

The tale of **Mount Polley** continues. According to a [Vancouver Sun report last week](#), “the BC Information and Privacy Commissioner has agreed to investigate a second complaint [originating from the **UVic Environmental Law Centre**] that the B.C. government is illegally holding back documents related to the Mount Polley mine tailings dam collapse.” The Sun also noted that “the spill significantly damaged nine-kilometre-long Hazeltine Creek,” and the damage to Quesnel Lake is still unclear. The Professional Employees Association, one of the staff unions here at UVic, is suggesting that a major reason for this incident are the cuts the number of licensed professional overseeing mining operations. The PEA suggests that their “[Endangered Experts](#)” could have prevented the watershed damage.

In other watershed related news, our friends at **UVic’s POLIS project and Centre for Global Studies** held a three-day forum earlier this year called [Watersheds 2014: Towards Watershed Governance in British Columbia and Beyond](#). The proceedings from that gathering are now available as a resource and reference document for anyone researching or working on innovative new practices and processes within their watershed.

Reader might recall the **Columbia River Treaty**, which facilitated the construction of three hydroelectric dams on the Columbia River, when they think about watershed governance. The treaty between the US and Canada is now up for renewal and the **POLIS Project is hosting a book launch** on Thursday November 20th at 3:30 for “The Columbia River Treaty: A primer.” The authors will explore new views related to the environment, equity, social justice, and the effects of a changing climate relative to the treaty. Interested readers are encouraged to RSVP to cfgsworkstudy@uvic.ca
For More details: <http://poliswaterproject.org/crtbook>

AT UVIC:

MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE: THE DUTY TO ACCEPT NOVEL ECOSYSTEMS.

Tuesday, November 18th 11:30am-12:50pm

David Turpin Building B255

Free lunch hour lecture

SHADOW JAMS WITH JULIE GENNAI

Tuesday, November 18th at 5:00pm

VIPIRG - Student Union Building, B120 & B122, Victoria, British Columbia

Using an overhead projector, we’ll explore the work and play of what it means to be a radical. Come with ready hands.

[The Art of Resistance: A Workshop Series on Creative Communication #4](#)

OCEANS, CARBON AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Tuesday November 18th, 7:00-9:00pm at UVic.

This session will provide an introduction to the carbon cycle, focusing on the behavior of carbon in oceans. See the [Continuing Studies website](#) for details and registration.

DIRECTLY AFFECTED: A FILM BY RAINCOAST CONSERVATION FOUNDATION.

Wednesday November 19th, 7:00pm

UVic Bob Wright Centre, B150

The voices and stories of people affected by the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Expansion Project. From First Nations to Burnaby homeowners, and Chilliwack fishermen to Gulf Islands residents, the film tells how we are all directly affected. [Free](#).
<http://www.raincoast.org/directly-affected/>

THE COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY BOOK LAUNCH

November 20th 3:30-5:00pm

Room B135, Cornett Building, UVic

Authors and water experts Robert Sandford, Deborah Harford, and Jon O’Riordan will be in Victoria for the launch of their new book published by Rocky Mountain Books.

Panelists will explore new views related to the environment, equity, social justice, the relevance of Indigenous traditional and local knowledge, and the economic and physical effects of a changing climate.

RSVP: cfgsworkstudy@uvic.ca

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

E-BIKES, ELECTRIC ASSIST BIKES AND TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Wednesday, November 19th, 12:00-1:00 PM

2440 Sidney Avenue, Sidney

Bring your lunch and join us for a networking event and local screening of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals' webinar, 'E-bikes, Electric Assist Bikes and Transportation Policy'. Partipate by webinar any location – please visit APBP for more information on costs and registration.

RSVP: jblack@crd.bc.ca

ENERGY AND BUILDINGS: THE BEST WAYS TO GET THE MOST ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Monday, November 17th 7:00-8:30pm First Metropolitan Church, located at 932 Balmoral Road

This is [the next installment](#) of the BC Sustainable Energy Association’s Energy and the Next Federal Election speaker series. This talk will feature Andrew Pape-Salmon from RDH on energy efficiency.

WANTED: TEMPERED RADICALS – CHANGING ORGANIZATIONS FROM WITHIN.

Wednesday November 19th, 9:00am-5:00pm Royal Roads University

Discover a spectrum of innovative ways to "rock the boat" from inside the corporate ship and steer toward powerful, positive and sustainable change. Led by Colleen McCormick.

[Royal Roads Studies](#): \$195 + GST. 250-391-2513.

JUST EAT IT: A FOOD WASTE STORY

Wednesday November 19th, 7:00pm (Doors at 5:30)

Victoria Event Centre, 1415 Broad St

The CRD, reFUSE, and Open Cinema bring you this award-winning documentary on Food Waste. The doc will also be streamed online and at other locations!

Find out more on [Facebook](#)

FANTASY ISLANDS: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN CHINA AND BEYOND

Thursday November 20th, 7:30-9:00pm

Legacy Art Gallery, 630 Yates.

Dr. Julie Sze charts how climate change discussions align with US fears of China's ascendancy and the related demise of the American Century, and she considers the motives of financial and political capital for eco-city and ecological development supported by elite power structures in the UK and China. www.TheCityTalks.ca

RESILIENT REGION EXCHANGE - GREATER VICTORIA BREAKFAST SERIES MEET-UP

Friday November 21st, 8:00am

Canoe Brewpub, 450 Swift Street, Victoria

[Meetup](#) link