

Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee, Tree Giveaway Working Group**Tree Giveaway Report**Members

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Recommendation

- That \$5,500 of the 2023 OEAC budget be allocated to the Tree Giveaway

Goals

This year we are considering turning the tree giveaway into a larger event with vendors and entertainment/games for kids. This is tentative and in the early stages of planning and we recognize the limits of our abilities to organize such an event. In any case, at a minimum we plan to host the tree giveaway as it has been done in years past and with the following goals;

- Give trees to Oshawa residents for free
- Increase environmental stewardship and awareness by promoting planting of native tree species on private property
- Fight climate change by increasing carbon sequestration
- Reduce urban heat islands by increasing tree canopy

Overview

- Date: September 9, 16 or 23, 2023
 - o Setup 9:00 – 10:00
 - o Giveaway: 10:00 – 14:00 (tentative)
- Supplier:
 - o Pineneedle Farms
- Tree Types, unit cost and quantity:
 - o Sugar Maple, Potted 3' - \$14.00 (x80)
 - o White Oak, Potted 3' - \$15.00 (x80)
 - o Paper Birch, Potted 4' - \$11.00 (x100)
- Tree Giveaway location:
 - o Parking lot on Southwest corner of King St W/Queen St or,
 - o Lakeview Park (in the larger event scenario)

Budget

- Trees, delivery and tax_____ \$4,200
- Advertisement, entertainment and park rental fees____\$1,300*
- Total _____ \$5,500

* If the larger event does not happen this will be used to buy more trees to giveaway