

## **ECO-JOURNAL**

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## **News from ASEQ-EHAQ**

Hello to all our members and friends,

We hope that you are having a good summer.



This month we would like to share with you some very important news.

A literature review on multiple chemical sensitivities (MCS) which was done by the National Institute of Public Health Québec (INSPQ), has now been released and can be found on their website <u>in English</u> (summary only), and here is the <u>full report in French</u>. ASEQ-EHAQ and its advisors are reviewing the 800-page report and we will communicate with you following this review.

We have a job offer at ASEQ-EHAQ, and are looking to hire a Communications and Environmental Outreach Coordinator by July 19<sup>th</sup>. Please spread the word. <u>All the details about this position, can be found by clicking here</u>.

Great news! A school in Montreal, 'La Dauversière', from the Service Center 'La Pointe de l'ile', located in St-Léonard, which is a borough of Montreal, **is now a scent-free school**. ASEQ-EHAQ heartily congratulates all those involved in this incredible health-protective measure. Bravo!









Are you interested in taking part in a study in <u>Montreal</u> where people with a <u>diagnosis</u> of multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) can participate? Here are the details: While the research is being done on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS), the researcher is interested in investigating persons with MCS due to the overlapping symptoms in both conditions. However, the procedures will not be suitable for people with electro sensitivity. If you would like to participate, please contact us. Telephone: 514 332 4320, Email: office@aseq-ehaq.ca

Canada is a signatory to United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with

Disabilities (UNCRPD). ASEQ-EHAQ is actively participating for accessibility for persons suffering from environmental sensitivity, with the Federal Government. We need you to do your part and fill the survey that you will find by <u>clicking here</u>. This is the time to have your voices heard. Please spread this message on social media and other platforms for maximum participation.



Bill C-35 was introduced on June 22 by the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion Carla Qualtrough. This bill will be known as the proposed Canada Disability Benefit Act. What you can do right now is get educated on this Bill, check out the resource provided below, be aware that elections could be soon and that your vote counts, contact your

Member of Parliament and ask the following:

- 1. How do you feel about living in a country where 22% of the population live with a disability, (MCS being around 4%), and over 33% of people living in poverty have a disability?
- 2. Do you know that 89% of Canadians are in favour of a disability benefit program?
- 3. Will you support Bill C-35?

Here is the Government of Canada's Backgrounder on the Benefit



Before we sign off, we have one last request. If you would like to volunteer your time for a good cause, please contact us!

As always, we wish you a wonderful month of July and are looking forward to see you back in August.

Take care and be well,

Rohini Peris, President

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