



Partners in Project Green

A Program of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Partners in Project Green Executive Management Committee Meeting Agenda

October 15, 2024

9:30 A.M.

Creekside Corporate Centre

1875 Buckhorn Gate, Suite 601, Mississauga, L4W 5P1

Members:

Michelle Brown, Co-Chair

Todd Ernst, Co-Chair

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Mehreen Khan

Maxx Kochar

Mike Layton

John MacKenzie

Leah Nacua

Anthony Perruzza

Katelyn Poyntz

Carolyn Scotchmer

Christine Tu

David West

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS TERRITORY
3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING #3/24, HELD ON JUNE 18, 2024
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5. DELEGATIONS
6. PRESENTATIONS
 - 6.1 PARTNERS IN PROJECT GREEN SITE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Presented by Matt Brunette, Program Manager, Energy Performance
 - 6.2 REXDALE SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PROGRAM (SNAP) URBAN AGRICULTURE IMPLEMENTATION INITIATIVE
Presented by Jennifer Taves, Senior Manager, Sustainable Communities
7. CORRESPONDENCE
8. ITEMS FOR PARTNERS IN PROJECT GREEN ACTION
 - 8.1 2025 PARTNERS IN PROJECT GREEN PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR
Approval of the Partners in Project Green Executive Management Committee (PPG EMC) meeting schedule for 2025.
9. ITEMS FOR PARTNERS IN PROJECT GREEN INFORMATION

9.1 PARTNERS IN PROJECT GREEN UPDATE ON 2023-2026 PRIORITY AREAS AND WORKPLAN, OCT 15 2024

To provide an update on the status of the Partners in Project Green 2023-2026 Priority Areas and Workplan.

10. NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING OF PARTNERS IN PROJECT GREEN TO BE DETERMINED.

Darryl Gray, Director, Education and Training

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11. NOTICE

11.1 PARTNERS IN PROJECT GREEN EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

In accordance with the TRCA Board of Director's Administrative By-Law, no decisions are to be made but rather this meeting is an opportunity for the Partners in Project Green Executive Management Committee to have informal discussion regarding various matters.

11.2 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

11.3 ROUNDTABLE UPDATE ON SUSTAINABILITY PRIORITIES

12. ADJOURNMENT

Items for the Action of the Partners in Project Green Executive Management Committee

TO: Co-Chairs and Members of Partners in Project Green Executive Management Committee
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 Meeting

FROM: Darryl Gray, Director, Education and Training

RE: **2025 PARTNERS IN PROJECT GREEN EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

KEY ISSUE

Approval of the Partners in Project Green Executive Management Committee (PPG EMC) meeting schedule for 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the 2025 meeting schedule be approved, subject to change, as outlined below:

#1/25, Tuesday, January 21, 2025;
#2/25, Tuesday, April 15, 2025;
#3/25, Tuesday, June 17, 2025; and
#4/25, Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

BACKGROUND

As some members of PPG EMC participate in various boards and committees, staff have proposed the above noted meeting dates. All meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the majority of the meetings will be held virtually. Committee meetings may also take place as a hybrid option with in-person attendance at TRCA's Head Office at 5 Shoreham Drive, North York.

Relationship to TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following Pillar and Outcome set forth in TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan:

Pillar 4 Service Excellence:

4.4 Transparent decision making and accountable results

Item 8.1

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Items for the Action of the Partners in Project Green Executive Management Committee

TO: Chair and Members of the Partners in Project Green Executive Management Committee
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 Meeting

FROM: Darryl Gray, Director, Education and Training

RE: PARTNERS IN PROJECT GREEN UPDATE ON 2023-2026 PRIORITY AREAS AND WORKPLAN

KEY ISSUE

To provide an update on the status of the Partners in Project Green 2023-2026 Priority Areas and Workplan.

RECOMMENDATION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the enclosed update on the Partners in Project Green 2023-2026 Priority Areas and Workplan (Attachment 1), be received for information.

BACKGROUND

At PPG EMC Meeting #02/2024, held on April 23, 2024, Resolution #3/24 was approved as follows:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the enclosed update on the Partners in Project Green 2023-2026 Priority Areas and Workplan (Attachment 1), be received for information;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2023-2026 Workplan be adopted.

RATIONALE

Following the formal adoption of the 2023-2026 Workplan in April 2024, progress updates on workplan action items will be presented at each PPG EMC meeting. Please see Attachment 1 for the latest update.

Relationship to TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following Pillar and Outcome set forth in TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan:

Pillar 2 Knowledge Economy:

2.2 Collaboration to advance a green transition

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

The Workplan will continue to be implemented and status updates will be provided at all future PPG EMC meetings.

