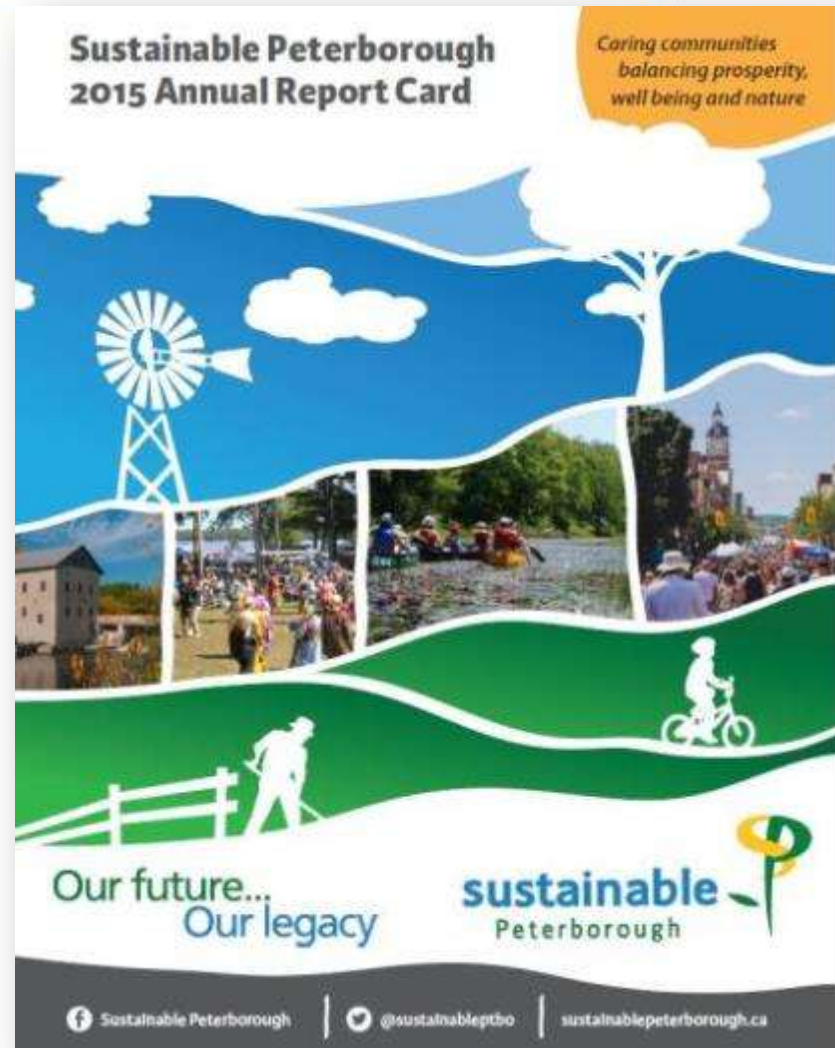


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Annual Report Cards



Sustainable Peterborough's 2015 Key Accomplishments

- New website
- New branding colours
- Inaugural Partnership Recognition Event and Awards
- Melanie Kawalec receives the Partners for Climate Protection Spirit Award
- 125 Partners!
- New Water Working Group
- New Communications Subcommittee
- New Event Subcommittee
- New Report Card Subcommittee
- Healthy Kids Community Challenge kick-off



Agriculture and Local Food

Priority Actions

- Undertake a Community Food System assessment to identify gaps and opportunities
- Identify and protect farmland & increase capacity to supply local food

2015 Highlights

- New beekeeping program at GreenUP Ecology Park
- Holy Cross Secondary School completed the Turtle Island medicine wheel garden
- Farm to School Presentations – McLean Berry Farm, Farms at Work, Peterborough County-City Health Unit
- Peterborough Farmers' Market celebrated its 190th anniversary
- September declared as Local Food Month
- New 1 acre Market Garden at Trent University



Climate Change

Priority Action

- Become active members in the Partners for Climate Protection Program to establish baseline greenhouse gas emissions and set a reduction target



2015 Highlights

- Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) underway with 8 community Task Forces
- Partners for Climate Protection Milestone 1 completed for all 12 local governments
- Melanie Kawalec receives the Partners for Climate Protection Spirit Award
- Dance for the Climate at Purple Onion Festival
- For Our Grandchildren sponsorship of Trent students to attend Global Climate March
- Municipality of Trent Lakes' new policy of low emissions for replacement vehicles

