

RELEASE – YOUTH CALL ON FORD TO TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE

Fearing the catastrophic impacts of climate change on their lives, youth will be at Queen's Park at noon to demand immediate provincial action on climate change, in response to the very brief, limited consultation the Ford government is allowing for its repeal of Bill 4, the *Cap and Trade Cancellation Act*.

"The Ford government is pushing ahead with a decision that will cost Ontario billions of dollars and bring the province closer to the horrific risks and impacts envisioned in [last week's report](#) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change," said ClimateFast Co-Founder Lyn Adamson. "But they've refused to hear from many of the groups that applied for spots at the hearings. They are missing the voices of the young people who will face accelerated extreme weather, food shortages, migration crises, and devastating species loss by mid-century if governments fail to act now."

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If Environment Minister Rod Phillips won't hear from the province's youth, ClimateFast is doing the job for him, with a determined group of demonstrators who plan to rally at noon in spite of an expected rainstorm. At the rally, youth will be holding pictures of art calling for action on climate change.

- 11-year-old Zoe Keary-Matzner, [last seen](#) addressing a Queen's Park rally in August, will talk about the urgency of climate action.
- Small cleantech entrepreneur Shiva Bhardwaj of [Pitstop](#) will trace his experience of winning a [Helping Small and Medium Businesses Go Low Carbon 2018](#) award, only to have his funding yanked away by the Ford government.
- Teacher James Snetsinger's Grade 4 class from Thorncliffe Park Public School will attend the rally.
- Kim Perrotta, ED – CAPE – Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment – denied a speaking slot at committee hearings
- Keith Stewart of Greenpeace

"I was in the House of Commons Monday night when MPs held an emergency debate on the IPCC report," Adamson said. "Federal MPs mostly understand that we're in deep trouble without rapid, deep carbon cuts. As Canadians, we already see the impacts of climate change around us every day. We'll be vocal at Queen's Park Wednesday to insist that Ontario get back on track. We need the voices of Ontarians to call for climate accountability and leadership."

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