

2018 03 05 Brampton Grow Green Report by Dayle Laing

Brampton Grow Green Network Meeting #3

Feb 20, 2018 City Hall

Network groups in attendance:

- Unifor West GTA Environmental Alliance, Brampton Blue Dot, Sheridan College Office of Sustainability, Sierra Club, Philips Lighting, Toronto Region Conservation (TRCA), TRCA SNAP (Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Project), Credit View Conservation (CVC), Brampton Environmental Advisory Committee (BEAC), Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee, BikeBrampton, Heart Lake Happenings and City of Brampton

Grow Green Eco Pledge:

- More than 500 people participated in Eco Pledge 2017
- Grow Green Network Vision: “Brampton is a sustainable community that is environmentally, socially and economically healthy and resilient”
- Grow Green Network Mission: “The Grow Green Network will advocate for, as well as develop and support, collective actions including: public engagement and education programs to make Brampton a more Sustainable Community”
- How is Grow Green Network success defined: tangible results by increasing environmental engagement, decreased waste and CO2 emissions, and increased Council support
- How does Grow Green Network meet organizational needs: by networking, extending reach, facilitating access to funding
- Opportunity to cross promote our events with those in the Grow Green network
- Request Councillors to include BCAC events in their resident newsletters
- Send list of events for inclusion in Brampton Grow Green calendar on City website: growgreen@brampton.ca
- Brampton’s Pingstreet App also has an events tab that BCAC can use for promotion

Grow Green Partners Initiatives:

- Every Wednesday evening 6:30-8:30pm, Brampton Bike Hub’s BikeWrx drop in and basic bike mechanic training, 50 Sunny Meadow Blvd, Unit 108 – partnership with PCHS. One of the Grow Green attendees signed up in the Pedalwise program subsequent to network meeting. Pedalwise is growing slowly with quality, committed cyclists who want to learn to bike, learn more, gain confidence, and learn to maintain their bikes at BikeWrx
- Sheridan College is working with Region of Peel on program for bike mentorship, bike share and bike mechanic space. They are looking to Brampton Bike Hub for help.
- Unifor is working with saferail.ca to build transparency regarding what is being transported by rail
- Sierra Club is working with TRCA to help maintain the Medicine Wheel Garden at Heart Lake Conservation Area
- TRCA has a YourSay project to encourage people to upload photos identifying areas needing litter clean up campaigns
- CVC has a neighbourhood action planning workshop, spring 2018
- Feb 24th - Blue Dot Town Hall on Environmental Rights, Grace United Church
- Members of Blue Dot are willing to volunteer at Grow Green network partner events
- Mar 24th – Earth Hour
- Mar 28th – BEAC is delegating to Council re climate change strategy, the circular economy, progress on the Environmental Master Plan
- Apr 7th – Sheridan College Repair Café at Chinguacousy Library – bike repairs
- Apr 21st – TRCA SNAP neighbourhood clean up
- Apr 22nd – Earth Day – Official launch of Grow Green Eco Pledge 2018
- May 3rd – next Brampton Grow Green meeting target date

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- July 21st – TRCA SNAP Neighbourhood Festival (BCAC booth participation – see motion below)

100in1Day Canada June 2, 2018:

- One day community-based simple, whimsical, fun actions to build community capacity
- Idea started in Columbia and is now global
- Goal of 100 small actions to improve the city, by groups in the Grow Green network
- Sponsored by Evergreen Foundation - \$10,000 is to be split across the whole city
- Opportunity for BCAC to participate
- Idea should be whimsical, not traditional
- Could be a bike parade or something even more whimsical
- BCAC should advise growgreen@brampton.ca as soon as possible regarding our participation
- City staff will conduct workshops in March/April, and supply a toolkit
- Website for event is expected by early May
- Website will show what activities are planned for City of Brampton on June 2nd
- Report back following the event in July
- Discussion regarding our participation and ideas – see motion following

Suggested Motions:

- based on discussions above:
- that BCAC will support the Toronto and Region Conservation's Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Project (TRCA SNAP) Neighbourhood Festival on July 21st with a booth, shared with BikeBrampton at County Court Park.
- that BCAC will participate in 100in1Day event in Brampton

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