



Agenda
The Township of Cavan Monaghan
Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 25, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Council Chambers - Hybrid Room

Members in attendance are asked to please turn off all electronic devices during the Meeting. Any special needs requirements pertaining to accessibility may be directed to the Clerk's Office prior to the meeting. Please be reminded meeting are livestreamed and recorded. Members may be participating remotely.

Pages

1. Call to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that the Township of Cavan Monaghan is located on the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory, in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishnaabeg. We offer our gratitude to First Nations for their care for and teachings about these lands. May we honour these teachings.

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

5. Minutes

5.1 Minutes of the meeting held June 26, 2025

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6. General Business

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6.2 2026 Budget Discussion

6.2.1 2026 Budget Proposal - Chair Leslie Bilcox

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6.3 2026 Meeting Schedule

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7. Adjournment



Minutes
The Township of Cavan Monaghan
Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 26, 2025
1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers – Hybrid Room

Those members in attendance:

Leslie Bilcox	Chair (remotely)
Lisa Crawford	
Mike Ryan	
Michael Kohl	(remotely)
Ryan Huntley	Deputy Mayor

Those members absent:

Manny Borges
Joanne Key
Mary Preston
Amanda Newell

Staff members in attendance:

Mark Froment	Deputy Clerk
Kyle Phillips	Chief Building Official/By-law Enforcement Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair Leslie Bilcox called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Leslie Bilcox recited the land acknowledgement.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Huntley

Seconded by: Crawford

That the agenda for the Sustainability Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

Recorded	For	Against
Bilcox	X	
Huntley	X	
Ryan	X	
Kohl	X	
Crawford	X	
Results	5	0

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were no pecuniary interests noted.

5. Minutes

5.1 Minutes of the meeting held January 30, 2025

Moved by: Huntley

Seconded by: Crawford

That the minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held January 30, 2025, be approved as presented.

Recorded	For	Against
Kohl	X	
Huntley	X	
Bilcox	X	
Crawford	X	
Ryan	X	
Results	5	0

Carried

6. Presentations

6.1 Steve Paul, Second Nature Studio - Community Driven Plastic Solutions

Moved by: Crawford

Seconded by: Huntley

That the Sustainability Advisory Committee receive for information the presentation by Steve Paul of Second Nature Studio on Community Driven Plastic Solutions.

Recorded	For	Against
Crawford	X	
Bilcox	X	
Kohl	X	
Huntley	X	
Ryan	X	
Results	5	0

Carried

7. General Business

7.1 Work Plan

Moved by: Kohl

Seconded by: Crawford

That the Sustainability Advisory Committee recommend that staff explore opportunities for communications materials to promote awareness for waste reduction month.

Recorded	For	Against
Crawford	X	
Huntley	X	
Ryan	X	
Bilcox	X	
Kohl	X	
Results	5	0

Carried

Moved by: Kohl

Seconded by: Ryan

That the Sustainability Advisory Committee approve the updates to the Work Plan.

Recorded	For	Against
Ryan	X	
Bilcox	X	
Kohl	X	
Crawford	X	
Huntley	X	
Results	5	0

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved by: Kohl

Seconded by: Crawford

That the Sustainability Advisory Committee adjourn at 2:38 p.m.

Recorded	For	Against
Kohl	X	
Crawford	X	
Ryan	X	
Bilcox	X	
Huntley	X	
Results	5	0

Carried

Leslie Bilcox
Chair

Mark Froment
Deputy Clerk

Sustainability Advisory Committee Work Plan 2025

Item	Budget	Sub-Committee	Tasks/Progress	Completion Date
#1. Sustainable Community Initiatives	\$10,000	Kyle Phillips Chris Allison	Weather stripping kits have sold out. No other new initiatives at this moment.	Completed
#2. Data Analysis	\$30,000 Contracted services	Kyle Phillips Chris Allison	RFP for the Corporate and Community Data Analysis and Monitoring Program has been awarded to Aladaco Consulting Inc.. The Committee has reviewed the report and it has been presented to Council.	Completed
#3. Energy Conservation Demand Management Plan Update		Committee	Staff are exploring funding opportunities to have a consultant conduct a draft of the Plan.	Budgeting for 2026 Budget
#4. Communication Campaign		Brigid Ayotte	No new communications materials for review.	Completed
#5. Rain Barrel Program	\$5,000	Leslie Bilcox Staff	The Township has sold 165 rain barrels resulting in an annual diversion of 825,000 litres of water used (5,000 litres a year per barrel).	Completed for 2025
#6. Community Tree Planting Program		Committee Staff	Sales for Tree Planting Program has closed and pick-up complete.	Completed for 2025
#7. Earth Day 2025 (April 22, 2025)		Committee	Earth Day event held on April 22, 2025.	Completed

September 25, 2025

Sustainability Advisory Committee: Considerations for 2026 Programing

Initial Budget Committee Meeting: September 26, 2025

Sustainability Advisory Committee: Background & Legislative Requirements

- ❖ The *Ontario Electricity Act* requires that all municipalities maintain & update an *Energy Conservation & Demand Management Plan (ECDMP)*. This further requires that municipalities track & report energy usage for all municipal owned assets & facilities. The plan must also identify & implement initiatives to reduce energy usage. These plans were required beginning in 2014, with updates required every 5 years.
- ❖ The *Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP)* was established in 2014 by Municipalities as part of both the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP), and as required from Federal & Provincial Climate Change Action Plans. Municipalities each developed focused Climate Change Action Plans, some in conjunction with the upper tier municipality. The GHG emission reductions set out in the CCAP are achieved by implementing both community & municipal climate mitigation & adaptation initiatives.
- ❖ *Paris Agreement* was signed by the countries of *U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)* treaty. The *Paris Agreement* has required that countries develop climate change action plans to reduce total GHG emissions by 30% by 2030, and to further reach net zero emissions by 2050. Canada has signed the UNFCCC in 1992 and later the Paris Agreement in 2015.
- ❖ Alignment with Township of Cavan Monaghan Strategic Plan Priority: Environmental Sustainability.

