

New Recruitment

Recruitment of new members has gone very well since our February meeting. I am happy to announce that we have been able to add six new members.

Bear Essentials: Business in Millbrook that carries gift, home décor and garden accessories. They carry work from local and Canadian artists and artisans.

Cavan Monaghan Transition Town: Cavan Monaghan has started their own transition town with the guidance of Transition Town Peterborough to begin their own local initiatives.

Celtic Connection: Business located in Lakefield, is a centre for Celtic people to celebrate culture, clothes, jewelry, music, creativity and friendship. Celtic Connection has become a hub for all communities in Lakefield.

Endeavour Centre: Offers Sustainable Building design, and workshops. Chris Magwood of the Endeavour Centre directed the Sustainable Building Design and Construction program at Fleming to build the most sustainable building in Canada- Camp Kawartha Environment Centre.

Extra 90.5: Local sports radio station. Extra broadcasts local and national sports as well as supports/promotes local children's sports teams in the community. They recognize the importance of healthy active children and plan to open a location to supply gently used sporting equipment for families.

Sustainable Stone: A brand new stone company that builds high end fireplace facades. They use sustainable practises when extracting the stone for their designs.

Live Local Buy Local Expo:

Melanie and I attended the Live Local Buy Local Event held on March 23. The focus of the Expo was to support locally owned businesses serving customers in all market sectors. All of the businesses taking part were members of the Kawartha Loon Exchange and trading in the Kawartha Loon Local Currency. The Buy Local Live Local Expo featured public workshops on Buy Local Economic Impact, Economic Localization and the Kawartha Loon.

The event was fantastic, and well attended. I was able to meet with all of the vendors and discuss becoming a Partner with Sustainable Peterborough. All were very open to joining, and I have discussed setting up meeting times with Mitsubishi Motors, Green Street, Kawartha Natural Health Clinic, Dr. Doug, Peterborough Acupuncture, Adventure Outfitters, Derry O'Byrne Construction, Rocky Ridge, Taylor Plastic, Purity, Stuff, and Fires Alive. I also have meetings set up this week with YMCA, and Synergy Barter.

Chamber of Peterborough

Sustainable Peterborough is now a member of the Peterborough Chamber of Commerce.

Moving Forward

There is a growing list of potential partners, and I will continue to research, and recruit new partners to grow the Sustainable Peterborough network of Partners. I have many meetings set up for the month to add to our partnership.

If committee members have any suggestions for potential partners, it would be much appreciated if you could please email me at: kallen@gaedc.on.ca with the details and I would be happy to connect with them.