



## Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 6:30 p.m.  
Committee Room

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### Land Acknowledgement

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands within the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties, which include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil First Nations. We are grateful for the Anishinaabeg who have cared for the land and waters within this territory since time immemorial.

We recognize that Oshawa is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is now present day home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We express gratitude for this diverse group of Indigenous Peoples who continue to care for the land and shape and strengthen our community.

As a municipality, we are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, acknowledging our role in addressing the negative impacts that colonization continues to have on Indigenous Peoples, developing reciprocal relationships, and taking meaningful action toward reconciliation.

We are all Treaty people.

### Additional Agenda Items

(As may be presented at the meeting)

### Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

(As may be presented by Members)

### Presentations

**Mind Your Plastic**

Michelle Brake, Programs and Policy Manager, Mind Your Plastic, to provide a presentation to the Committee regarding Mind Your Plastics scope of work and available programs.

### **Bloor-Simcoe Intensification Study**

Victoria White, Principal Planner, Planning Services to provide a presentation to the Committee regarding the Bloor-Simcoe Intensification Study.

### **Ontario Tech University**

Isabel Savransky, Sustainability & Asset Planner, Ontario Tech University to provide the Committee with a presentation on sustainability.

### **Delegations**

None

### **Referrals from Council and Committees**

None

### **Correspondence**

#### **OEAC-24-09 - Climate Symposium Invitation**

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Recommendation

That the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee attend and display a booth at the Climate Symposium at Ontario Tech University on March 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **Reports**

#### **OEAC-24-10 - 2024 Work Plan**

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Recommendation

That Report OEAC-24-10 concerning the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee's 2024 Work Plan be received for information.

#### **OEAC-24-11 - Tree Giveaway Working Group**

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Recommendation

That based on Report OEAC-24-11 from the Tree Giveaway Working Group the Committee vote on increasing the budget from \$4,600 to \$6,000, and that the event be held on September 21, 2024.

#### **OEAC-24-12 - Fall Film Night Working Group**

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Recommendation

That based on Report OEAC-24-12 from the Film Night Working Group:

1. That up to \$2000 from OEAC's annual budget be allocated for the 2024 Fall Film Night.
2. That city staff reserve one of the following dates from the Regent Theatre for the 2024 Fall Film Night: October 10, 17, or 24, 2024.
3. That the film "The Climate Baby Dilemma" be selected for the 2024 Fall Film Night.

## **OEAC-24-13 - Road Salt Working Group**

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Recommendation

That Report OEAC-24-13 from the Road Salt Working Group be received for information.

**Items Introduced by Members**

**Adjournment**

## OEAC-24-09

**From:** Charlie Birnie <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1) >  
**Sent:** Friday, January 19, 2024 11:03 AM  
**To:** Branden Morris <[BMorris@oshawa.ca](mailto:BMorris@oshawa.ca)>  
**Cc:** Isabel Savransky <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1) >  
**Subject:** Ontario Tech University Climate Symposium

Dear Branden Morris,

My name is Charlie Birnie and I am a work study student at the Office of Campus Infrastructure and Sustainability at Ontario Tech University.

This March, we are celebrating Sustainability Month on campus through a host of events, workshops, and virtual presentations to get students, staff and the community engaged in sustainability and climate action.

Our main event of the month is the Climate Symposium where students can connect with local environmental organizations to learn about their initiatives and potential career paths in sustainability.

The Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee does important work for our environment through community outreach and education. We would like to invite you to display a booth at the Climate Symposium on March 27th from 11 AM - 2 PM. Tentative: Lunch will be provided.

Kindly respond to this email by Wednesday January 31st to let us know if you would like to attend.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Charlie Birnie  
Asset & Sustainability Assistant  
*Office of Campus Infrastructure and Sustainability*  
*Ontario Tech University*



# Information Report

## Economic and Development Services Department

**Date:** February 6, 2024  
**To:** Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee (O.E.A.C.)  
**From:** Branden Morris, O.E.A.C. Policy Advisor,  
Economic and Development Services Department  
**Item:** **OEAC-24-10, 2024 O.E.A.C. Work Plan**

Attachment 1 is the approved 2024 Work Plan of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee (O.E.A.C.).

### **Recommendation:**

That Report OEAC-24-10 dated February 6, 2024, concerning the 2024 O.E.A.C. Work Plan be received for information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Branden Morris'.

Branden Morris, Planner A  
Policy

Attachment

## 2024 O.E.A.C. Work Plan

**Mandate:** To assist, advise and educate City Council, staff and the community with respect to the protection, enhancement, restoration, management and appreciation of the natural and built environments, and to advance the goals of the [Oshawa Strategic Plan](#).