Sustainability Committee: 2026 Programming with Budget

❖ ***Rain Barrels***

- ❖ Offer 100 barrels at discounted price to all residents living in CM. Cost is \$80 per barrel, sell for \$50, results in \$30 rebate for residents
- ❖ **Cost is \$3,000** (100 units x net cost \$30)

❖ ***Residential Tree Planting Program***

- ❖ Offer two gallon native tree purchase program to all residents living in CM
- ❖ Offer 800 trees. Cost is approximately \$20 per tree, sell for \$10, results in \$10 rebate for residents.
- ❖ **Cost is \$8,000** (800 units x net cost \$10)
 - *Trees provided by local nursery, place order after earth day presale to buy specific species based on demand*

❖ ***Native Plant Garden Boxes***

- ❖ Offer pre packaged native plant boxes that include approximately 10 native plants, including a sun package, shade package and boulevard package
- ❖ Box cost \$70, offer \$30 rebate, sell for \$40
- ❖ **Cost is \$3,000** (75 units x net cost \$30) plus communication materials

- ❖ ***Boulevard Garden Program:*** implementation of a new policy to allow for Boulevard gardens throughout the Township of Cavan Monaghan. Budget impacts would be communication materials **Cost estimated \$500**

Sustainability Committee: 2026 Programming

❖ Earth Day Community Event

- ❖ This is an event to bring the Township, Residents, Energy experts, and other green economy vendors to a free community event. Offer purchasing of Trees/Rain Barrels/garden boxes. **Cost estimated \$500**

❖ Summer Watering Restrictions: explore the implementation of a new bylaw to establish summer lawn watering restrictions similar to Selwyn and Peterborough: <https://www.selwyntownship.ca/media/qewlzzqdt/2010-045-regulate-restrict-water-use.pdf>

❖ Consider establishing a Climate Change reserve fund to manage financial risk of future climate events. A growing number of Ontario Municipalities have established and regularly contribute a climate change reserve fund. The climate change reserve would also fund projects to reach the goals of the Climate Change Action Plan.

❖ Tree Bylaw – enhance tree canopy bylaw to protect mature trees from clear cutting in new developments, construction projects and private property when possible.

❖ Update EDCMP – grant opportunities

The total 2026 budget request for the Sustainability Committee is **15K**

with a Garden-in-a-Box

Conservation Halton has curated native species kits for local residents to plant at home. With three kit types to choose from (full sun, shade & rain), growing a native plant garden is low cost, beneficial for pollinators, and enhances your curb appeal. By purchasing a Garden-in-a-Box this spring you can feel good knowing you are helping protect local habitats in our watershed.



Why Garden with Native Plants?

Native plants are adapted to thrive in our local environment and climate. They also:

- Have beautiful colourful flowers
- Require little to no watering once established
- Lower maintenance compared to annual and perennial gardens
- Provide food and shelter for bees, butterflies, and other insects
- Help reduce the risk of flooding and erosion

Garden-in-a-Box Kits

Each carefully curated kit is intended to be planted in an area roughly the size of a sheet of plywood (4 feet x 8 feet). The plants will fill out nicely in their second and third year of growth. If you prefer a very full garden, you may consider doubling the number of plants in your space.

The full sun garden kit is for areas in your yard that are relatively dry and receive direct sunlight for part of, or all hours between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

These selected species are found in meadows and prairies. Flowers will bloom in a variety of colours from May until October.

The full sun kit includes:

- Black Eyed Susan
- Butterfly Milkweed
- Wild Bergamot
- New England Aster
- Hairy Beardtongue
- Pearly Everlasting

Note: Species are subject to change based on availability.



The shade garden kit is for areas in your yard that receive very little or no sunlight between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

These selected species are found in deciduous forests. They prefer rich soils and like to receive occasional watering during dry weather.

The shade garden kit includes:

- Wild Columbine
- Zig Zag Goldenrod
- Large Leaf Aster
- Turtlehead
- Wild Geranium
- Woodland Strawberry

Note: Species are subject to change based on availability.



The rain garden kit is for areas in your yard that receive large amounts of water periodically — for example, the area where your downspouts drain.

These plants have the ability to become inundated for periods of time and can also survive periods of drought.

The rain garden kit includes:

- Blue Vervain
- Joe Pye Weed
- Swamp Milkweed
- Turtlehead
- Water Avens
- Bebb's Sedge

Note: Species are subject to change based on availability.



Garden-in-a-Box is now closed. Stay tuned for 2026 details!



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Boulevard Gardens

The City of St. Catharines requires property owners to maintain their boulevard vegetation. Learn about the basic horticultural practices that must be followed for maintaining your boulevard.

What can be planted on my boulevard?

You can plant herbaceous materials on your boulevard. These plants have stems and foliage that die back to the soil level at the end of each growing season.

What can't be planted on my boulevard?

Hedges, shrubs and trees cannot be planted on boulevards, except by the City or Region.

In addition, plants must not:

- Exceed a height of 30 cm
- Impede the sight lines or travel path of road or sidewalk users (i.e. pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, etc.)
- Obscure or restrict access to fire hydrants, post office boxes, or other installations belonging to the city, region or any utility provider
- Contain thorns, burrs, or any material that is protruding, sharp, or dangerous in any way, or which may otherwise cause injury
- Impair drainage
- Overflow onto the street, sidewalk or neighbouring property
- Inhibit snow removal operations
- Impose a trip hazard (i.e. soil must be flush with the curb and sidewalk)

- Include permanent installations such as in-ground irrigation systems, fencing, or hard mulches, such as pea gravel or small rocks

Boulevard maintenance

Boulevards are for public safety and to accommodate and provide access to City utilities. The City, Region, utility providers, and contractors may need to do work on boulevards which can sometimes remove or damage any vegetation.

Please note it is not always possible to contact adjacent homeowners before starting this work. If work is done to the boulevard, we are only required to restore the boulevard to turf grass.

Tree planting programs

The City and Region operate [tree planting programs](#) for boulevards around the community. If your boulevard is selected to receive a tree, existing vegetation materials are not guaranteed to stay.

Call before you dig

If you plan to dig on your property, [contact Ontario One Call](#) to request a locate before you begin. There may be utilities or services underground that cannot be seen from the surface. Free underground utility locates can be set up to avoid damaging any utilities or services. Don't forget to call any utilities or agencies that are not members of Ontario One Call.

Some utility providers require setbacks for vegetation. You are responsible for contacting any applicable utility providers about these setbacks.

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Boulevard gardens

Learn about planning and maintaining your boulevard or cul-de-sac island garden. Remember to call before you dig!

