



Memorandum

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,
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Re: **2024 Work Plan and Year End Accomplishments**

The following report provides an overview of O.E.A.C.'s accomplishments and progress on their 2024 Work Plan by year-end 2024.

Members

The Committee is made up of six (6) citizen volunteers, as well as one (1) City Council representative.

The following members served on O.E.A.C. in 2024:

- Emily Posteraro, Chair;
- AJ Groen, Vice-Chair;
- Joseph Young, Member;
- Gregory Waclawek, Member;
- Christopher Biancaniello, Member;
- Tim Speirs, Member; and,
- Councillor Jim Lee, Council Representative.

Working Groups

In 2024, eight (8) working groups were established by O.E.A.C. to carry out specific projects/events included in their 2024 Work Plan:

- Road Salt Working Group;
- Bloor Simcoe Intensification Study Working Group;
- Major Transit Station Area Working Group;
- Tree Giveaway Working Group;
- Mind Your Plastic Working Group;

- Event Booth Coordination Working Group;
- Glass Railings Working Group; and,
- Fall Film Night Working Group.

Comments/Feedback on Development Applications and City Projects

By year-end 2024, O.E.A.C. reviewed and provided comments/feedback to City staff on the following development applications and City projects:

- Stage 3 of the Major Transit Station Area Study for Central Oshawa;
- Bloor Simcoe Intensification Study; 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. setup a display booth at a Climate Symposium hosted by Ontario Tech University; and,
- An O.E.A.C. member presented to the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee on the harmful effect of road salt.

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 310 trees were distributed for free to Oshawa residents.
- O.E.A.C. hosted a Fall Film Night at the Regent Theatre, in partnership with the DTO and Ontario Tech University. This event was free to the public and had multiple environmentally focused display booth vendors and featured a free screening of the documentary film "There's Something in the Water" to educate the public on environmental initiatives. Approximately 100 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 and setup a display booth at a Climate Symposium hosted by Ontario Tech University, where the committee promoted some of their environmental initiatives and engaged with other local environmental groups at the event as well as members of the public in attendance.

Presentations Hosted by O.E.A.C.

- Advisory Committees of Council Policy and Procedure – presented by Felicia Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator;

- Mind Your Plastic, Available Programs at Mind Your Plastic - presented by Michelle Brake, Programs and Policy Manager, Mind Your Plastic;
- Planning Services, Bloor Simcoe Intensification Study – presented by Victoria White, Principal Planner, Policy;
- Ontario Tech University, Sustainability Initiatives – presented by Isabel Savransky, Sustainability and Asset Planner;
- City of Oshawa Official Plan Review and Envision Durham – presented by Laura Moebs, Principal Planner, Policy;
- Central Oshawa Major Transit Station Area Study – presented by Connor Leherbauer, Senior Planner, Policy;
- Stevenson Road North Municipal Environmental Assessment Study, Second Update – presented by Pidenam Bodjona, Transportation Engineer, Engineering Services;
- Plant Based Treaty – presented by Jacinta MacDonnell, Lousie Jorgenson and Anita Kranje of Plant Based Treaty;
- Little Forests Durham, Mini-forests – presented by Ingrid Janssen of Little Forests Durham;
- Ontario Tech University, Great Sustainability Debate – presented by Isabel Savransky, Sustainability and Asset Planner; and,
- Ontario Tech University, Enhancing our High-tech Nuclear Facilities – presented by Francis Arnaldo, Radiation Safety Officer and Project Lead.

Recommendation

That Report OEAC-25-02 concerning the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee's 2024 year-end accomplishments be endorsed and included in the Council Information Package.

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