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There's hope

David Noble, founder of 2degreesC, brought a message of hope to Thunder Bay during a stop on his speaking tour on climate change. Noble, a trainee with Al Gore, spoke at Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute and espoused the hope of "stirring up an emotional response to the issue and provide a sense of hope and empowerment." He likened climate change to a cultural problem that requires a cultural solution, noting the planet isn't able to sustain the lifestyles of seven billion people at time. But he suggested the solution be kept simple as each of us find ways to do our part. He cited the example of a Toronto woman who wanted to green her driveway but was told that she couldn't. She persisted and was issued the first green driveway permit. Noble said climate change "is so big now and so urgent that the only way we are going to be able to avoid the very worst that climate change threatens to bring us, is that we all play a part and pull very hard in the same directions." The lecture was sponsored by EarthWise. For more information about Noble, visit www.2degreesc.com.