

Call for Information on Municipal Climate Change and Equity Policies & Programs

Clean Air Partnership Equity Webinar Series

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About CELA



- Specialty community legal aid clinic
- Established in 1970, funded by Legal Aid Ontario since 1978
- Clinic system – Under *Legal Aid Services Act*: 59 general service clinics; 7 student clinics; 14 specialty clinics
- Ontario-wide poverty law mandate – serving low-income individuals and disadvantaged communities
- Services:
 - Direct representation of eligible clients including representation before trial or appellate courts and before administrative tribunals;
 - Test cases
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 - Public legal education and outreach
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CELA's Strategic Priorities

- **Access to Environmental Justice**
 - high priority on cases and law reform work aimed at ensuring access to environmental justice
- **Pollution Prevention and Public Health and Safety**
 - high priority on cases and law reform work aimed at ensuring safe, healthy and livable communities

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Equity and Climate Change Toolkit

Project

- Consolidate information collected by past students on climate change and equity policies/programs
- Prepare a simplified toolkit to share with municipalities

Call for information

- Programs/policies not yet publicized that address equity in climate change context
- Equity considerations in other plans/programs (i.e. Urban Forest Management Plans, Transportation Plans, etc.)
- Equity frameworks used to inform policy decision-making

Contact Information

Please send an email to discuss further. Thank you!

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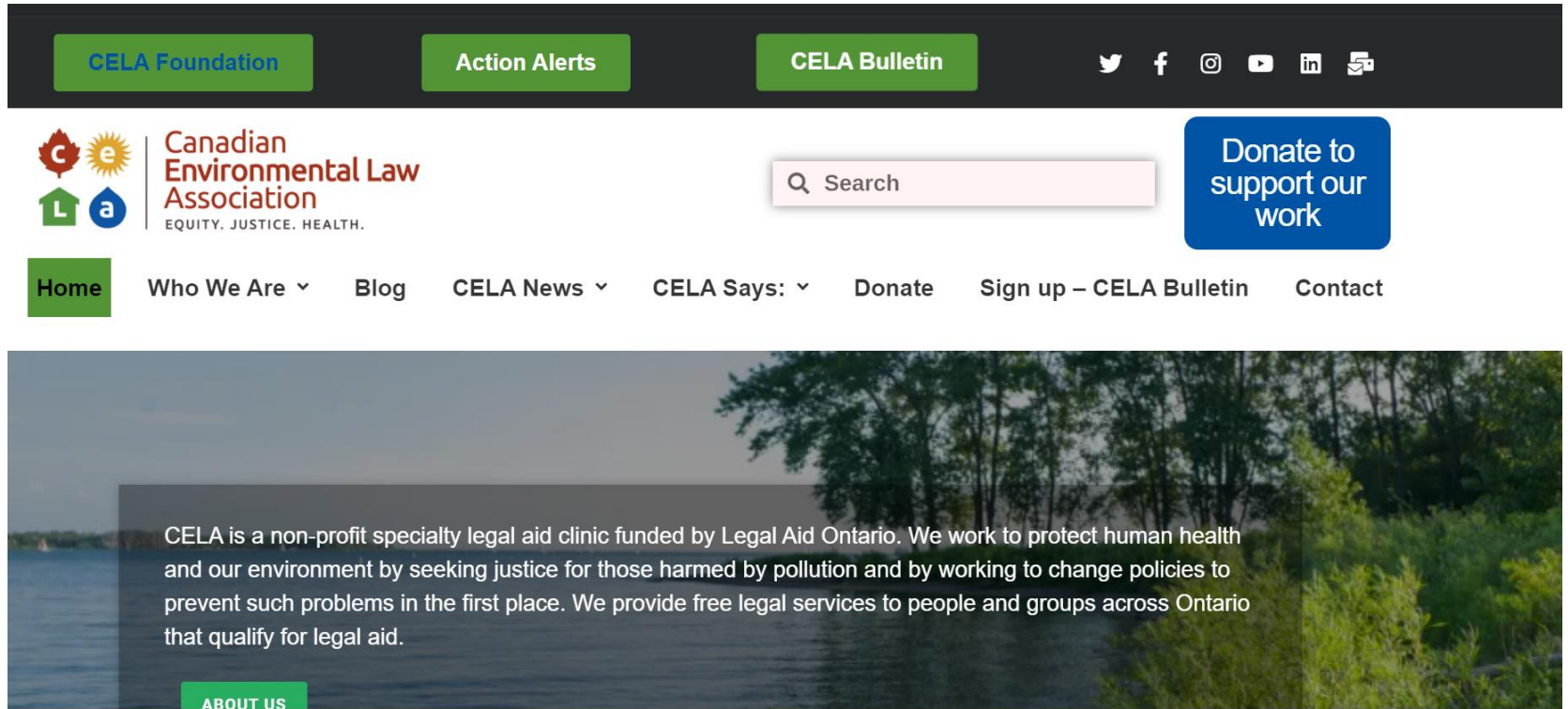
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