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Important – call before you dig

There may be utilities or services underground that can't be seen from the surface. By law, you must call Ontario OneCall at 1-800-400-2255 before you dig:

- you can call 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- there is no charge for this service

Individuals who damage underground utilities are responsible for all repair costs.

Plan your garden

Planting on city property

Boulevards and cul-de-sac islands can be good spots for gardens. Boulevards are between the property line or sidewalk and the street. Cul-de-sac islands, or buttons, are circular green spaces at the end of a dead-end street.

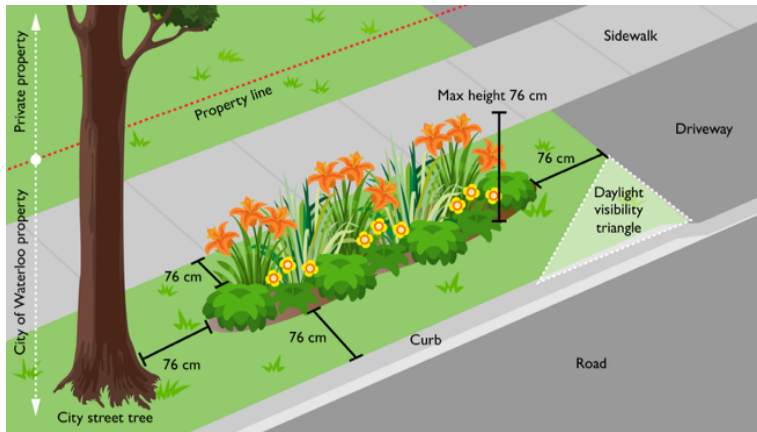
Boulevards and cul-de-sac islands are important for:

- keeping pedestrians and cyclists safe
- housing essential infrastructure like gas, hydro, water, phone and internet
- storing leaves and snow
- garbage and recycling collection

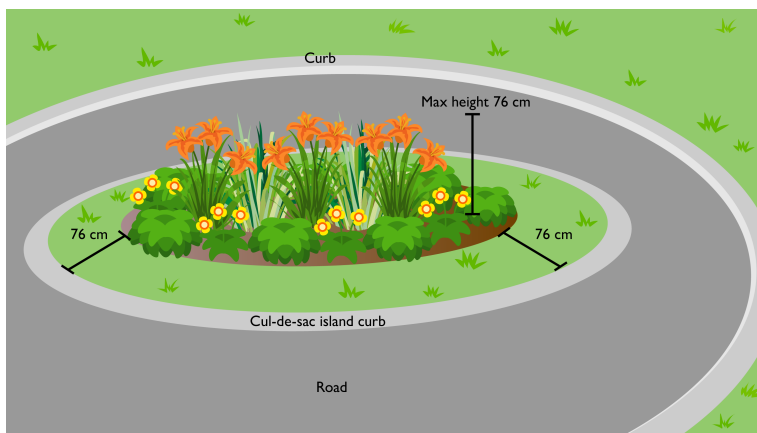
View garden plans

Check our boulevard and cul-de-sac garden plans for layout and measurement guidelines.

Boulevard garden plan



Cul-de-sac island garden plan



Maintain your garden

All gardens need ongoing care. Homeowners are responsible for planting and maintaining their gardens and following the guidelines below.

Make sure infrastructure is easy to access

Boulevard and cul-de-sac islands contain essential infrastructure that must be accessible at all times. Examples include:

- gas, hydro and water, phone and internet
- street lights, fire hydrants and hydro poles
- bus stops and municipal signage

- transformer boxes

Maintenance and utility work

The city, region, utility providers and contractors may need to do work, which can involve damaging or removing gardens:

- it is not always possible to contact homeowners before starting
- if work is done, we'll restore the area to soil and grass seed, or sod

Keep sidewalks, trails, driveways and roads clear

Boulevards and cul-de-sac islands are shared public spaces where people, pets and other animals roam freely.

When planting your garden, remember to:

- keep a 76 cm (2.5 feet) unplanted area between plants and any sidewalks, trails, roads, driveways and infrastructure
- make sure plants don't grow higher than 76 cm (2.5 feet)
- prevent plants or garden materials from spreading outside the garden
- leave space for recycling, waste and leaf collection (don't store leaves on the road – it's not safe for cyclists)
- keep flushing outlets clear (these are green boxes flush to the ground, about 3 by 3 feet)

Make sure plants don't block the view

Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians need to see each other:

- do not install borders or fencing around your boulevard or cul-de-sac island garden
- all boulevard gardens must maintain daylight and driveway visibility triangles
- trim or remove any plants causing visibility problems

Check our boulevard and cul-de-sac garden plans for layout and measurement guidelines.

Choose native, low-growing plants

Boulevards and cul-de-sac islands may have harsh soil conditions caused by snow, salt and pollution. Choose the right plants to have a safe and resilient garden.

Plants

Remember to keep sidewalks, trails, roads and infrastructure clear and:

- choose native, low-growing and low-water use plants that can handle salty soil – find recommended plants on the Grow Me Instead Guide (PDF)
- don't plant noxious weeds or invasive species
- plants must be no taller than 76 cm (2.5 feet)
- no fruits or vegetables
- plants can't affect stormwater, snowmelt or any other drainage (drainage is not allowed to be directed elsewhere)
- plan carefully — wildcraft gardens are not allowed

Trees

- only the city can plant trees
- if your boulevard has a tree, check the guidelines for digging around street trees

Decorations and maintenance

- no astroturf
- no large rock or armour stone
- no irrigation systems
- no permanent or semi-permanent structures or decorations like poles, benches, tables or BBQs

- no items can extend over sidewalks, trails, driveways or roads, such as a string of lights or a hose

All boulevard and cul-de-sac gardens must follow city bylaws, including the Highway Occupancy Bylaw, the Lot Maintenance Bylaw and the Fencing Bylaw.

Stay safe while gardening

Be careful – boulevard and cul-de-sac island gardens are close to traffic.

Stay visible

- garden during daylight hours and when the weather provides clear visibility
- garden when traffic is light rather than during busy commute times
- wear a safety vest or other bright clothing when working in your garden

Stay alert

- pay attention to passing vehicles, bicycles and scooters
- work from the sidewalk side of the boulevard and not from the street
- don't stand or keep equipment and materials on the road

Contact us

If you have any questions about boulevard or cul-de-sac island gardens, call us at 519-886-2310 or email roads@waterloo.ca.

