

## Events Report for 2023

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The Events Committee is focused on Goal 3: Inspire individuals and communities to reduce their GHG footprint by inviting the community to participate in organized events. We work towards this Goal by

- planning events with local organizations;
- joining public actions with other groups;
- and sharing climate solutions information with our community.

In 2023 we organized or participated in these events:

- Earth Day April 2023 with Naramata and the District of Summerland: organized an EV (Electric Vehicle) display and table information by Memorial Park in Summerland. Had an EV show and display table in Naramata.
- Farmer's Markets in Naramata and Penticton through the summer educated the public on personal actions they can take on emission reductions and informing them about the FortisBC proposed pipeline from Penticton to Chute Lake to increase fossil fuel capacity and fracking in northeast BC. We also discussed FortisBC's Renewable Natural Gas RNG promotion and why it is not a viable use for buildings due to methane leakage and pollution. Another topic was the new Zero Carbon Step Code from the BC government for new buildings to be fossil fuel free.
- Climate Strike Sept 15 Penticton joined cities across Canada in the Fight to End Fossil Fuels. Fast. Fair. Forever. Sophie Robinson, PenHi Sustainability Club leader, joined us in organizing a march from the Library down Main St. to City Hall. A few citizens spoke of the need to adopt more climate solutions faster and get fossil gas out of new buildings.
- Penticton Museum & Archives Brown Bag presentation in November: RNG with Sue Kirschmann and Lori Goldman. We had a slide show presentation on what RNG is and what the dangers are. A good lively Q&A followed the slide show.