Cultural Assets

Priority Action

- All GPA municipalities should consider developing a **Municipal Cultural Plan**

2015 Highlights

- Aabnaabin First Nations Site at Lang Pioneer Village
- Free Little Library donated by Taylors Recycled Plastic Products to the Millbrook and District Lions Club
- Culture Day walk in Warsaw
- Fleming College signed Colleges and Institutes Canada's Indigenous Education Protocol
- Peterborough Immigration Partnership launched the Community Integration Plan 2016-2021
- Peterborough Museum and Archives' new curatorial centre





Economic Development & Employment

Priority Action

- Promote the region's sustainability initiatives and economic potential

2015 Highlights

- Peterborough Economic Development held the Travel Media Association of Canada conference in Peterborough – estimated over \$575,000 in economic impact
- “Discover Trent Lakes” passport
- Fleming Crew helped 238 job seekers (104 youth!) secure employment
- Stage 1 of the Peterborough Airport Industrial Park completed



Energy

Priority Actions

- Community energy planning
- Energy efficiency standards

2015 Highlights

- Streetlight conversion to LED completed or underway in most Municipalities
- Township of North Kawartha's new Solar Projects Policy to facilitate the processing of applications
- Alternative energy production/conservation program for kids using LEGO robotics
- Lakefield College's Upland House built to LEED standards
- New Variable Frequency Drives and programming of Dissolved Oxygen control system at Havelock Water and Wastewater Plant for energy efficiency



Healthy Communities

Priority Action

- Increase the availability of affordable housing

2015 Highlights

- Healthy Kids Community Challenge campaign launched
- New nature playscapes at Camp Kawartha
- 6 new cycling routes throughout the county, all starting and ending in the City of Peterborough
- McLean Berry Farm working with the Gleaning Program
- New bike rack at Peterborough Museum and Archives
- 4th Annual Seniors' Summit welcomed over 200 attendees
- Holy Cross Secondary School awarded Platinum certification from Ontario EcoSchools





Land Use Planning

Priority Action

- Establish multi-use neighbourhood design guidelines

2015 Highlights

- Otonabee Conservation updated their Watershed Planning and Regulation Policy Manual
- The Township of Cavan Monaghan, in conjunction with the County of Peterborough, completed new pedestrian friendly walkways and railings on Millbrook's Distillery Bridge
- GreenUP, the City of Peterborough, Trent University, and residents of the Stewart Street neighbourhood came together – as one of 12 national pilot projects – to explore more participatory approaches to neighbourhood planning in 2015
- Community Improvement Plan completed for Buckhorn



Natural Assets

Priority Actions

- Integrate 'Kawarthas...Naturally Connected' Natural Heritage System into local Official Plans
- Identify and access incentives for land stewardship

2015 Highlights

- Kawartha Land Trust met their fundraising goal to save Boyd Island
- The Peterborough Field Naturalists celebrated their 75th anniversary
- The County of Peterborough managed over 6400 acres of mixed-wood forest that is FSC and Rainforest Alliance certified for selective logging purposes and reforestation
- 12 new Monarch Butterfly Waystations established by Otonabee Conservation
- Nesting habitat for snapping turtles created by Otonabee Conservation and the Township of Selwyn



Transportation

Priority Actions

- Complete the proposed short-term cycling network
- Assess solutions to rural mobility challenges

2015 Highlights

- Peterborough County/City Paramedics implemented the ECO-run system in vehicles, saving fuel, CO₂ and costs
- Peterborough Pulse – the City's first Open Streets initiative
- City of Peterborough received a Silver Bicycle Friendly Award and a Silver Walk Friendly Award
- 6 New Fully Accessible Low Floor Buses in the City of Peterborough



Waste

Priority Actions

- Identify and promote reuse opportunities
- Establish a curbside organic waste collection program

2015 Highlights

- The Food Forest Café, located in downtown Peterborough, donates 90 gallons of kitchen scraps weekly to local farmers and gardeners for compost
- Holy Cross Secondary School's new garden helped them reduce green waste – cafeteria and garden green waste is reused as compost
- New composters installed at all Douro-Dummer Township's recreational facilities
- Curve Lake First Nation added Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment recycling at their waste transfer site



