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New Brunswick Environmental Network

New Brunswickers Out in Full Force for International Day of Climate Action

Citizens across New Brunswick joined forces with millions of people in over 181 countries on Saturday, October 24, the International Day of Climate Action.

Five communities across New Brunswick participated in this event, demonstrating that concern for climate change among New Brunswickers is extremely high. "With the United Nation's Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen coming in December, it was clear that people in New Brunswick want the Canadian government to move towards reducing our impact on climate change," said Raissa Marks of the New Brunswick Environmental Network.

Events ranging from marches, rallies and blitz campaigns were held in Sackville, Dieppe, Moncton, Fredericton, and Saint John.

Around the world, over 5200 demonstrations and other actions were organized to call attention to the number 350 were organized. Scientists and environmental groups agree greenhouse gases in the atmosphere need to be reduced to 350 parts per million in order to avoid catastrophic climate change. According 350.org, an international campaign dedicated to building a movement to unite the world around solutions to the climate crisis, the current level is around 390 parts per million.

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Please see photos attached.



Photo 1 – Monctonians came out to call on Stephen Harper to act on climate change. (Photo credit: Patrick Thibeault)



Photo 2 – Rally at the old Acadian Bus Lines terminal in Fredericton. (Photo credit: Julie Michaud)



Photo 3 – Mount Allison students at halftime of this weekend's football game. (Photo credit: Graeme Bousada)



Photo 4 – Group gathers for International Day of Climate Action in Sackville. (Photo credit: Katie Friars)