Last updated on October 08, 2024

**Alert**

Close

State of Emergency to Address Encampments

Updated: September 11, 2025**Alert level:** High

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Boulevard Gardens

A boulevard is the area of city-owned land between the homeowner's front property line and the street curb. The City allows residents to beautify their streetscape on the municipal boulevard using alternatives to turfgrass.

The boulevard garden program is an excellent way to beautify your neighbourhood with ornamentals and support our ecosystem by planting native species. The main plant guidelines are:

- Annuals or perennials up to 60cm tall *are permitted*
- Shrubs up to 30 cm *are permitted*

- Trees *are not permitted*
- Noxious plants and invasive species *are not permitted*

For homeowners who are interested in non-standard boulevard landscaping, register for free by submitting a  [Signed Boulevard Garden Policy](#) to [Service Barrie](#), agreeing to the complete guidelines outlined in the Boulevard Garden Policy, and then get started.

Registration ensures that the homeowner is provided with the guidelines and gives the City a chance to notify about scheduled construction within their boulevard so the homeowner has time to salvage plants before construction begins. *Note: No notice can be given for emergency works.*

Following the guidelines helps reduce taxpayer costs for damages to City maintenance vehicles, staff time and avert potential injuries. Residents can choose to leverage their boulevard garden in the [Communities in Bloom](#) tour. Property owners are encouraged to maintain the standard turfgrass municipal boulevard.

Boulevard Garden Policy

The  [Boulevard Garden Policy](#) outlines the non-standard boulevard landscape treatment guidelines. Prior to establishing a boulevard garden, the homeowner shall sign this policy below to attest they have read and will follow these guidelines

Muskoka Gardens

Muskoka Gardens is the term the City of Barrie uses to promote the use of native

and low-water use plants that thrive in our climate. There are a great variety of plants that require only the water that Mother Nature provides in order to survive. Some advantages of native plants:

- They tolerate our weather better than non-native plants
- They are more resistant to disease and thus require less fertilizer and pesticides
- They require much less work; you simply let Mother Nature take its course.

Suggested Plants List

Sun

Perennials	>
Groundcovers	>
Ornamental Grasses	>
Bulbs	>
Low Spreading Evergreens	>

Shade

Perennials	>
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Groundcovers



Ferns



Related Links

 [Grow Me Instead](#)

 [Bee City Native Plant Resources](#)

 [Bee City](#)

 [Communities in Bloom](#)

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Native Plants for Boulevard Gardens



Boulevard gardens are often referred to as “hellstrips” because they present challenging conditions to gardeners and plants alike. However, that little patch of lawn in-between the sidewalk and road should not be overlooked as a viable site for growing, and saving our wildlife with, native plants. In this article we will discuss the benefits of growing native plants in your boulevard instead of lawn.

[Click here to jump straight to the plant list.](#)

Benefits of boulevard gardens:

- **Year-long natural beauty**

Let's face it - Lawn is boring. Native plants can produce a stunning display of colour and interest in your boulevard all year round.

- **Reduced maintenance**

Once a native boulevard garden is

One of our past boulevard

established, it will require far less maintenance than the lawn that was there initially (plus, it won't go an ugly brown colour during droughts). Unlike lawn, properly chosen plants won't require supplemental watering or fertilizer to look nice. Plus, you get out of having to mow the grass!

garden projects. Photo taken by Susan C.

- **Pollinator habitat**

Lawn does very little to support beneficial wildlife such as pollinators. By trading your boulevard grass for native plants, you can help restore lost and degraded habitat for pollinators. Even the smallest garden can help!

- **Environmental education**

In urban areas, lawn seems to be a default landscaping option. By planting a native garden in your boulevard, you can show your neighbours that they too can choose a more eco-friendly option than lawn. You can help educate the further by including habitat signs.

How to Design a Boulevard Garden

- **Check your local bylaws!** Every city/town has different rules so you need to check with yours to make sure you are allowed to plant a garden in the boulevard. Some cities require permits and have height restrictions.
- Before you dig, **ensure there are no buried utilities**.
- **Keep it short.** Tall, floppy plants not only look messy in such a small, narrow garden but, more importantly, can cause safety hazards if they are blocking sight-lines. Aim for plants under 1m in height.

In addition, it may be a good idea to leave a 1 foot wide section of grass or mulch in-between the garden and sidewalk to keep pedestrians from tripping, or stepping, on your plants.

- **Avoid woody plants** - Snow will need to be piled up on boulevards so keep this free of woody vegetation that will get in the way.
- **Be prepared to move plants** if the city needs to dig up the bed for maintenance work.
- Favor a more **formal planting** - Boulevard gardens and native plants are a new concept to people (neighbours) with more traditional garden views. While there is nothing wrong with a more natural (wild) look, it may be better to plant the garden more formally to help it be accepted by neighbours who might not be fully on board with a native plant garden instead of grass.
- Slightly **lower the center of the garden** to ensure that soil doesn't wash off into the sidewalk.
- Consider adding a formal **pathway through your garden**. This will help stop people from walking through your plants.

What to Plant in Boulevard Gardens

Native Boulevard plants must be able to thrive in a variety of harsh growing conditions including:

- Drought
- Compacted soil
- Urban pollution
- Foot traffic
- Road-salt

Fortunately, many of Ontario's native plants have evolved to withstand harsh conditions and will actually grow quite well in your boulevard.

The conditions found between every boulevard garden will vary, so be sure to do research on which of the following plants will do best in your particular site. Remember: native plants are only low maintenance if we choose appropriate species for our site conditions.

You may notice that many of the wildflowers mentioned in this article can be found growing along roadsides. These plants are exceptionally suitable for boulevard gardens because they are naturally growing in similar conditions found in boulevard gardens.

Plant List

There are a lot of plants to cover here (in no particular order), so click on a plant name to jump right to it.

