



BEA Annual Meeting

Stay informed about environmental issues in Brampton

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Brampton Environmental Alliance, (BEA). As a registered attendee you are invited to participate in the **Annual General Meeting on March 13, 2024 7:00-9:00pm, 50 Sunny Meadow Blvd, Unit 109**. Voting members can vote on Board member elections and proposals.

The COVID pandemic coupled with the today's high interest inflationary economy has taken public attention away from environmental issues. Yet environmental degradation remains as a serious and growing threat, not just to our way of life, but to life itself. Environmental education and environmental advocacy have never been more important than today!

In that light, this is perhaps the most important meeting of BEA. Members will determine priorities of the Alliance in 2024 and outline the direction the organization in the coming years. Please come with an open mind, a respectful approach, and a willingness to roll up your sleeves to get involved however you can. We hope you can join us in person. If you cannot, email info@bramptonea.org for the virtual link. **See you on March 13th!**


Background


The BEA was formed in 2021 with the objective to help Brampton grow as a sustainable community, healthy and resilient, **economically, socially, and environmentally**. We believe in and support the 10 **ONE PLANET** principles:

- **Health and happiness** – Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing,
- **Equity and the local economy** – Creating safe, equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and fair trade,
- **Culture and community** – Nurturing local identity and heritage, empowering communities, promoting a culture of sustainable living,
- **Land and nature** - Efficient use and restoration of land benefiting people and wildlife,
- **Sustainable water** – Efficient water use and protection of local water resources against degradation, flooding, and drought,
- **Local and sustainable food** – Promoting sustainable, humane farming, healthy diets high in local, seasonal organic food and vegetable protein,
- **Travel and transport** – Reducing the need to travel and encouraging walking, cycling and other low carbon modes,
- **Materials and products** – Using products and materials from sustainable sources, that promote the circular economy,
- **Zero waste** – Promote reduced consumption, product reuse and material recycling to achieve zero waste and pollution,
- **Zero carbon energy** – Promote energy efficiency in buildings and product manufacturing and use of energy from renewable sources.

Accomplishments Watch our 5-minute video: <https://youtu.be/nsR93SYBOiE>


WHAT DOES BEA DO?






Advocacy

- Brampton
- Ontario
- Canada




Events

- Project events
- Partner events




Education

- Youth Council
- Student Interns
- Tree Planting & Monitoring




Collaboration

- Member Partners
- TRCA
- PCHS
- CVC





One-Planet Living



ROOTED
IN HOPE

2021-2







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Member Meetings

- Vision
- Mission






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Projects

"You're the Solution to Less Pollution"


