

The landscape of Southern Ontario has in recent times been subjected to unprecedented pressure from development. This occurs at a time when the effects of global warming and pollution weigh more and more on the minds of Ontarians.

Preserving as large an area as possible of undisturbed, structurally and biologically diverse urban forest provides valuable environmental and ecological functions — including filtration of particulate matter from smog, carbon dioxide sequestering, carbon storage and pollutant removal. These functions along with psychological and aesthetic benefits contribute to improved human health. Preserving urban forest cover yields energy savings by reducing heating and cooling requirements for buildings which in turn further reduces CO2 emissions*. Urban forests also provide bird and wildlife habitat functions and opportunities for nature interpretation

Tree preservation is a tool in land use planning through which municipalities in coordination with private-sector consultants, such as Landscape Architects, Registered Consulting Arborists, Urban Foresters and Planners can retain some of the existing tree cover in new developments. Municipalities are increasingly recognizing that lost forest cover has not been satisfactorily replaced. Accordingly, municipalities such as Toronto, Markham and New Tecumseth have enacted tree compensation standards to be applied to new developments. A range of professionals responsible for the preparation and implementation of tree preservation plans are now required to provide tree-loss totals and corresponding compensation estimates.

Planning reforms with respect to tree preservation have been suggested in the past but never came into effect. It is now up to local citizens to connect with their local jurisdictions in moving forward with appropriate reforms.

The conference will explore how tree preservation is accommodated in land use planning. It will shed light on advancing the status quo in the context of relentless pressure from development. Learn how crucial environmental concerns — such as the loss of biodiversity values, global warming, increasing demands on fresh water and food supplies and the effects of pollution within our sprawling cities — may be addressed, at least in part, by the preservation of vital urban forest ecosystems.



Attend the 2009 OUFC conference to discover what is being accomplished in tree preservation in urban Ontario today. Learn where the tree preservation fits within land use planning and how it is being implemented.

See how tree preservation is the result of work of many disciplines at varying scales — from the macro levels of education and planning, through to landscape architectural design, to municipal review and finally the micro scale of arboriculture itself.

Find out what the impediments to tree preservation are, and how we can overcome them to preserve a thriving urban forest system for the future.

2009 CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING

TREE PRESERVATION AND THE PLANNING PROCESS

MOVING AHEAD

Thursday, November 12, 2009
The Arboretum, University of Guelph
Guelph, Ontario

**New
this
year!**

**Come to the conference
kick-off *Pub Night!*
Wednesday evening,
November 11**

*Canadian greenhouse gas emissions are up 18% since 1990
Data source: Greenhouse Gas Division, National Indicators and Reporting office, Environment Canada



Conference Kick-off Wednesday, November 11 at 7 pm

Tree Protection and Planning - Covering your Assets

**New this year:
Pub Night!**

Join fellow urban forest supporters for a fun evening of socializing and networking. The keynote address will be by the esteemed and engaging guru of Urban Forests, Dr. Andy Kenney, of the University of Toronto. This will be followed by the Ontario Urban Forest Council (OUFC) Annual General Meeting with an address by Jack Radecki, OUFC Executive Director. All OUFC members and non-members are welcome to attend. **Where:** The Shakespeare Arms Pub, 35 Harvard Road, Guelph. Harvard Road runs west off Gordon Street, just south of Stone Road (see map below, right).

Conference Program Thursday, November 12

Hear professionals share their perspectives on the subject and practice of tree preservation.

- 8:00 - 8:30 **Registration**
- 8:30 - 8:45 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
By **Toni Ellis**, OUFC President
- 8:45 - 9:00 **Introduction**
By Landscape Architect **Ken Hoyle** (morning moderator)
- 9:00 - 10:30 **Session I: Speakers**
Michael Wynia, MCIP, RPP, Director of Planning and Development Township of Clearview • **Suzanne Young**, Environmental Planner, Guelph • **Eric Leon**, Civil Engineer, City of Toronto
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Networking & Refreshment Break**
- 11:00 - 12:30 **Session II: Speakers**
Martin Volhard, Parks Planner/Tree Bylaw Officer • **Peter Wynnyczuk**, Urban Forester, Town of Richmond Hill • **Ian Bruce**, Registered Consulting Arborist, Etobicoke • **Allan Elgar**, Regional Councillor, Halton Hills
- 12:30 - 1:30 **Hot Buffet Lunch**
- 1:30 - 3:00 **Session III: Breakout Sessions**
Dr. **Andy Kenney** of the University of Toronto will lead a Guelph case study with the help of **Norah Chaloner**, **Sean Fox**, **Mary McKeown**, **Suzanne Young** and **Philip van Wasseaer**. **Barbara Heidenreich**, planner and natural heritage specialist, will discuss tree protection legislation and a model heritage tree by-law.
- 3:00 - 3:30 **Networking & Refreshment Break**
- 3:30 - 4:30 **Wrap-Up Discussion and Closing Remarks**
- Door prizes!**
Tree-focused door prizes to be won.

Registration

Fees

Students and Fixed Income: \$75 • OUFC Members: \$150 • Non-members: \$180
Fee includes refreshments, hot buffet lunch with vegetarian options (kindly note special dietary needs at registration).

Payment methods

To pay online by PAYPAL or visa, visit www.oufc.org
To pay by cheque, make cheque payable to "Ontario Urban Forest Council" and send to OUFC, c/o Jack Radecki, 1523 Warden Avenue, Units 23/25, Toronto, Ontario, M1R 4Z8

Display Booths available with registration but please call ASAP to confirm space.

CEU's available for ISA Certified Arborists.

For further information, please call: 416-936-6735 or email: info@oufc.org

Conference Hotel

Rooms are being held at the Royal Brock Hotel and Conference Center (Best Western) at a special rate of **\$99.00/night**. Just mention that you are attending the OUFC conference to get this special rate. The hotel is located at 716 Gordon Street. From the hotel it is a pleasant twenty minute walk to the arboretum and just a five minute walk from The Shakespeare Arms Pub (see map below). Call **1-800-563-9240** to book.

Directions to OAC Centennial Arboretum Centre

From the east: Take highway 401 to exit 299, head north on Brock Road /Gordon Street to College Avenue. Head east.

From the west: Take Highway 401 to exit 295, head north on Highway 6 North to College Avenue. Head east.

The Arboretum entrance is the last driveway on the south side of College Avenue near Victoria Road. Parking is on the left about 300 metres south of the entrance. Parking is free for visitors to the Arboretum. The OAC Centennial Arboretum Centre is on the right. If walking from campus, take Arboretum Road off East Ring Road to the kiosk and follow the Ivey Trail or Arboretum Promenade from the entrance to The Arboretum Centre.