Action	Examples of Actions to be Taken	Timing	Lead	Support
<b>Category #1: Community Outreach, Education and Stewardship</b>				
Explore public outreach opportunities to increase community knowledge/ education with respect to significant environmental issues and which accelerate the community’s adoption or commitment to such issues as energy conservation, local food production, greenhouse gas emissions, water conservation, etc.	Participate in/collaborate on events related to Earth Day	April 22, 2024	O.E.A.C.	City Staff
	Host an event related to native plants and pollinators as a “Bee City”, ideally collaborating with other relevant clubs or organizations	May/June 2024	O.E.A.C.	City Staff
	Booth at Oshawa Garden Sale	May 2024	O.E.A.C.	City Staff
	Booth at the Feathered Friends Festival by the Friends of Second Marsh	May 2024	Friends of the Second Marsh	O.E.A.C.
	Assist with City Compost Day	May 2024	O.E.A.C.	City Staff
	Booth at Oshawa Peony Festival	June 2024	O.E.A.C.	City Staff
	Booth at City’s Canada Day event	July 1, 2024	O.E.A.C.	City Staff
	Booth at Farmers Market	TBD	O.E.A.C.	City Staff
	Collaborate on a joint event with the Oshawa Public Library, the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change, the Durham Environmental and Climate Change Advisory Committee (DECAC),	TBD	O.E.A.C.	City Staff

	Green Jobs Oshawa, Climate Justice Durham, Ontario Tech University, and/or Durham College			
	Host a tree giveaway event	September/October 2024	O.E.A.C.	City Staff
	Host a Fall Film Night Event	TBD	O.E.A.C.	City Staff
	Participate in Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority initiatives and activities	TBD	CLOCA	O.E.A.C.
	Other opportunities, as identified	TBD	N/A	N/A
Explore education and training opportunities for O.E.A.C. members and the public.	<p>Seek out education opportunities and engage DECAC to increase collaboration (e.g. presentations, workshops, etc.) related to the following topics, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agriculture and food security; relevant federal and provincial environmental legislation; forests, native and invasive species; net-zero development; bird-window collisions and the Fatal Light Awareness Program (F.L.A.P.); the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe; Indigenous land management; training from Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation; soil quality; and road salt/sodium chloride pollution</li> </ul>	Ongoing	O.E.A.C.	City Staff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Other topics, as identified</li> </ul>	TBD	N/A	N/A

**Category #2: Policy Review, Development and Implementation**

Assist, where appropriate, in the review, development and implementation of Regional environment/sustainability-related Plans, policies and programs.	Provide input on and assist in the implementation of certain Regional environment/sustainability-related matters, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Durham Community Energy Plan; Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan; and, Durham Region Municipal Comprehensive Review; and Envision Durham.</li> </ul>	As required	City Staff	O.E.A.C.
	Other opportunities, as identified.	As required	City Staff	O.E.A.C.
Assist, where appropriate, in the review, development and implementation of City environment/sustainability-related Plans, policies and programs.	Provide input and assist in the implementation of certain City environment/sustainability-related matters, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Oshawa Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan; Municipal Natural Assets Initiative; Oshawa Second Marsh Management Plan; City Tree Protection By-law; Naturalization Strategy; and, Oshawa Executive Airport Business Plan.</li> </ul>	As required	City Staff	O.E.A.C.
	Other opportunities, as identified.	As required	N/A	N/A
Assist, where appropriate, in the review of plans, documents, studies, etc. related to planning and development.	Provide input on certain planning and development related matters, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certain development applications; Environmental assessments; Secondary Plans; Provincial planning initiatives; New and existing trail development initiatives; Park</li> </ul>	As required	City Staff	O.E.A.C.



	redevelopment and community park development initiatives; Watercourse improvement projects; Oshawa Harbour Development; Go Transit Expansion (Metrolinx); Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority Watershed Plans; and, Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard Management Plan.			
	Other opportunities, as identified.	As required	N/A	N/A

**Category #3: Administration**

Complete basic administrative tasks to facilitate the completion of and reporting on actions in Categories 1 & 2.	Provide a summary of 2024 accomplishments to the Economic and Development Services Committee.	Q1 2025	O.E.A.C.	City Staff
	Create a calendar of O.E.A.C's events for the year, establishing an itinerary for timely planning.	January 2024	O.E.A.C.	City Staff

## OEAC-24-11

### **Tree Giveaway Working Group Report** February 1, 2024

The tree giveaway working group has chosen the 21<sup>st</sup> of September as the date for our annual tree giveaway.

