

MEDIA RELEASE

ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS & YOU

The Environmental Bill of Rights is one of the **most significant environmental laws in Canada**. It empowers all Ontarians to participate in environmentally significant decisions being made by the provincial government before they are finalized. Members of the environmental community are invited to a networking breakfast and presentation on Tuesday, Oct. 26th from 7:30am to 9:00am to hear John Ferguson's **presentation** on the **Environmental Bill of Rights**. Tickets are \$10 per person and include a continental breakfast at Four Points Sheraton in Thorold. Call the Niagara Community Foundation at 905-684-8688 to purchase tickets. Due to limited seating tickets must be purchased in advance.

John Ferguson is currently engaged with the Education Unit of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario. A **highly engaging speaker**, his presentation informs participants on the contents of the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) and how to use these rights to hold the Ontario government accountable for the environmentally significant decision-making. The presentation also provides an overview of the Environmental Registry and the role of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario.

This initiative is supported with funding from the J. W. McConnell Family Foundation in Montreal as part of the community foundation's work to assist the environmental sector in Niagara develop its capacity to deliver programs and services across the region.

Established in November 2000, the Niagara Community Foundation is a collection of endowed funds held in perpetuity given by caring citizens who have chosen to make their community a better place to live and work. A portion of the earnings on the funds are granted back to charities. To date more than \$2,000,000 has been raised in permanently endowed funds.

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