

News release

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## Moncton – **Greater Moncton area citizens mobilizing against the sale of NB Power**

As in other parts of the Province, citizens in the Greater Moncton area are very concerned with the proposed sale, by our provincial government, of NB Power to Hydro Quebec. In addition to what is already happening in the area, they have decided to get more involved through three types of activities.

### **1. Meeting with MLA's**

Meetings with area Liberal MLA's will be organized starting in January to express dissatisfaction with the government's decision to sell N.B. Power to Hydro Quebec. The sale will be voted on by Members of the N.B. Legislature in March of this year and it is very important that our Liberals MLA's be made to answer to their constituents.

### **2. Orange Ribbon Campaign**

Orange has been identified as the color for this campaign. We want to have a sea of orange against the sale of NB Power in our area. All citizens are asked to tie orange ribbons to telephone poles, trees, car antennas, etc. A number of citizens will be meeting in the parking lot of the Moncton Lions Citizens Center on Saturday, January 23, at 9:00am to organize a **Blitz of Orange** in the Greater Moncton.

### **3. Town Hall meetings**

More information needs to be provided to better understand the present energy situation and the impact this sale will have on citizens people and on the future economy of this province. Therefore, two Town Hall meetings have been organized at the Moncton Lions Community Center, 473 St. George Street in Moncton. The first Town Hall, offered in French, will be February 11, 2010 and the second one, in English, will be held on February 16, 2010. Each will start at 7:00pm. Dr. Yves Gagnon, P.Eng., D.Sc., K.C. Irving Chair in Sustainable Development, Université de Moncton, will be the guest speaker. This will be the opportunity citizens have been waiting for, to ask questions about the sale and to receive answers that are not couched in political spin.

These activities are organized by the following organizations:

Common Front for Social Justice  
Conservation Council of NB, Southeast Chapter  
Moncton and District Labour Council

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