

NB Anti-Shale Gas Alliance – Moratoria Update # 1

- Newfoundland has put a moratorium on shale gas exploration into effect, primarily over fears about effects on **tourism** around Gros Morne Park. As we have pointed out, much of the expected shale gas extraction in NB is around our biggest tourist attractions.
- A resolution from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities is supporting a province-wide moratorium on hydraulic fracturing and calling for a dialogue about the practice of hydrofracking between First Nations, federal, provincial and municipal governments on potential impacts.
- In the PEI Legislature, on November 26th 2013, the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environment, Energy and Forestry recommended a Moratorium on High Volume Hydraulic Fracking on PEI.

With existing moratoria in Quebec and New York, New Brunswick is now the only jurisdiction in our region pushing ahead with shale gas development.

- Voters in the Colorado cities of Boulder, Fort Collins and Lafayette approved anti-fracking initiatives by wide margins in early November, despite an industry campaign against the measures that cost at least \$875,000.
- Unifor, Canada's largest private sector union (300,000 with 40,000 in the energy sector), called for a Canada-wide moratorium on all new oil and gas fracking. Unifor raised concerns about safety and environmental risks as well as the lack of informed consent by First Nations about fracking activities on traditional lands. <http://www.unifor.org/en/whats-new/news/unifor-calls-national-moratorium-fracking>

For a list of the New Brunswick municipalities and Provincial groups of all kinds who have called for a moratorium:

<http://protectalbertcounty.wordpress.com/whos-against-fracking/>