

Renowned Expert on Climate Change to Speak at April 14 Public Meeting

The Canadian Federation of University Women – Perth and District invites the public to our annual environment-themed meeting on April 14th, 2014, which this year is about how climate change impacts us locally. We are most fortunate to have as speaker, James P. Bruce, nationally and internationally known for his expertise in climate change impacts and adaptation responses. The meeting is at 7PM at the Royal Canadian Legion Building, 26 Beckwith Street East, Perth.

The Speaker: Jim Bruce was the first Director of the Canadian Centre for Inland waterways in Burlington ON and was active in drafting the USA/Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement 1972 and 1978. Subsequently he was Assistant Deputy Minister of Environmental Management and of Atmospheric Environment Service (weather service) of Environment Canada. After leaving the Federal Government he served in senior positions in the World Meteorological Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. He led in the establishment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and for several years participated in their various working groups on economic and social dimensions of climate change and water impacts. For his work with IPCC he was selected as a member of the IPCC delegation to receive that organization's Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo in 2007. More recently he has acted as a consultant on climate change adaptation for many national and international projects.

Mr. Bruce holds a Masters degree in Physics (Meteorology) from the University of Toronto and Honorary Doctorates from The University of Waterloo and McMaster University. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, was awarded the Massey Medal of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, the International Meteorological Organization Prize awarded by the World Meteorological Organization (1994) as well as being the recipient of many other accolades.

The Talk: Jim Bruce will speak on the possible effects climate change could have on Eastern Ontario and in particular on the Tay River and Rideau Watersheds with the resultant impacts on the surrounding areas including the Town of Perth. While the provincial, federal and municipal governments will possibly take action to reduce the impacts, much needs to be undertaken at the community level, involving all citizens, to promote effective adaptation to a changing climate. Come and hear about the impacts and what you might be able to do.

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