

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, April 14, 2026 Meeting

FROM: Darryl Gray, Director, Education and Training

RE: **PARTNERS IN PROJECT GREEN 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW**

KEY ISSUE

Highlights from Partners in Project Green's (PPG) 2025 Year in Review and identifying upcoming events and priorities for scaling impact in 2026 across circular economy, energy, transportation, water stewardship, and community engagement.

RECOMMENDATION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the report on Partners in Project Green 2025 Year in Review, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT PPG endorse the 2026 Focus Areas, as outlined within the report, including:

- **Members Lunch and Learn series expansion;**
- **Annual Forum expansion and growth;**
- **Development of new circular procurement pilots;**
- **Clean energy programming; and**
- **Enhanced member engagement.**

BACKGROUND

In 2025, Partners in Project Green continued to grow industry and sector membership and participation in sustainability programs, services and initiatives, delivering more than 3,000 learner hours, diverting 35 tonnes of waste from landfill, and identifying or avoiding over 4,000 tCO₂e through programs and site assessments. Program highlights included the Recycling Collection Drive, Materials Exchange, Municipal Corporate Leaders Programs, Futureproof Your Fleet workshops, Corporate Flood and Heat Risk Management assessments, and expanded public engagement.

RATIONALE

The achievements and accomplishments of the Partners in Project Green program demonstrate a continued and ongoing value to members through practical implementation support, peer learning, and measurable outcomes. Building on this momentum, in 2026 PPG will continue to convene key sectors, decision-makers and all levels of government in accelerating decarbonization, circularity, and resilience across the GTA.

The following represents a small sample of the key highlights and achievements of PPG and PPG members:

2025 HIGHLIGHTS (SELECT):

Waste & Circularity

- 11,805 kg of textiles and 10,630 kg of e-waste diverted via Recycling Collection Drive;
- 34 Materials Exchange transactions diverting 13 tonnes, avoiding 1.08 tCO₂e, with \$407,000 cost savings for recipients; and
- Strong outcomes from the Circular Economy Leaders Consortium, including 36% of participants improving an existing project, and 18% implementing a new waste reduction or diversion initiative as a direct result of participation.

Energy Management

- Municipal Climate Leaders Programs: launched Brampton's Business Climate Action Program and continued GreenBiz Caledon Climate Partnership:
 - 17 businesses identified 119 carbon reduction projects with an estimated 3,111.5 tCO₂e potential and \$990k in incentives; and
- Energy Leaders Consortium had measurable impact, with all members gaining new knowledge and several advancing or implementing energy management projects.

Low-Carbon Transportation

- Futureproof Your Fleet delivered 7 workshops to 200+ participants and launched a public resource hub with guides and checklists; and
- Launched Clean Fuels Working Group to accelerate adoption of low and zero-emission fuel solutions across municipal and industry fleets.

Water Stewardship

- Corporate Flood and Heat program delivered bite-sized learning modules that supported in-demand learning;

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- 16 free site assessments were completed, along with two LID Conceptual Site Design reports; and
- Floatables Strategy removed 346 kg of litter and advanced upstream prevention pilots through the continuation of this multi-stakeholder partnership.

Community & Engagement

- The Camp Connections partnership with TRCA Summer Camps allowed 13 kids from priority program and communities to access nature-based summer camp;
- Thirteen (13) nonprofits received 248 refurbished devices via Recycling Collection Drive;
- PPG's public presence grew with +29% LinkedIn followers and +16% newsletter subscriptions; and
- Staff continued to engage widely at industry and community events, including Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Building on the success of 2025 and previous years, PPG is focused on continuing to leverage and enhance member impact through leadership within the business and municipal sectors. The following are key focus areas for PPG in 2026:

1. **Members Lunch & Learn** series expansion and calendarized programming across clean energy, circular economy, and resilience.
2. **Annual Forum (June 11):** The Courage to Transform — convene business leaders to showcase solutions and commitments.
3. **Circular procurement pilots** and enhanced CRD diversion initiatives with member and municipal partners.
4. **Clean fuels and energy** programming through the Energy Leaders Consortium; and Clean Fuels Working Group; continued fleet decarbonization support.
5. **Deep member engagement** and drive measurable impact through Recycling Collection Drive and community restoration events.

Relationship to TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following Pillars and Outcomes set forth in TRCA's

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2023-2034 Strategic Plan:

Pillar 2 Knowledge Economy:

2.2 Collaboration to advance a green transition

Pillar 3 Community Prosperity:

3.1 Connect communities to nature and greenspace

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3.4 Inspired communities take environmental action

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Partners in Project Green is funded through a combination of municipal levy funding, government and non-government grants, and self-generated revenue (sponsorships; membership, event and program fees; fee-for-service agreements).

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

Partners in Project Green staff will continue to deliver programming, events and resources across our program areas, focusing on expanding circular economy initiatives, supporting emissions reduction efforts, and strengthening community engagement through practical learning and hands-on sustainability activities.

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