Water

Priority Actions

- Establish conservation and efficiency programs
- Identify funding to enable identification of shoreline/wetland areas in need of restoration
- Integrated watershed management plan for the GPA

2015 Highlights

- The GreenUP led Depave Paradise project replaced 250m² asphalt in the Wireless Solutions parking lot with 730 native plant garden; 178,000 liters of water diverted and 23kgs of contaminants removed annually
- Hiawatha First Nation buildings switched to low flow toilets
- New rain garden at Lakefield Beach filters runoff
- Fleming College and partners hosted *Seven Generations Ahead: Celebrating Water Solutions*



2015 Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee

Ken Doherty, Committee Chair - **City of Peterborough**

Sheridan Graham, Committee Vice-Chair – **County of Peterborough**

Linda Slavin- **Community Member**

Brigid Ayotte - **Township of Cavan Monaghan**

Dawn Berry-Merriam – **Community Member**

Meredith Carter - **Otonabee Conservation**

Amber Dickinson – **Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen**

Stephen Hill - **Trent University**

Brianna Salmon - **GreenUP**

Melanie Kawalec - **City of Peterborough**

John Knight – **Peterborough Economic Development Board of Directors**

Cheryl Lyon – **Transition Town Peterborough**

Trish O'Connor/Jennifer Olauson – **Fleming College**

Larry Stinson – **Peterborough County-City Health Unit**

Jeannette Thompson – **Township of Selwyn**

Anca Pascalau, Coordinator, **Sustainable Peterborough**

Katie Allen, Partnership Developer, **Sustainable Peterborough**

Sustainable Peterborough Working Groups

- **Future of Food and Farming** - Co-Chairs Dawn Berry Merriam, community member, and Pat Learmonth, Farms at Work
- **Climate Change** - Chairperson Dr. Stephen Hill, Trent University
- **Energy** - Chairperson Sheridan Graham, County of Peterborough
- **Sustainable Peterborough Business Initiative** - Co-Chairs Cathy Mitchell, Peterborough Distribution Inc., and Craig Mortlock, Mortlock Construction
- **Healthy Kids Community Challenge** - Co-Chairs Hallie Atter, Peterborough County-City Health Unit, and Linda Mitchelson, City of Peterborough
- **Water** - Chairperson Meredith Carter, Otonabee Conservation

Sustainable Peterborough Subcommittees

- **Communications Subcommittee**
- **Report Card Subcommittee**
- **Event and Awards Subcommittee**

125 Community Partners!





Inaugural Sustainable Peterborough Partnership Recognition Awards

Agriculture and Local Food – Winner, **Elmhirst's Resort**; (honourable mention, By The Bushel)

Climate Change - Winner, **4RG (For Our Grandchildren)**

Cultural Assets – Winner, **Lang Pioneer Village**

Economic Development & Employment – Winner, **Transition Town Peterborough**

Energy – Winner, **Township of Douro-Dummer**

Healthy Communities – Winner, **Camp Kawartha**; (honourable mention, Seeds for Justice)

Land Use Planning – Winner, **ORCA (Otonabee Region Conservation Authority)**

Natural Assets – Winner, **Kawartha Land Trust**

Transportation – Winner, **Peterborough County/City Paramedics**

Waste – Winner, **The Food Forest**; (honourable mention, Holy Cross Secondary School)

Water – Winner, **GreenUP**

2016 Projects Underway

- Peterborough Economic Development launches BLAST, a program to support entrepreneurs over 30 years of age
- Peterborough Utilities purchases a Mobile Drinking Water Station
- Doors Open Peterborough 2016 celebrates heritage and sustainability
- New Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Storm system user fee – City of Peterborough
- The Peterborough Tool Library opening in spring 2016
- 2016 North American Envirothon will be hosted in Peterborough
- Grants from the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough and others are helping the Peterborough County-City Health Unit and the YWCA Nourish Project establish Myrtle's Kitchen - a community kitchen where people can come together to access healthy food, learn valuable life skills and advocate for good food for everyone.
- Municipality of Trent Lakes' new Fire Station

Thank you!

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