



Brampton Environmental Symposium 2014

**“Community Engagement –
harnessing the energy of communities to create
self-sustaining environmental programs”**

Professor's Lake Recreation Centre
8:30 – 3:30 pm



Welcome to Brampton

Jayne Pilot,
Co-Chair Brampton Environmental Planning
Advisory Committee

Today's Agenda

TIME	EVENT	TOPICS / SPEAKERS
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome & Overview of Agenda	Jayne Pilot – Co-chair Brampton EPAC
9:10 - 10:15	EAC Roundtable	The Challenge of Community Engagement
10:15 - 10:25	BREAK	
10:25 – 10:40	Overview of Brampton Grow Green	Susan Jorgenson - City of Brampton
10:40 – 10:55	Making a Clean Sweep	Diane Butterworth – Brampton Clean City
10:55 – 11:10	Eco-Challenge	Nicolas Gilbert - Oshawa EAC
11:10 - 11:35	Sustainable Neighbourhoods (SNAP)	Clifton Coppolino TRCA with Homeowners Paul Gray and Marisa Mancuso
11:35 – 12:00	Oshawa's Food for Thought Workshops	Victoria Fast - Oshawa EAC
12:00 - 1:05	NETWORKING, EXHIBITS & LUNCH	
1:05 - 1:45	Keynote Presentation -- Cambridge City Green and Cambridge WATERS Initiatives	Fred Oliff - Cambridge EAC & Paul Willms – City of Cambridge
1:45 -2:00	Environmental Education and Action through Brampton Public Libraries	Katrina Doktor - Brampton Library
2:00 – 2:30	Sustainability Visioning Workshop	Led by Dominika Sekula
2:30 - 2:45	BREAK	
2:45 – 3:00	Community Youth and the Environment	Peel Environmental Youth Alliance
3:00 – 3:15	Active Transportation in Brampton	David Laing – Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee
3:15 – 3:20	EAC Website	Suzanne Elston – City of Oshawa
3:20 – 3:30	Closing Remarks	Susan Jorgenson - City of Brampton

EAC Roundtable

The Challenge of Community Engagement

Work with your table to answer the following questions:

- 1. What is the most important thing you want to learn from today's sessions? (3 min.)**
- 2. To what extent does your EAC involve the community to create / plan / implement environmental initiatives? Extensive involvement, minor involvement, little or no involvement (2 min.)**
- 3. What 3 words would you use to define successful community engagement as it relates to the environment? (5 min.)**
- 4. List 5 key factors necessary for successful community-based environmental projects. (10 min).**
- 5. List 3 challenges of engaging the community in environmental initiatives and indicate how those challenges could be overcome. (10 min.)**

10 minute Break

Overview of Brampton Grow Green

Susan Jorgenson,
City of Brampton

Susan is the Manager, Environmental Planning and liaison for the Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee. Throughout her career she has tromped the forests of northern Ontario, fished in Lake Huron, worked in the pits (and quarries), protected public health and safety, and helped to plan sustainable communities. The City's first Environmental Master Plan, Brampton Grow Green has been an exciting project to consume my time at Brampton.

Making a Clean Sweep

Diane Butterworth,
Brampton Clean City

Brampton Clean City is an award winning environmental education and outreach Program that communicates the complex subject of waste management – specific to the Region of Peel, to all levels of the education chain.

Diane is a graduate of the University of Toronto, Brock University and Humber College with degrees in environmental sciences and recreation studies. She has worked in environmental education and recreation in New Zealand, the United States and Western Canada and now in Brampton coordinating the Brampton Clean City program since 2007. Diane has volunteered on two separate conservation projects for the African National Trust in the countries of Botswana and Kenya.

Oshawa's Eco-Challenge

Nicolas Gilbert,
Oshawa EAC

Nicolas is a science teacher and laboratory instructor at Centennial College and UOIT specializing in biotechnology, chemistry and microbiology. He has a Masters degree in Applied Biosciences and recently completed his bachelor of education. He has been a dedicated member of the Oshawa Environmental Committee for over 4 years. He has a long history as a community volunteer and is committed to raising environmental awareness. He is also the "science guy" for a Durham Region T.V network.

Sustainable Neighbourhoods (SNAP)

Clifton Coppolino TRCA
with Homeowners
Paul Gray and Marisa Mancuso

Oshawa's Food for Thought Workshop

Victoria Fast

Oshawa EAC

Victoria Fast is a PhD Candidate in the Environmental Applied Science and Management program at Ryerson University, studying web-based mapping technologies to engage the public and policy makers on global environmental change. She is busy mapping local food systems in the Region of Durham. Victoria's Masters in Geography at Brock University was to map sustainable agricultural management in Niagara's wine region. In addition to her research, Victoria is a self-proclaimed local food champion, the vice-chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee, and on the board of directors for the GTA Clean Air Partnership.

NETWORKING, EXHIBITS & LUNCH

65 Minutes

Keynote Presentation

Cambridge City Green

Fred Oliff

Fred Oliff has lived in Cambridge for 18 years and after an early stint with the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee, he has been a volunteer with Cambridge City Green for 15 years. Fred's career has taken him to the Arctic on a few occasions, and he was in Alert just last summer. Fred is keen on planting native trees and shrubs and has converted his city property into a Carolinian forest.

Environmental Education and Action through Brampton Public Libraries

Katrina Doktor - Brampton Library

Katrina Doktor is an Information Services Librarian at Brampton Library. She leads the Four Corners Teen Library Council and has introduced several green library programs. Katrina has an interest in sustainable transportation and looks forward to green improvements in the GTA.

Sustainability Visioning Workshop

Led by Dominika Sekula

Dominika Sekula is a Brampton resident and an environmental professional. She works in the manufacturing sector to incorporate sustainability aspects in the Ontario operations of her company. She leads a company environmental committee and knows firsthand how difficult it is to engage your community.

Work with your table to answer the following questions.

In thinking of the future, consider the following:

- 1. What will our neighbourhoods look like?**
- 2. What will governance look like?**
- 3. What will the relationship with community be?**
- 4. What will be the role that citizens play?**

10 minute Break

Community Youth and the Environment

Peel Environmental Youth Alliance

PEYA is a regional network of over 700 action-oriented students in Peel concerned about environmental issues and determined to make positive change! PEYA is a youth-initiated organization, guided by a student Executive Committee and supported by Ecosource.

Amy Liou and Nishila Mehta

Speakers: Amy Qiu, Ananya Nair and Brad Allen

Active Transportation in Brampton

David Laing,

Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee

David is the environmental citizen at large. He is a long-time resident of Brampton, a citizen member on Brampton's BEPAC, a member of the Etobicoke-Mimico Watershed Coalition, a member of the Peel Chapter of Sierra Club and the Chair of the Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee, which is a citizen led organization advocating for Brampton to be a bikeable/walkable community. David's passion for the environment is contagious.

EAC Website

Suzanne Elston
City of Oshawa

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