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| **Building momentum from the Fall 2017 and 2018 Climate Change Retreats*****Centre for Local Prosperity November 2018***Climate Change Retreat, Thinkers Lodge, Pugwash, NS, Canada Sept 29-30, 2018Photograph: Andrea VandenboerThe Centre for Local Prosperity is continuing to build a network of thought leaders in the climate change arena through organizing specialized retreats at the Thinkers Lodge National Historic Site in Pugwash, Nova Scotia, Canada. The documentary film *Climate Change and the Human Prospect*, which captures the essence of the 2017 Retreat, is being screened by numerous groups across Canada and is serving as a tool to foster community conversations – the single most significant starting point for climate education and action.We are currently producing a documentary film based on the 2018 Retreat to build on this film series. Additionally, the growing group of ‘Climate Thinkers Alumni,’ has created a valuable network across the region and internationally focussed on establishing a Drawdown Hub in Nova Scotia, Canada. Three screenings of *Climate Change and the Human Prospect*will take place in November 2018 - one during the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Fall conference for delegates and guests, and two open to the public followed by an opportunity for questions and a discussion.Read a blog review **HERE** on the recent screening held in Kentville, Nova Scotia. |

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| **NOVEMBER 2018 SCHEDULED SCREENINGS**DATE: **Sunday, November 4th, 2018**TIME: **2:00 pm - 4:30 pm**LOCATION: **Tantallon Public Library, 3646 Hammonds Plains Road, Upper Tantallon, NS**DATE: **Thursday, November 8th, 2018**TIME: **6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**LOCATION: **McConnell Library, 50 Falmouth Street, Sidney, NS** |

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| **Re-Localizing Strong Economies**The Centre for Local Prosperity has been focused at the intersection between building strong ‘re-localized’ community economies and the important work of mitigating and adapting to climate change. We appreciate more and more how local economies and climate readiness go hand-in-hand. For example, communities that produce at least a portion of their own food and power are economically robust but also climate resilient. Both attributes will be essential in the decades ahead. Our study *Import Replacement: Local Prosperity for Rural Atlantic Canada* examined economic leakage in Atlantic Canada and suggests means for plugging those leaks in our region as well as in communities elsewhere in Canada.The Centre is now exploring several local procurement pilot projects in Atlantic Canada, beginning with an emphasis on public-sector anchor institution local procurement, following the Preston Model in the UK.  We have developed a strong working relationship with groups in the UK who are managing the replication of this model.  We may be the first organization in Canada implementing this highly successful economic development model.Centre for Local Prosperity will be participating in a breakout session for delegates at the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities during the Fall Conference entitled: “Import Replacement as a Community Development Strategy” this month and a FREE Public Talk and Working session will be held over two days on Expanding Community Wealth: Re-localizing Strong Economies for Prince Edward Island, Canada. Please **contact us** if you are interested in how the Centre can work with your community, group or organization to help in these important areas. |

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