[Spotted Geranium](#)

[\(*Geranium maculatum*\)](#)

[Butterfly Milkweed](#)

[\(*Asclepias tuberosa*\)](#)

[Purple Prairie Clover](#)

[\(*Dalea purpurea*\)](#)

[Canada Anemone](#)

[\(*Anemone canadensis*\)](#)

[Pale Coneflower](#)

[\(*Echinacea pallida*\)](#)

[Lanceleaf Coreopsis](#)

[\(*Coreopsis lanceolata*\)](#)

[Canada Columbine](#)

[\(*Aquilegia canadensis*\)](#)

[Nodding Onion \(*Allium*](#)

[cernuum\)](#)

[Smooth Aster](#)

[\(*Symphyotrichum laevis*\)](#)

[Canada Wild Rye](#)

[\(*Elymus canadensis*\)](#)

[Hoary Vervain \(*Verbena*](#)

[stricta\)](#)

[Dotted Mint \(*Monarda*](#)

[punctata\)](#)

[White Wood Aster](#)

[\(*Eurybia divaricata*\)](#)

[Black Eyed Susan](#)

[\(*Rudbeckia hirta*\)](#)

[New England Aster](#)

[\(*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*\)](#)

[Zigzag Goldenrod](#)

[Pearly Everlasting](#)

(Solidago flexicaulis)

Wild Strawberry

(Fragaria virginiana)

Hairy Beardtongue

(Penstemon hirsutus)

Silverweed (Potentilla
anserina)

(Anaphalis
margaritacea)

Little bluestem
(Schizachyrium
scoparium)

Heath Aster
(Symphyotrichum
ericoides)

Gray Goldenrod
(Solidago nemoralis)

Sideoats Grama
(Bouteloua curtipendula)

Prairie Dropseed
(Sporobolus heterolepis)

New Jersey Tea
(Ceanothus americanus)

Bergamot (Monarda
fistulosa)

Golden Alexander
(Zizia aurea)

Canada Anemone
(Anemone
canadensis)

Canada Columbine
(Aquilegia
canadensis)

Golden Alexander

(Zizia aurea)

Height: 90cm, 3ft

Exposure: Sun to part
shade

Canada Anemone

**(Anemone
canadensis)**

Height: 30cm, 12inch

Exposure: Sun - shade

Soil: Sand, loam, clay.

Canada Columbine

**(Aquilegia
canadensis)**

Height: 90cm, 3ft

Exposure: Sun to shade

Soil: Sand, loam, rocky.

Soil: Sand, Loam, clay.
Average to dry soil

Golden Alexander is a low growing native plant with showy yellow flowers. Perfect for border plantings. Clump-forming but spreads via seed. It's drought tolerant once established and salt tolerant. Blooms May, June.

Average to moist soil.

An adaptable, fast spreading ground cover that can be found along moist roadsides. Tolerates shade and sun, dry and moist soils. Spreads faster in moist areas so keep this in mind. Grows well under large street trees. Blooms May-June.

Average to dry

Canada Columbine will grow best in shaded boulevard gardens, even under the dry shade of large street trees. It will tolerate sunny conditions but may lose leaves during extended droughts. High salt tolerance. Blooms in May, June

Canada Wild Rye
(*Elymus canadensis*)

White Wood Aster
(*Eurybia divaricata*)

Zigzag Goldenrod
(*Solidago flexicaulis*)

Canada Wild Rye

(*Elymus canadensis*)

Height: 90cm, 3ft

Exposure: Sun, part sun

Soil: Sand, loam, clay.

White Wood Aster

(*Eurybia divaricata*)

Height: < 90cm, 3ft

Exposure: Shade, part shade

Soil: Sand, loam, clay.
Average to dry

Zigzag Goldenrod

(*Solidago flexicaulis*)

Height: 90cm, 3ft

Exposure: Shade to part shade

Soil: Sand, loam, clay.

Average to dry.

Canada Wild Rye is a cool season (grows most actively during spring/fall) grass with attractive fall seed heads. It is clump forming and won't take over a small space. It pairs well with most other species.

White wood Aster is a small, but tough, native plant. It thrives in dry shade so you can grow it under large street trees. It's short stature makes it perfect for borders. Blooms September and October.

Average to dry.

Zigzag Goldenrod thrives in shade and will even grow in the dry shade of large street trees. Like most Goldenrods, it has a high salt tolerant. Blooms September into October.

Wild Strawberry
(*Fragaria virginiana*)

Hairy Beardtongue
(*Penstemon hirsutus*)

Silverweed
(*Potentilla anserina*)

Wild Strawberry
(*Fragaria virginiana*)

Hairy Beardtongue
(*Penstemon hirsutus*)

Silverweed
(*Potentilla anserina*)

Height: 15cm, 5inch

Height: 60cm, 2ft

Height: 30cm, 1ft

Exposure: Sun to part shade

Exposure: Sun to part sun

Exposure: Sun to light shade

Soil: Sand, loam, clay. Dry to average

Soil: Sand, loam, clay. Average to dry

Soil: Sand, loam. Dry to average

Wild Strawberry is a low growing, vigorous and

Hairy Beardtongue is

Silverweed is a fast-spreading groundcover

adaptable native ground cover. Salt tolerant, drought tolerant and a fast spreader. It can handle light foot traffic too. Blooms May to June.

very adaptable and easy to grow. It's small size makes it a perfect fit for boulevards. It's very drought tolerant and has a medium salt tolerance. May to June.

that thrives in sandy and gravelly soils. Drought tolerant, salt tolerant and can handle light foot traffic. The yellow flowers have a long bloom time. Blooms June, July, August.

Butterfly Milkweed
(*Asclepias tuberosa*)

Pale Coneflower
(*Echinacea pallida*)

Nodding Onion
(*Allium cernuum*)

Butterfly Milkweed **(*Asclepias tuberosa*)**

Height: 90cm, 3ft

Exposure: Sun

Soil: Sand, loam, clay.
Dry

Butterfly Milkweed is a low growing, clumping milkweed, perfect for boulevard gardens. The deep taproot makes it exceptionally drought tolerant. Medium salt

Pale Coneflower **(*Echinacea pallida*)**

Height: 90cm, 3ft

Exposure: Sun, part
sun

Soil: Sand, loam, clay

The deep taproot of Pale Coneflower will bust through tough clay and help it survive the driest of conditions in your boulevard. Pale Coneflower has a

Nodding Onion **(*Allium cernuum*)**

Height: 45cm, 18inch

Exposure: Sun, part
sun

Soil: Sand, loam, clay.
Average to dry

Nodding Onion looks dainty but it is a very tough plant, able to withstand drought, salt and urban pollution. It's

tolerance. Blooms June, July

medium salt tolerance. Blooms June, July

small stature makes it perfect as a border plant and it doesn't spread aggressively. Blooms June, july, August

Hoary Vervain
(Verbena stricta)

Black Eyed Susan
(Rudbeckia hirta)

Hoary Vervain
(Verbena stricta)

Black Eyed Susan
(Rudbeckia hirta)

Pearly Everlasting
(Anaphalis margaritacea)

Height: 120cm, 4ft

Height: 90cm, 3ft

Height: 60cm, 2ft

Exposure: Sun to part sun

Exposure: Sun to part shade

Exposure: Sun to part sun

Soil: Sand, loam. Dry to average

Soil: Sand, loam, clay. Dry to average

Soil: Sand, loam. Dry to average.