The decision has been made to follow the same format as the past few years.

It will be held in City parking lot at the south west corner of King Street West and Queen Street. We will need 5-7 volunteers for the giveaway. Trees are unloaded at 8am, and set up from 9 until 10am.

We are counting on the City to promote the giveaway on their website. The trees will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Typically, about a third of people who reserve trees don't pick them up. In the past couple of years, we have encouraged people who wanted more trees to come back in the afternoon. In this way we found a home for all the trees.

We will be offering 3 tree species

-White Oak

-Sugar Maple

-Paper Birch or white pine

#### **Recommendation:**

We are recommending that the committee vote on increasing the budget from \$4,600 to \$6,000, and that the event be held on September 21, 2024.

## Fall Film Night Working Group Report - February

**Date:** February 6, 2024

**Prepared By Members:** Gregory Waclawek, Joseph Young, AJ Groen, Emily Posteraro, Tim Speirs

**Budget Implications:** \$2000

### Recommendations:

- That up to \$2000 from OEAC's annual budget be allocated for the 2024 Fall Film Night.
- That city staff reserve one of the following dates from the Regent Theatre for the 2024 Fall Film Night: October 10th, 17th, or 24th.
- That the film "The Climate Baby Dilemma" be selected for the 2024 Fall Film Night.

### Overview:

- Approximate date of the event: **October 10th, 17th, or 24th**
  - We chose these dates as we think a Thursday evening would be a time where people might be more likely to leave their homes.
- Budget Allocation for the event: **\$2000**
  - Venue \$250
  - Film Royalty \$?
    - Potentially free as we could stream it free on CBC Gem
  - Door Prizes \$500
  - Advertising \$1250
    - This can allow for more creative ways of advertising the event
- Venue: **Regent Theatre**
  - We are hoping to set up a food drive again this year.
- Film Selection: **The Climate Baby Dilemma**
  - We are thinking of doing a Q/A discussion period following the film. We will lead a discussion with audience members about the film or related topics in the style of a community town hall. Note that the film is only 44 minutes long, so this leaves plenty of time to hold this session. We all shared the sentiment that previous film nights ended rather abruptly, with everyone simply leaving after the show. We think it could be a great opportunity to engage with the

community and capitalize on the transformative power of the film.  
Please let us know your thoughts on this idea.

■ Could also set up a Kahoot type quiz

- List of potential vendors for display booths:
  - Green Jobs <https://www.greenjobsoshawa.ca/>
  - Friends of Second Marsh
  - Durham Region
  - Ontario Tech Sustainability Team
  - Aves Coffee Roasters
  - Oshawa Garden Club
  - Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
- List of organizations that can advertise/promote the event in their networks:
  - Friends of Second Marsh
  - City of Oshawa
  - Ontario Tech
  - Durham College
  - Durham District School Board
  - Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB)
  - Aves Coffee Roasters
  - Nurses/Healthcare
  - Ontario Nature - Promote or provide a speaker
  - MSIFN
  - Durham Region Field Naturalists
  - Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
- Other Thoughts:
  - Reach out to Theresa Goff (Durham College Communications and Journalism Faculty) regarding a write up based on this Q&A segment that can be published in some capacity following the event.

**OEAC-24-13**  
**Road Salt Working Group Report for O.E.A.C. Meeting**  
**February 6, 2024**

**Prepared by members:** AJ Groen (Chair), Emily Posteraro, Joseph Young, Tim Speirs

**Report:**

1. On January 30, AJ and Joe held a meeting with Isabel Savransky (Sustainability and Asset Planner, Ontario Tech University) and Dr. Andrea Kirkwood (Associate Professor, Ontario Tech University). Dr. Kirkwood has previously presented to O.E.A.C. on her lab's research on road salt environmental impacts. A few key takeaways from the meeting:
  - a. Shared concerns regarding salt application from private contractors; it was suggested to make a business case of the issue
  - b. Isabel said she would look into funding for a pilot study of slips/falls at the university in comparison with amount of salt used, which could be conducted by an environmental class
  - c. Look into slip/fall lawsuits from the City
  - d. Strengthen the case for more public education
  - e. Unite environmental groups around the issue
2. Pending approval from City Council, AJ will be presenting on road salt impacts and the importance of forming working groups on this issue to the Durham Environmental and Climate Advisory Committee in March. The working group will be preparing a slide deck and talking points for this presentation.
3. The working group intends on meeting in February to discuss our goals and workplan for the rest of the year.

**Budget implications:** None

**Recommendations:** That the Committee receive this report for information.