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What's Happening

Sustainable news from Cobourg and our Neighbours

Northumberland Ribfest to go Waste-Free

We were so excited to hear that Northumberland County and The Rotary Club of Cobourg have collaborated to make the 12th Annual Northumberland Rib Fest ZERO-waste! This is a great opportunity to promote awareness about the Province's focus on shifting to a circular economy. This new approach requires vendors to use only compostable or recyclable containers and cutlery, and includes the introduction of waste sorting stations. All organic material will be going to an organics processing facility in Belleville called [SusGlobal Energy](#).

Join in on the fun in Victoria Park from August 17th to 19th.

Introducing our Student Sustainability Award

We have been hard at work connecting with schools in Cobourg to launch Sustainable Cobourg's Student Sustainability Award. This award will recognize student projects in the upcoming school year. This year's focus is waste reduction. We can't wait to see the innovative projects the students create.

If you want to learn more and get involved, contact [Gigi](#)

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COBOURG**

Leave the world better than you found it;
Take no more than you need;
Try not to harm life or the environment;
Make amends if you do

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Faces of Sustainability

Rick Nonnekes

For our very first "Faces of Sustainability" we present Rick



Nonnekes. He was a past president of Sustainable Cobourg and was one of its founding members way back in 2007-2008. He really helped create a cycling culture in Cobourg. That meant many meetings with Sustainable Cobourg's Bicycle Action Committee (BAC) to develop achievable strategies and make presentations to Cobourg Council. Through the BAC, Sustainable Cobourg was able to help the Town with its Master Transportation Plan and because of this involvement was honoured with a Civic Award.

Join us in recognizing Rick for his accomplishments in our community at our November 2nd, 2018 AGM

In the Know

Sustainable news from The Big Picture

Material Recovery Facility

On July 10th, we visited Northumberland County's [Material Recovery Facility](#) (MRF) in Grafton. We discussed the Northumberland Long-Term Waste Management [Master Plan](#) and the goal of 75% diversion from landfill. Dan Orr, Education & Communications Coordinator with the Northumberland Waste Department, led us on a tour of the MRF. We were in awe of the expanse and efficiency of the space.

If you missed the MRF Open House this past spring and want to check it out, contact [Gigi](#) and we can organize a group tour in the fall.

Cobourg Climate Action Plan

Sustainable Cobourg received a Canada Summer Jobs grant to hire Josh Wessel, a UOIT student, to assist Eco-Action Coordinator Judy Smith Torrie to update Cobourg's draft Climate Action Plan from 2010. We made good headway on updating Cobourg's Plan and possible future reduction measures. Josh was a great help working 30 hrs per week for 8 weeks gathering data and doing calculations.

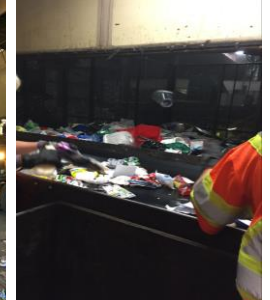
Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan called for municipalities to reduce CO2 emissions 6% below 1990 levels by 2014, 15% by 2020, 37% by 2030 and 80% by 2050.

Photo Gallery

Tipping Floor



Hand Sorting



Below: Conveyors



Below: Baled Material



Cobourg did not meet the 2014 CO2 emissions reductions target. (Although we came close)

The Ford provincial government has now "archived" this plan and their targets: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/climate-change-action-plan>

Save the Date!

Sustainable Cobourg Presents: Modified

Sunday August 26th, 2018

To learn more and to buy tickets, visit: [Modified Eventbrite](#)

Cobourg Harvest Festival

Saturday September 29th, 2018

Come find us Downtown Cobourg at our info booth.

Cobourg Election All-Candidates Forum

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We are back to host a Cobourg Election All-Candidates Forum. Stay tuned.