

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Joan Kuyek, one of the founding members of Miningwatch.ca will be in Winnipeg on Tuesday, November 5th, to launch her newest book, *Unearthing Justice, How to Protect Your Community from the Mining Industry*.

“Unearthing Justice is about the awesome cost of the minerals we take for granted: in workers health, indigenous dispossession and ecological disaster, and about how people in Canada work together to put mining in its place.” says Joan.

Joan Kuyek is a community-focused mining analyst and organizer living in Ottawa. She was the founding National Coordinator of MiningWatch Canada from 1999-2009 and continues to do work for MiningWatch and for a number of communities affected by mining. Joan spent many years in Sudbury, Ontario, researching and organizing community resistance to the mining industry there. She continues to teach at a number of Universities across Ontario, instilling the knowledge that she has acquired through her work with communities in academia, and beyond.

The mining industry continues to be at the forefront of colonial dispossession around the world. It controls information about its intrinsic costs and benefits, propagates myths about its contribution to the economy, shapes government policy and regulation, and deals ruthlessly with its opponents.

Brimming with case studies, anecdotes, resources, and illustrations, *Unearthing Justice* exposes the mining process and its externalized impacts on the environment, Indigenous Peoples, communities, workers, and governments. But, most importantly, the book shows how people are fighting back. Whether it is to stop a mine before it starts, to get an abandoned mine cleaned up, to change laws and policy, or to mount a campaign to influence investors, *Unearthing Justice* is an essential handbook for anyone trying to protect the places and people they love.

Joan will be joined by local environmental justice organizations, Camp Morning Star, What the Frack Manitoba and Wilderness Committee, who will update the audience on their campaigns in Manitoba.

Sponsored by Camp Morning Star, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – Manitoba, Manitoba Eco-Network, Manitoba Energy Justice Coalition, Manitoba Wildlands, Wa Ni Ska Tan, What the Frack Manitoba, and Wilderness Committee, this event will take place at 7pm in the Bulman Centre, at University of Winnipeg. Books will be available at the event for purchase by cash or cheque.

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