they are proud of this Act,” says Maier, shaking his head. “Such policies have made average Canadians in Ontario much poorer and decimated industry. To counter this burden on industry, Ontario had to implement an [Industrial Incentive Electricity Program](#), but this just shifts the green subsidy to consumers, small businesses and the working public.”

Green-Tech Only Possible through Fossil Fuels

The production and operation of current ‘green’ energy alternatives relies on wasteful volumes of fossil fuel.

According to research on file with the Friends of Science, a wind turbine takes 1.5 years to generate the power used to create it. This does not include the cost of the transmission lines, which typically are 65% of the wind turbines installed.

A typical wind farm causes more natural gas usage from the required back-up generators than they save, resulting in a net increase in both natural gas usage and increased carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions.

Lies Your Climate Scientist Never Told You About

“They’re lying to you about climate change and green power,” states Vice-President Peter Burns, unequivocally. “They are scamming you. Look at the revelations by Donna Laframboise about the chicanery behind the scenes at the IPCC where this whole climate debacle started. The ‘science’ they often cited was from green activist opinion papers – many scientists resigned from those climate change committees in disgust.”

Ken Gregory, the Friends of Science webmaster continues. “Look at “Climategate” – the leaked emails show that ‘scientists’ were covering up evidence because their theory of catastrophic global warming (caused by increased CO₂) did not match the observations. Real science is about observed results – does the theory stand up to the evidence? In global warming – the answer is no.”

Gregory notes the IPCC models fail to replicate the past observations. The CAGW modellers assume that water vapour and clouds triple the small warming effects of CO₂ emissions, but observational evidence shows that these factors *reduce* the warming effect by half.

Observed Reality – Global Temperatures Dropping; CO₂ rise Harmless & Beneficial

CO₂ is not a key driver of climate. True, the levels of CO₂ in the atmosphere have risen dramatically over the past 50 years. But, at various times during that period, average temperatures have dropped. Over the past 15 years, global temperatures have cooled, and there is one line of inquiry that postulates a longer term cooling similar to that which occurred between 1940 and 1975.

Cooler temperatures are far more deadly to humans than warmer ones. This is historically documented in the differences in life during the Medieval Warm Period and similar warm climate cycles. The Medieval Warm Period was prosperous. Most of the great cathedrals of Europe were built during this time. Iceland and Greenland were colonized. After 1300 however, the climate cooled and the Dark Ages ensued.

Psychological Terror, not Science Used to Drive Big Green Agenda

According to Friends of Science, psychological terror by green groups, not science has driven the tremendous public buy-in. Green activists and the media have lead people down a false ‘garden path’.

“People dream of a la-la land where wind and solar are ‘free’ energy,” says Maier, “It’s simply not true.”

Cap ‘n Trade leads to Cap in Hand

Indeed the people in provinces, states and countries that have most heavily invested in almost unilateral acceptance of ‘green-tech’ are staggering under the economic burden. These include Ontario, British Columbia, California, Spain, Portugal, and the U.K. Even Germany, the solar-power capital of the world, now realizes that green “free” energy is unaffordable and is cutting back on subsidies.

Oh Canada – Standing Up for Climate Change Reality

“We are grateful to Canadians such as Steve McIntyre, Ross McKittrick and Donna Laframboise and many others, for their work in exposing the various failings and weaknesses of “Green” climate science. We must stand up to the mass hysteria on Catastrophic Anthropogenic (human-caused) Global Warming (CAGW),” says Maier.

“Our vision is a CAGW-free world – where science is used to edify, not terrify citizens.”

“The Rio+20 Fossil Award should remind us that much of the real evidence about climate change cycles indeed lies in the fossils. Canadians are experts in this area. After a decade of contemporary climate evidence, we won’t be fooled anymore by false climate predictions based solely on contrived IPCC computer models.”

About the Friends of Science - Background

A group of mostly retired earth and atmospheric scientists, professional engineers and geologists, Friends of Science core group features a number of prominent meteorologists, paleoclimatologists, geologists and geophysicists. Based on their knowledge, research and the evidence, Friends of Science see the sun's solar cycles as the main drivers of climate change cycles, modified by various other natural forces like volcanoes, and ocean cycles like the North Atlantic Oscillation.

Like-minded citizens of all walks of life from around the world are members and supporters of the Friends of Science.

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