



Economic and Development Services Department

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**To:** Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee (O.E.A.C.)

**From:** Branden Morris, O.E.A.C. Policy Advisor, Planner A,  
Planning Services, Economic and Development Services Department

**Re:** **2023 Work Plan and Year End Accomplishments**

The following report provides an overview of O.E.A.C.'s accomplishments and progress on their 2023 Work Plan by year-end 2023.

### **Working Groups**

In 2023, seven (7) working groups were established by O.E.A.C. to carry out specific projects/events included in their 2023 Work Plan:

- Road Salt Working Group;
- Stevenson Road EA Working Group;
- Tree Planting Working Group;
- Major Transit Station Area Working Group;
- Tree Giveaway Working Group;
- Mind Your Plastic Working Group;
- Fall Film Night Working Group.

### **Comments/Feedback on Development Applications and City Projects**

By year-end 2023, O.E.A.C. reviewed and provided comments/feedback to City staff on the following development applications and City projects:

- Stages 1 and 2 of the Major Transit Station Area Study for Central Oshawa;
- Stevenson Road North Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study;
- 1226 King Street East, Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Approval Application; and,
- Mind Your Plastic potential policy adoption.

### **Participation/Volunteering at Local Events**

- O.E.A.C. setup a display booth at this year's Canada Day event;

### **O.E.A.C. Projects/Events**

- O.E.A.C. supported the Durham Integrated Growers through an annual membership of \$100.00
- O.E.A.C. held their annual tree giveaway event. A total of 290 trees were distributed to Oshawa residents.
- O.E.A.C. hosted a Fall Film Night at the Regent Theatre, in partnership with the Region of Durham and Ontario Tech University. This event was free to the public and had various display booth vendors and featured a free screening of the documentary film "SEED: The Untold Story" to educate the public on environmental initiatives. Approximately 110 people attended the event. Food donations were collected in lieu of an entrance fee and donated to a local Oshawa food bank.
- O.E.A.C. attended the first annual Durham Environment and Climate Forum hosted by the Durham Environment & Climate Change Committee (D.E.C.A.C.) and Durham Climate Roundtable, in partnership with Ontario Tech University and sponsored by the Central Lakes of Ontario Conservation Authority. O.E.A.C. nominated the Friends of the Second Marsh for the Dr. J Murray Speirs Restoration Award for their "Let's De-Phrag the Marsh" project, and the award was presented to the Friends of the Second Marsh at the Forum.
- O.E.A.C. created educational postcards to increase awareness on road salt and the harmful effects it has on our natural and built environments. The committee intends to hand the postcards out at future events they host and/or participate in and put them in the display boards at City Hall and other City facilities.

### **Presentations Hosted by O.E.A.C.**

- Advisory Committees of Council Policy and Procedure – presented by Jennifer Lane, Council-Committee Coordinator, City of Oshawa;
- Trees for Life – Initiatives and Projects – Presented by Mike Hurley, Executive Director, Trees for Life;
- Economic and Development Services – Integrated Major Transit Station Area Study – Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1 – Presented by Branden Morris, Planner A, Planning Services, City of Oshawa;
- Facilities Management Services – Redevelopment of Raglan Park – Presented by Lindsay Clapp, Parks Project Coordinator, Operations and Community Services, City of Oshawa;
- The Regional Municipality of Durham – Durham Region Waste Management System – Presented by Andrew Evans, Manager of Waste Services;
- Renewal Squared – Oshawa Municipal Textile Recycling – Presented by Trevor and Darryl McCaw, Renewal Squared;

- Engineering Services – Stevenson Road North Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study – Presented by Pidenam Bodjona, Transportation Project Engineer, Engineering Services, City of Oshawa;
- Economic and Development Services – Stage Two of the Integrated Major Transit Station Area Study for Central Oshawa – Presented by Branden Morris, Planner A, Planning Services, City of Oshawa;
- Friends of the Second Marsh 5-year Fundraising Campaign – Presented by Peter Taylor, President, Friends of the Second Marsh;
- Pattison Outdoor Advertising Presented 2 Sign Applications for 30 Park Road North and 1220 Simcoe Street North – Presented by Nathan Jankowski, Manager, Legislation and Permits Central Ontario for Pattison Outdoor Advertising;
- Corporate Strategic Initiatives - Oshawa Strategic Plan 2024-2027 – Presented by Enez Perkins, Senior Manager, Corporate Strategic Initiatives.
- Policy, Licensing and Business Services, Safety and Facilities Services – City of Oshawa Fireworks By-law Review – Presented by Kenneth Mann, Manager, Policy, Licensing and Business Services, Safety and Facilities Services, City of Oshawa; and,
- Economic and Development Services – 1226 King Street East, Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Approval Application – Presented by Branden Morris, Planner A, Policy, Planning Services, City of Oshawa.

### **Recommendation**

That Report OEAC-24-01 concerning the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee's 2023 year-end accomplishments be endorsed and included in the Council Information Package.

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