



Waterlife (2009) *Calgary Premiere*

Screening: Saturday Nov. 21, 2009 6:30 pm - River Park Church Auditorium, 3818 -14A Street SW

Length: 109 minutes

Director: Kevin McMahan

Film Website: <http://www.ourwaterlife.com/>; <http://waterlife.nfb.ca/>

Trailer: <http://www.ourwaterlife.com/trailers.html>

Stills: None available

Summary: Waterlife follows the epic cascade of the Great Lakes from Lake Superior to the Atlantic Ocean, telling the story of the last huge supply of fresh water on Earth. Filled with fascinating characters and stunning imagery, Waterlife is a cinematic poem about the beauty of water and the dangers of taking it for granted. Narrated by Gord Downie, lead vocalist of The Tragically Hip and Waterkeeper's Trustee of Lake Ontario.



Recognition:

- Special Jury Prize, Canadian Feature, Hot Docs, Toronto 2009
- Top Ten Audience Favourite, Hot Docs, Toronto 2009

Conversation Leader: Barry Robinson, Calgary staff lawyer for Ecojustice (formerly the Sierra Legal Defence Fund), sees interesting parallels between the subject matter of Waterlife and the impacts of oil sands development on the Athabasca River in Alberta.

Barry has represented clients and worked to enhance environmental laws dealing with leaking oil sands tailings ponds, impacts on landowners from oil and gas activities, and water allocation and licensing. Barry has a Bachelors in Forestry, Masters in Environmental Studies and a law degree from the University of Victoria.