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Date: August 22, 2024

Attachments: 1

Attachment 1: PPG EMC Workplan, 2023-2026 Update October 15, 2024

Priority Action: Fleet Decarbonization

Action	Status Update
<p>Increase familiarity of medium and heavy duty fleet operators with various available low and no carbon technologies (e.g. battery electric, hydrogen, compressed/renewable natural gas, renewable diesel), along with the various aspects that need to be considered with transition (e.g. market availability and infrastructure, performance, environmental impacts).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 13, 2023: applied to NRCan Zero Emission Awareness Initiative: Medium and Heavy Duty; received full funding • 5 of 7 Futureproof Your Fleet workshops held, educating 159 people (target: 175) • 85% of participants report increasing their knowledge of zero-emission technologies for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles • 83% of participants report high likelihood of exploring zero-emission technologies for their fleets within the next 2-5 years • Four expert-developed resources and two video case studies in development • Online outreach and social media campaign has a reach of 81,428, 406,782 impressions, and 9,061 engagements
<p>Determine and implement programs/tools to assist organizations in supporting and adopting light and medium duty fleets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept 26, 2023: applied to NRCan Education and Awareness Project Funding – Clean Transportation and Clean Fuels to develop a light duty fleet transition program; unsuccessful • Continuing to explore resourcing opportunities

Attachment 1: PPG EMC Workplan 2023-2026 Update October 2024

Priority Action: Corporate Flood and Heat Risk



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Action	Status Update
Expand service area of Corporate Flood and Heat Risk Program by working with internal and external partners to identify program funding and alternative delivery models.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023/24: Continue to implement Greening Corporate Grounds (GCG) program in the City of Mississauga. March 2024: Starting promotion for piloting CFHR assessments across TRCA's jurisdiction with 2-3 sites. Conduct free outdoor flood and heat risk preparedness assessment and provide summary of best management practices. Currently, engaging with one ICI property to schedule a site assessment. Promoted the program to ICI properties in the Thornhill SNAP neighbourhood. Collaborated with GreenBiz Caledon program and completed 6 site assessments in Caledon. 2024: With CVC, looking for additional funding opportunities to bring GCG and CFHR across additional jurisdictions.
Develop strategies and tools to move organizations from onsite stormwater/heat risk management project concepts to implementation. This could include educational components, assessment programs, site drawings, incentives, and other means.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q2/Q3 2023: Launched publicly accessible educational modules (Introduction and Background of Flooding in the ICI Sector; Types of Flood Risk and TRCA Tools to Protect Your Business; Current Initiatives and Actions to Address Flood Risks; Use of Low Impact Developments & Green Infrastructure to help Manage on-site Stormwater Management Risks; Heat Risk Mitigation and Adaptation Module March 22/24: On World Water Day, launched module: Understanding our Connection to Water: An Anishinaabe Woman's Perspective 2024: Offering financial incentives up to 5 businesses to implement LID/GI projects. Actively promoting the incentives program to PPG members.
Explore integration with Climate Ready Towers Priority Action. Specifically, explore assisting MURBs and corporate properties with conducting climate risk assessments and implementing risk management solutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 7, 2024: Hosted 'Climate Ready Towers Stakeholder Workshop' with key municipal partners to identify gaps and potential opportunities September 2024: Climate Ready Towers Report and Prioritization of Actions survey completed and sent to stakeholders

Priority Action: Circular Economy

Action	Status Update
Enhance current Circular Economy programs, including, but not limited to, the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand awareness and impact of existing programming (Material Exchange Program (MEX), Recycling Collection Drive (RCD), Circular Economy Leaders Consortium (CEC)) 2. Develop and implement circular economy projects, workshops, resources, and support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 21 and 22/23: Circular Procurement Essentials Workshop for CEC members • May 8 and June 12, 2024: Advanced and Category specific Procurement Workshops for CEC Members • April 2024 – piloted Region of Peel Earth Day RCD. 16 sites collected 17.5 tonnes of textiles and e-waste. • Q3 2024: campaign planned to increase current PPG member participation in MEX.
Convene an industry roundtable focused on construction waste management. This session could include waste generators, waste haulers, and other stakeholders to determine the current state; identify key barriers to waste diversion and circularity in construction/retrofit projects; and determine key actions to minimize or remove those barriers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1/24: Built collaborative partnerships with organizations that have expertise in this area (Seneca, Circular Innovation Council) • Q2&3/24: Informational interviews with Black and McDonald, Unity Health, GTAA, BentallGreenOak to determine scope of roundtable • Q4/2024: Target date for roundtable

Priority Action: Climate Ready Towers

Action	Status Update
In collaboration with key stakeholders, review the current state of tower decarbonization / climate resiliency programs; identify key gaps in programming and barriers to implementation; distill best practices; and determine how to scale and deliver an impactful program that decarbonizes towers and builds climate resiliency within the tower community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 7, 2024: Hosted 'Climate Ready Towers Stakeholder Workshop' with key municipal partners to identify gaps and potential opportunities • October 2024: Climate Ready Towers Report and Prioritization of Actions survey will be completed and sent to stakeholders
Explore various funding models to deliver the work, secure funding, and develop and implement a workplan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program Home Retrofit program and resourcing model which may yield various funding opportunities that could also be applied to MURB climate action • Survey referenced above includes assessment of potential support