



Crude Awakening:

Preparing Ottawa-Gatineau for Peak Oil

Saturday, January 28, 2006

Ottawa City Hall, Main Floor

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Everyone is invited. Please register in advance.

In most of the last 150 years, humans have taken more oil from the Earth each year than in any preceding year. We will soon be at the point where we will be forced to start taking less and less. This turning point, called peak oil, will mark the end of growth of oil production, and the beginning of permanent decline. Our present lifestyle will be challenged as the supply of oil (and other fossil fuels) diminishes, and prices increase. Oil powers nearly all transportation machinery – trucks, buses, cars, trains, ships and airplanes – and virtually all construction and agricultural machinery. Municipal maintenance, emergency, and services vehicles also run on oil. Oil is used by the chemical industry in the manufacture of medications, and synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. Oil is used for heating, and in the manufacture of tens of thousands of products, from asphalt for roads, driveways, and roofing, to construction materials, and plastics for medical supplies and a very long list of consumer goods, packaging, clothing, shoes, toys, sports equipment, and common items in the home and garden, school, workplace, and cottage. In short, peak oil will affect everyone.

This Forum will bring together people from all walks of life to discuss the impacts of peak oil and what we can do now to prepare for them. Community collaboration and action can mitigate many of the adverse effects of peak oil.

Register for the Crude Awakening Forum, and join your neighbours, community groups, local innovators, specialists, and planners in defining issues and solutions.

Summary Agenda for the Community Forum

- ▶ This One-Day Forum will gather a diversity of key and interested people to work in small groups.
- ▶ The morning discussions will define issues and concerns that we need to address in Ottawa-Gatineau as a result of the peak in the production of oil and other fossil fuels.
- ▶ The afternoon discussions will focus on identifying solutions, connecting key players, and developing action plans.
- ▶ Displays, video showings, and the exchange of information will happen throughout the day.
- ▶ The breakout sessions present a key opportunity for residents, businesses, City officials, and specialists to meet, network, and plan together.
- ▶ The closing Plenary will confirm collaboration and follow-up actions including a process for keeping connected and being innovative.

HOSTS:

Peak Oil Planning Committee consisting of local residents, city staff, and members of the City of Ottawa's Environmental Advisory Committee.

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS:

City of Ottawa, Cement Association of Canada, and a growing number of businesses, agencies, retailers, and funding organizations.

For more information, please visit our website at:

www.crudeawakening.net

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Forum Registration Form

Space is limited, so please return this form together with the Forum registration fee as soon as possible.

Registration fee: \$20.00.

A limited number of subsidized admissions is available.

Food and beverages are included in the registration fee.

If you are registering more than one person, please enclose a separate registration form for each person, and let us know if you require a receipt.

Make your cheque or money order out to:

City of Ottawa (please note "EAC Crude Awakening Forum" on the memo line)

Mail your cheque or money order together with the completed registration form/s **by January 21st 2006** to:

Ann Coffey, 333 Montfort Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1L 5N5

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