Hoary Vervain is highly salt and drought tolerant and can be found along disturbed roadsides. Plant it towards the middle of your boulevard garden and give it support from short grasses so it doesn't flop. August, September

Black-eyed Susan is a tough boulevard plant because it survives hot, dry conditions and has a high salt tolerance. It can often be seen growing along roadsides so you know its the real deal. Blooms July, August, September

Pearly Everlasting may just be one of the toughest plants for a boulevard garden. Often seen growing along the gravel of roadsides, you

Little bluestem
(Schizachyrium
scoparium)

Heath Aster
(Symphyotrichum
ericoides)

can be assured that this
one is road salt and
drought tolerant. Blooms
in July, August,
September

Little Bluestem
(Schizachyrium
scoparium)

Heath Aster
(Symphyotrichum
ericoides)

Gray Goldenrod
(Solidago
nemoralis)

Height: 90cm, 3ft

Height: 60cm, 2ft

Exposure: Sun

Exposure: Sun

Gray Goldenrod
(Solidago
nemoralis)

Soil: Sand, loam.
Average to dry

Soil: Sand, loam, rocky.
Dry.

Little Bluestem is a warm-season clumping grass with high drought tolerance and high salt tolerance. It has blue-green leaves through-out summer and attractive fall foliage. It makes a great backdrop plant to the others mentioned in this article.

Heath Aster is another common roadside wildflower that grows in dry, rocky soil and has a high salt tolerance. Its low stature makes it perfect for small boulevard gardens. Copious blooms in September, October

Height: 60cm, 2ft

Exposure: Sun, part
sun

Soil: Sand, loam, rocky.
Dry to average

Gray Goldenrod is one of our shortest goldenrod species. It doesn't spread aggressively, making it good for the small space of a boulevard garden. High salt and drought

Purple Prairie
Clover (*Dalea
purpurea*)

Purple Prairie Clover

(*Dalea purpurea*)

Height: 60cm, 2ft

Exposure: Sun

Soil: Sand, loam, clay.
Dry to average.

Don't let it's small stature fool you. Purple prairie Clover is super drought tolerant thanks to it's deep taproot. It has a medium Salt tolerance. Blooms July, August

Dotted Mint
(*Monarda
punctata*)

Dotted Mint

Lanceleaf Coreopsis
(*Coreopsis*

Lanceleaf Coreopsis

**(*Coreopsis
lanceolata*)**

Height: 60cm, 2ft

Exposure: Sun, light
shade

Soil: Sand, loam. Dry to
average

Lanceleaf Coreopsis will light up your boulevard with it's plentiful yellow flowers. It has a Medium salt tolerance and high drought tolerance. Blooms June, July, August.

New England Aster
(*Symphyotrichum
novae-angliae*)

tolerance. Blooms
September, October

Smooth Blue Aster
(*Symphyotrichum
laevis*)

Smooth Blue Aster

**(*Symphyotrichum
laevis*)**

Height: 90cm, 3ft

Exposure: Sun, light
shade

Soil: Sand-loam, loam,
clay-loam

Smooth Blue Aster is one of the latest blooming asters. It's similar to New England Aster but it tolerates dry conditions better. Medium salt tolerance, high drought tolerance.

(Monarda punctata)**Height:** 60cm, 2ft**Exposure:** Sun**Soil:** Sand, well-drained loam. Dry to average

Dotted Mint is a small but tough, native plant. It thrives in dry sandy soils and has a medium salt tolerance. Nice clumping habit and upright form. Unique blooms July, August, September

Prairie Dropseed
(Sporobolus
heterolepis)

**Prairie Dropseed
(Sporobolus heterolepis)****Height:** 90cm, 3ft**Exposure:** Sun**New England Aster****(Symphyotrichum novae-angliae)****Height:** 1.2m, 4ft**Exposure:** Sun, part sun**Soil:** Sand, loam, clay. Moist to dry

A very late-blooming aster with abundant blooms. Grows readily on the side of the road so you know its salt and pollution tolerant! One of the taller plants on this list. Blooms August, September, October

New Jersey Tea
(Ceanothus
americanus)

**New Jersey Tea
(Ceanothus)**

Sideoats Grama
(Bouteloua
curtipendula)

Sideoats Grama**(Bouteloua curtipendula)****Height:** 75cm, 2.5ft**Exposure:** Sun**Soil:** Sand, loam. Dry to average

A short, attractive grass with small red flowers. Clump forming, so it is good for the small space of a boulevard garden. Very drought tolerant with a medium salt tolerance.

Bergamot
(Monarda fistulosa)

Soil: Sand, loam, clay,
Dry to average.

Prairie Dropseed is a short, mound-forming native grass with beautiful wispy seed heads. It is super drought tolerant and has a medium salt tolerance.

americanus)

Height: 90cm, 3ft

Exposure: Sun, light shade

Soil: Sand, well-drained loam. Dry

New Jersey Tea is a small shrub with a deep taproot so it thrives in the driest of soils. Attractive seed heads feed birds. Blooms June, July, August

Bergamot (Monarda fistulosa)

Height: 1.2m, 4ft

Exposure: Sun, light shade

Soil: Sand, loam, clay. Dry to average.

The minty fragrance of Bergamot alone is a reason to have it in your garden. It is very drought tolerant and salt tolerant too. Prone to mildew but it won't hurt the plant. Blooms July, August.

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Lakefield - Water and Sewer Systems

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Selwyn Township operates both the Lakefield Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants for approximately 1,100 homes and businesses in the Village of Lakefield.

Billing

Residential ([#collapse_69e83274-c09f-4a77-9bb5-78e883c43ba6_1](#))

Residential Due Dates

- Flat-rate accounts will be sent every 2 months by the 8th of the month and will be due on the 28th of the month.

