



# Memorandum

Economic and Development Services Department

**Date:** January 13, 2026

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

**From:** Branden Morris, Planner B  
Economic and Development Services Department

**Re:** **2025 Work Plan and Year End Accomplishments – O.E.A.C.**

The following report provides an overview of O.E.A.C.'s accomplishments and progress on their 2025 Work Plan by year-end 2025.

## **Members:**

The committee is made up of five (5) citizen volunteers, as well as one (1) City Council representative.

The following members served on O.E.A.C. in 2025:

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

## **Working Groups**

In 2025, five (5) working groups were established by O.E.A.C. to carry out specific projects/events included in their 2025 Work Plan:

- Road Salt Working Group;
- Tree Giveaway Working Group;
- Fall Film Night Working Group;
- Gazebo Working Group; and,
- Greening Oshawa Working Group.

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

By year-end 2025, O.E.A.C. reviewed and provided comments/feedback to City staff on the following development applications and City projects:

- Draft Stevenson Road North Environmental Assessment;
- Proposed City-Initiated Amendments to Implement Protected Major Transit Station Areas;
- Site Plan Approval and Environmental Impact Study (Simcoe Street North and Britannia Avenue West);
- Extra Cardamom – Culture Plan

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

- O.E.A.C. setup a display booth at the 2025 Canada Day event hosted by the City of Oshawa;
- O.E.A.C. setup a display booth at the Peony festival hosted by the City of Oshawa;
- O.E.A.C. setup a display booth at the Oshawa Garden Clubs, Annual Plant Sale event; and,
- O.E.A.C. setup a display booth at the Climate Change Town Hall, hosted by Ontario Tech University.

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

- O.E.A.C. supported the Durham Integrated Growers through an annual membership of \$100;
- O.E.A.C. developed a new road salt postcard, that was distributed at local events, including their own events;
- O.E.A.C. held their annual tree giveaway event on September 27, 2025. A total of 350 trees were distributed for free to Oshawa residents, contributing to the City of Oshawa's strategic goal of enhancing the tree canopy in the City; and,
- O.E.A.C. hosted their annual 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 "Eating our Way to Extinction" to educate the public on environmental initiatives. Approximately 150 people attended the event. Food donations were also accepted at the entrance and donated to a local Oshawa food bank.

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

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

- Engineering Services, Draft Stevenson Road North Environmental Assessment – presented by Pidenam Bodjona, Transportation Engineer;
- Planning Services, Proposed City-Initiated Amendments to Implement Protected Major Transit Station Areas – presented by Connor Leherbauer, Senior Planner;
- Climate Justice Durham, Organization and Work – presented by Julia Stimpson and Peter Cohen, members of Climate Justice Durham;
- Planning Services, Site Plan Approval and Environmental Impact Study (Simcoe Street North and Britannia Avenue West) – presented by Branden Morris, Planner B;
- Legislative Services, Advisory Committee Training – presented by Laura Davis, Manager, Legislative Services; and,
- Extra Cardamom, Culture Plan – presented by Lauren Gould, Consultant, Extra Cardamom.

### **Recommendation**

That Report OEAC-26-01 dated January 13, 2026, concerning the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee's 2025 Work Plan and Year End Accomplishments be received for information.

If you have any questions please contact Branden Morris at 905-436-3311, extension 2449 or by email to [bmorris@oshawa.ca](mailto:bmorris@oshawa.ca).

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