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What's Happening

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Cobourg Election 2018 All Candidates Forum

Wow what an evening! We had another amazing turnout on October 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Venture 13 Innovation Centre. All but 2 of the candidates took part but both Johnny Percolides and Brian Darling sent in their statements ahead of time. Jayne Finn, our Vice-President, was moderator and there was much appreciated support from Melissa at Venture 13. We needed so many extra chairs! The questions came from a variety of people and organizations (including us, of course) and all were framed around various topics to do with sustainability. The audience was engaged and quite a few also submitted written questions.

One take-away was that there was agreement that Cobourg's Vision Statement for the new Strategic Plan must include the need for developing a culture of sustainability. Looking at decisions and policies with a lens of sustainability will help council focus on the importance of considering our environment, our people and our economy.

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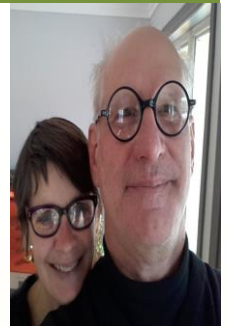
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Leave the world better than you found it;
Take no more than you need;
Try not to harm life or the environment;
Make amends if you do

Paul Hawken

Faces of Sustainability

**Elaina
Asselin &
Gregory
Hill**



Our "Faces of Sustainability" for this Fall issue are Elaina and Greg of [Wicklow Way Certified Organic Farm](#). For the past ten years they have been a staple at the Cobourg and Port Hope Farmers Markets providing fresh, in season, non-GMO produce. They originally specialized in heirloom tomatoes. But they soon realized soil structure and nutrient capacity require that crops be rotated, so they introduced some market garden veggies. But those needed to be rotated too! They've ended up with 6 acres and are continually creating more field space. They are devoted to spreading the word on the benefits of organic farming and how certified organic is the best way to eat and can feed the world!

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Annual General Meeting

We hope to see each and every one of you on **Friday November 2nd** at the HTM Insurance Company (1185 Elgin St.) at **7:00 p.m.** We have organized a presentation by Heather Varner from [MASS Environmental Services Inc.](#) As Special Projects Manager, Heather is responsible for client communication; marketing material; and spearheading initiatives with local high schools and colleges. We can't wait to share what this Cobourg company is doing coast-to-coast to help companies reduce their environmental footprint by diverting more from landfill.

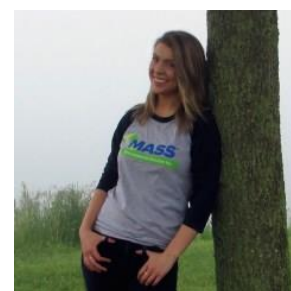
Plus we need your vote to admit our first Youth Board Member. She's an amazing advocate and organizes CCI's Environmental Club. She is also very enthusiastic about our Student Sustainability Award!

Networked Communities App for Seniors

We were approached some months ago to see if Sustainable Cobourg could participate in a project that would develop a mobile app for seniors in Port Hope and Cobourg. [This app](#) would help seniors become more engaged with their community by using technology. Over 120 local organizations and businesses are involved in the app. To get the app, go to the Play Store or App Store, download the Chalenj app and search for the Networked Communities Challenge, instructions will follow.

Zero-Waste School Presentations

Back in September we hosted [Liz Benneian](#). Liz is the past president of Oakville Green Conservation Association and a former journalist & editor. Using her skills and knowledge of various environmental issues, she has given presentations to over 50,000 students across Ontario. During her visit to Cobourg, she gave presentations to around 900 students at St. Mary's CSS, Cobourg CI, Burnham Public, and Notre Dame. These presentations focused on Zero Waste and showed students how to look at waste as a resource.



Heather Varner,
Special Projects
Manager



Chalenj App



Liz Benneian

In the Know

Sustainable news from The Big Picture

Climate Action Network Canada – ClimaCon 2018 (York University)

This year, [Climate Action Network Canada](#) held Canada's Largest Convergence of Climate Heroes at York University. Sustainable Cobourg put their capes on for the day! The keynote speaker was Dr. Diane Saxe, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario. As an independent officer of the Ontario Legislature, she reports on Ontario's environmental, energy and climate performance. She reviewed her most recent report titled [Climate Action in Ontario: What's Next?](#)

After an amazing vegetarian lunch, we split up into several breakout sessions covering various subjects. Gavin attended Climate Solutions through Science, Technology & Innovation. Gigi attended Canadian Climate Politics and Elections.

Ontario Climate Consortium – Ontario Climate Symposium 2018 (OCADU)

It was so great to get an invitation from Ian McVey of The [Ontario Climate Consortium](#) to attend the Climate Symposium at OCADU, "Adaptive Urban Habitats by Design" on Thursday October 11.

Many discussions focused on the role that art and design can play in creating adaptive low carbon cities. What an exciting idea! There were many real-life examples during the interactive program that showcased how technology, policy, green infrastructure and strategic design can transform cities. It was truly energizing to hear the stories and see the studies that showed how positive, innovative, interdisciplinary visions could help shift the way things are done to ensure we adapt to the severe challenges of a changing climate.

Photo Gallery



Save the Date!

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Friday November 2nd, 2018

HTM Insurance Company

Hoskin Room

1185 Elgin St W, Cobourg ON

Doors Open @ 6:30. Starts @ 7pm

Our Earth Now

Saturday October 20th, 2018

A variety of events in Cobourg throughout the day

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