Period	Billed Due 2025		
	by	Date	Amount
Jan 1 - Feb 28	Mar 8	Mar 28	\$238.30
Mar 1 - Apr 30	May 8	May 28	\$238.30
May 1 - Jun 30	Jul 8	Jul 28	\$238.30
Jul 1 - Aug 31	Sep 8	Sep 28	\$240.70
Sep 1 - Oct 31	Nov 8	Nov 28	\$240.70
Nov 1 - Dec 31	Jan 8	Jan 28	\$240.70

Note: Amount determined annually as part of the budget process [\(/township-hall/finance-department/budget-financial-information/\)](#) .

Industrial, Commercial, Institutional ([#collapse_69e83274-c09f-4a77-9bb5-78e883c43ba6_2\)](#))

Industrial, Commercial, Institutional Due Dates

- Metered accounts will be sent every month by the 8th of the month and will be due on the 28th of the month.

Penalty and Reminder Notices ([#collapse_69e83274-c09f-4a77-9bb5-78e883c43ba6_3\)](#))

Reminder notice will be issued for balances over \$10.00.

Penalty is charged at the rate of 10% on default.

Unpaid Water & Sewer balances over \$25.00 will be added to the Property Tax account and collected like taxes if they remain unpaid 10 days past the date of the reminder notice.

Owner/Tenant Accounts ([#collapse_69e83274-c09f-4a77-9bb5-78e883c43ba6_4\)](#))

Ownership Changes

If the registered owner of a property changes, the new owner will need to complete the owner authorization form for existing tenant: this ensures they understand the implications of unpaid bills.

Tenants

Moving In?

When a new tenant moves in and is responsible for paying the water and sewer bill, they must complete the Lakefield Water and Sewer: Account Changes Form

[\(https://forms.selwyntownship.ca/Finance/Water-and-Sewer-Account-Changes\)](https://forms.selwyntownship.ca/Finance/Water-and-Sewer-Account-Changes) .

When Township staff receive this Form, they contact the property owner to have them complete an Authorization Form allowing us to create the account on behalf of their tenant.

Moving Out?

When a tenant moves out, they will need to complete the Lakefield Water and Sewer: Account Changes Form [\(https://forms.selwyntownship.ca/Finance/Water-and-Sewer-Account-Changes\)](https://forms.selwyntownship.ca/Finance/Water-and-Sewer-Account-Changes) to no longer be responsible for billing.

Payment Options ([#collapse_69e83274-c09f-4a77-9bb5-78e883c43ba6_5\)](#))

Water and Sewer Invoices can be paid by pre-authorized payment plan, online/telephone banking, cash, debit, cheque, or credit card through PaySimply. For details, please see our Payment Options and Information [\(/township-hall/finance-department/payment-options/\)](#) page.

Lakefield Water and Sewer Rates [\(#collapse_69e83274-c09f-4a77-9bb5-78e883c43ba6_6\)](#)

- Lakefield 2025 Water Rates [\(/media/pczip1ny/2025-046-water-rate-by-law-2025-sch.pdf\)](#) [\(/media/bg1jklrh/2025-045-sewer-rate-by-law-2025.pdf\)](#) [\(/media/fixsidhuz/2023-040-sewer-rates-schedule-a.pdf\)](#) effective July 2025
- Lakefield 2025 Sewer Rates [\(/media/flecjjca/2025-045-sewer-rate-by-law-2025-sch.pdf\)](#) [\(/media/yixixqzf/2023-041-water-rates-with-schedule-a.pdf\)](#) effective July 2025

Other Information

Water Service Shut Offs [\(#collapse_e8777f3a-31ff-4930-8b8b-dcd140a712ba_1\)](#)

Residents of the Village of Lakefield may request that their water service be shut off, and subsequently restored, for a number of reasons. This may include seasonal residents, extended vacations, utility issues, etc.

To request a water service shut off or turn on, please complete the Form

[\(https://forms.selwyntownship.ca/Finance/Water-and-Sewer-shut-down-or-restoration\)](https://forms.selwyntownship.ca/Finance/Water-and-Sewer-shut-down-or-restoration) .

Watering Restrictions [\(#collapse_e8777f3a-31ff-4930-8b8b-dcd140a712ba_2\)](#)

In accordance with the Watering Restrictions By-law [\(/media/qewlzqdt/2010-045-regulate-restrict-water-use.pdf\)](#) , the Township of Selwyn asks residents to observe lawn and garden watering restrictions in order to ensure there is enough water for everyone. The Township of Selwyn may add a \$50 surcharge to the water bill of residents who choose not to comply.

From May 15 to September 15

- Even-numbered addresses may water only on even-numbered days from 7-9 am and 6-10 pm.
- Odd-numbered addresses may water only on odd-numbered days from 7-9 am and 6-10 pm.

Watermain Flushing Program [\(#collapse_e8777f3a-31ff-4930-8b8b-dcd140a712ba_3\)](#)

The Watermain Flushing Program aims to maintain drinking water quality and increase the capacity of the distribution system by cleaning the pipes.

This is done by forcing water through watermains at high speed and discharging it through hydrants, which are left open until the water runs clear. This fast-moving water flow scours and cleans out mineral deposits and sediment that have built up over time and settled at the bottom of the pipes.

Residents may experience a temporary discolouration of water while the watermain is being flushed. Any disruption should be short-lived.

Steps to Take During and After Flushing

During Flushing



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Outdoor water use and restrictions in Guelph

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- [City's Outside Water Use Program moves back to Level 1 Yellow](#)
September 12, 2025
- [City's Outside Water Use Program moves to Level 2 Red](#)
August 13, 2025
- [City's Outside Water Use Program moves to Level 1 Yellow](#)
July 3, 2025

Current level

The current level is yellow – reduce use

LEVEL  1 **YELLOW**
REDUCE USE

[Report an outside water use violation](#)

Outside water restrictions

Level 0 blue

**Lawn watering**

Permitted from 7 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. If your street address is an even number, you can water on even-numbered calendar days. Odd street numbers can water on odd calendar days.

Car washing

Permitted at home with shut-off nozzle

Watering ornamental gardens

Permitted any time

Watering vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs

Permitted any time

Education and enforcement

Bylaw officers will educate community members about water use restrictions and issue fines for repeat violations at their discretion.

Fines for Level 0 are typically between \$150-\$250.

Water supply

No serious storage, rainfall or stream flow issues

Level 1 yellow

**Lawn watering**

Permitted from 7 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. If your street address is an even number, you can water on even-numbered calendar days. Odd street numbers can water on odd calendar days.

Car washing

Permitted at home with shut-off nozzle

Watering ornamental gardens

Permitted any time

Watering vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs

Permitted any time

Enforcement

Bylaw officers will strictly enforce water use restrictions and issue fines for each violation.

Fines for Level 1 are typically between \$150-\$350.

Water supply

Less rain, low flow rates or low water storage levels:

- Less than 80 per cent of historical average precipitation over one and/or three months, or two weeks without rain
- Eramosa River flow (less than 70 per cent of minimum low flow)
- Water storage level (less than 75 per cent of average)

Level 2 red

**Lawn watering**

Not permitted

Car washing

Not permitted

Watering ornamental gardens

Permitted 7-9 a.m./p.m. odd/even dates by address

Watering vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs

Permitted any time

Enforcement

Bylaw officers will strictly enforce water use restrictions and issue fines for each violation.

Fines for Level 2 are typically between \$150-\$550.

Water supply

Serious rainfall, stream flow or storage concerns:

- Less than 60 per cent of historical average precipitation over one and/or three months, or three weeks without rain
- Eramosa River flow (less than 50 per cent of minimum low flow)
- Water storage level (less than 65 per cent of average)

Apply for a lawn watering permit to water new or treated lawns outside restricted times

Water condition reports

- [Water Services weekly conditions report – September 17, 2025](#) 
- [Grand River Conservation Association \(GRCA\) Watershed](#)

Please don't waste water

Using less water helps ensure we have adequate supplies during climate change events like extreme hot weather and drought. We also want to make sure there's enough water for our community now, and as it grows.

Use a commercial car wash – help keep soap and chemicals out of our rivers and use less water.

For automated irrigation/sprinkler systems, use a smart controller, a rain sensor or soil moisture sensor to avoid overwatering and runoff.

In addition to the fines listed above you could be fined for:

- Using a hose without a shut-off nozzle
- Using a hose to wash your driveway
- Running sprinklers or irrigation systems in the rain
- Letting sprinklers run onto driveways, sidewalks, or roads
- Overwatering lawns or gardens so the water pools or runs onto hard surfaces
- Operating a fountain or pond without recirculating the water

When you use less water, the City uses less energy to deliver water to our community and process it after it goes down the drain. Using less water also means we can delay having to find and bring on new water sources which has costs related to building new wells, treatment facilities and underground pipes.

About Guelph's outside water use program and bylaw

Guelph takes water conservation seriously. Guelph is the largest community in Canada that relies almost completely on groundwater for our [water supply](#). Compared to other cities near rivers or lakes, Guelph's water supply takes much longer to replenish, and it's a lot more vulnerable to overuse.

Thanks to you, Guelph is a national leader when it comes to water conservation, and the outside water use program is one of the most successful and recognized water conservation programs in Ontario.

[Guelph's Outside Water Use Bylaw](#) 

For more information

Guelph Outside Water Use Program

519-822-1260 extension 2153

owup@guelph.ca 



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The City of Hamilton’s Climate Change Reserve was established in 2018 with the central purpose of funding initiatives that advance the City’s approved climate change goals. The Reserve is administered by the Office of Climate Change Initiatives and is guided by Policy No. FPAP-RE-015. A preliminary allocation of \$1.5 M was placed into the Reserve when it was first established. As part of the 2023 Budget process, Council approved a sustainable source of funding for the Reserve through the general tax levy, which will allocate an additional \$2.5 M to the Reserve annually.

Successful 2024 Climate Change Reserve Applications for City-Led Initiatives

Macassa Lodge B Wing Expansion – Climate Resilience Measures

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EcoDiesel Fuel Replacement Program

Solar Powered Ambulance Fleet

Electric Street Sweeper

Electric Maintenance Vehicles

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OMAS GOYER DECEMBER 21, 2023

NEWS

At its December 18 meeting, District of Muskoka Council voted in favour of creating a climate change reserve fund for climate change projects.

Council agreed to transfer \$1 million from the environmental reserve fund to establish the new climate reserve.

The specifics of how future contributions to the fund will be financed and how reserve funds will be used for initiatives like the New Leaf Climate Action Plan and Muskoka greenhouse gas reduction initiatives will be decided at a later date.

The fund was proposed by Councillors Peter Koetsier and Peter Johnston who stated that the District must take further action in support of climate initiatives.

"The current District of Muskoka government is regularly undertaking very meaningful actions such as those with the New Leaf Climate Action Plan... but on climate change, we need to visibly accelerate our efforts. Our residents are watching and are expecting that we do more," Johnston said.

Johnston spoke of the importance of the local environment to the character and economy of the Muskoka region. He added that the District must act to prevent environmental degradation.

"Muskoka is known around the world and its primary asset is its pristine environment. That's why people come to Muskoka year after year. If we let the environment continue to slowly degrade, there will literally be no Muskoka," Johnston argued.

He noted that the funds used for the new climate fund would be taken from the environmental reserve fund. This fund currently has \$16 million in it but most of the funds are currently committed to environmental projects. Overall, he supported the motion indicating that there is enough flexibility in present reserve fund commitments to allow for the transfer.

Koetsier spoke about the need for more grants and projects to increase resiliency and decrease greenhouse gas emissions. Koetsier stated that members of District council should consider young people when deciding future climate plans.

are of an age that we don't quite get it. And I think we have to listen to our children and our grandchildren. e are people who are scared," Koetsier said.

open structure of the proposal led to debate about how potential funds would be spent. Councillor Guy Burry d that more focus should be given to how climate reserve funds will be deployed. He added that the District decades behind other municipalities in collecting, let alone deploying, climate action funds.

re well and truly behind many of the municipalities in Canada," Burry said.

he topic of future financing for a climate reserve fund, Koetsier stated that future funding may come directly i taxpayers. "And I believe, based on surveys done, that most of our residents recognize that they should be ng a bit of money into addressing the climate crisis," Koetsier said.

ict council voted unanimously in favour of creating the reserve. You can find more details about Muskoka's ate action plan, [HERE](#).

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Meeting Schedule for 2026**

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 29

Thursday, March 26

Thursday, June 25

Thursday, September 24