- Garbage can painting
- Social media education campaign



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Marketing

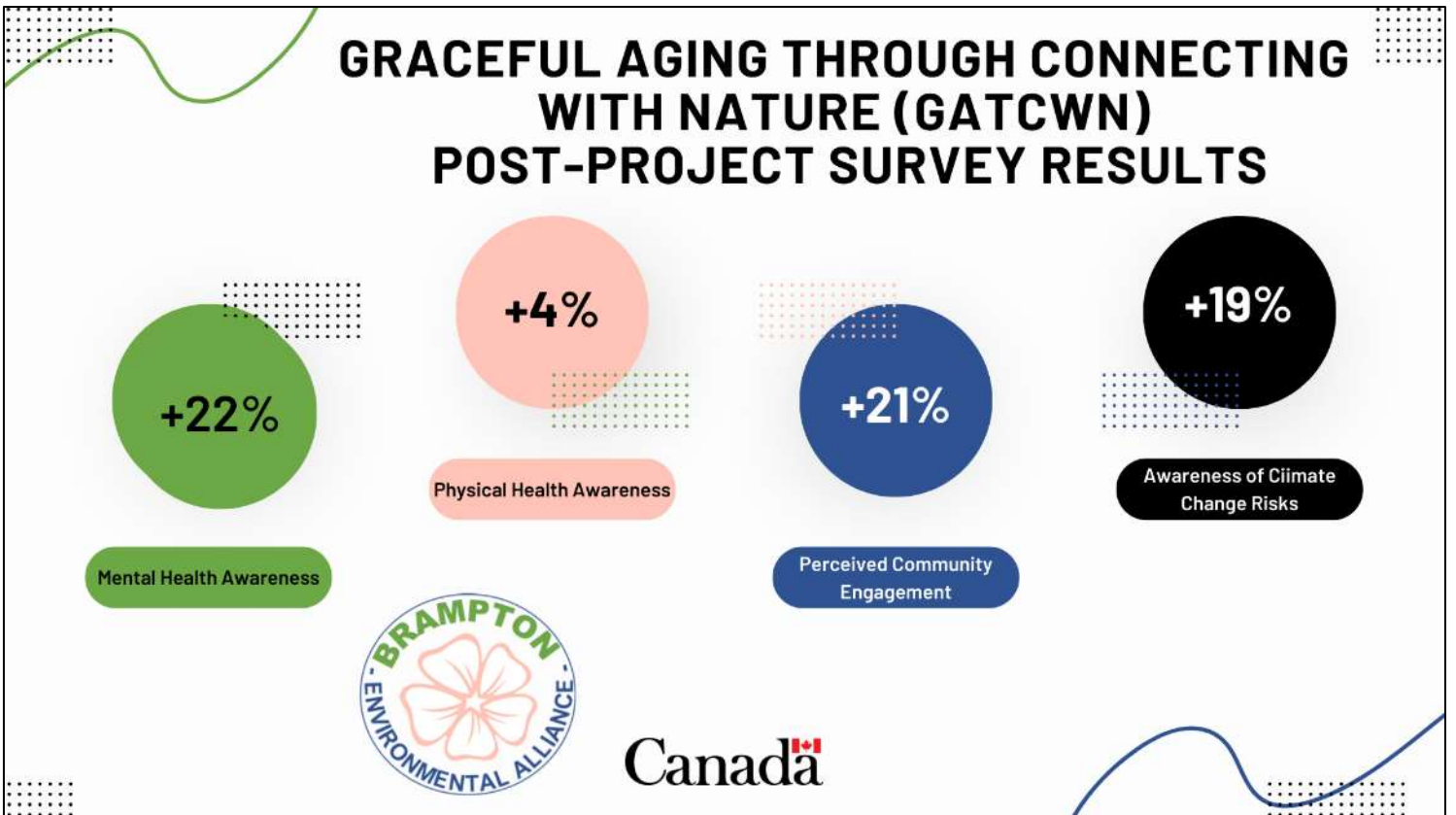
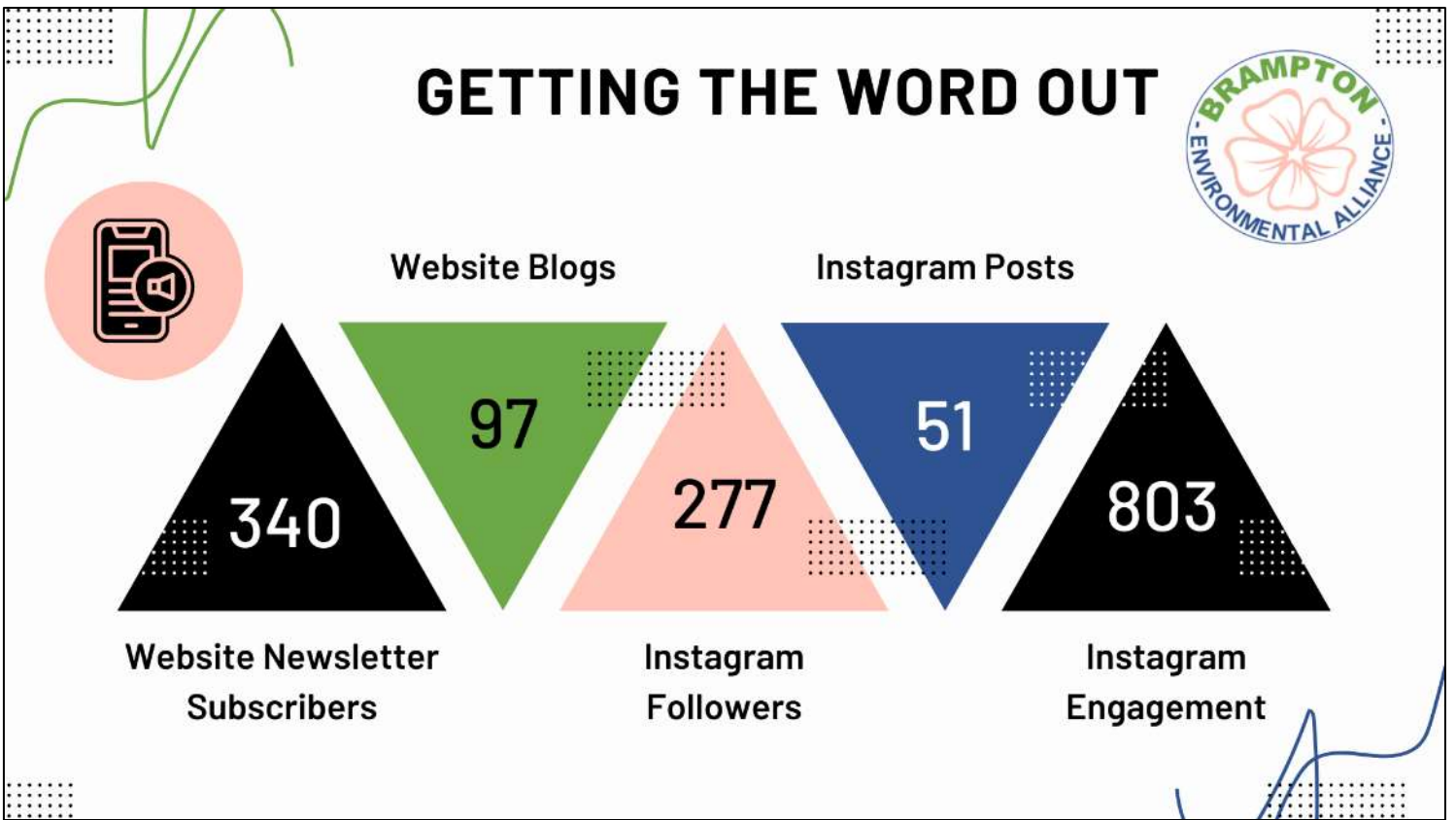
- Website
- Blog posts
- Instagram
- Flag banner
- Trifold brochures



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Student Interns

- Mentoring
- Coaching future environmental leaders
- Expanding project reach



2023



Grants

Canada New Horizons for Seniors
Ontario Seniors Community Grant
TRCA - United Way

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Environmental Events

Registration totalled 223,
including 200 seniors

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Member Event Partners

Friends & Stewards of Dorchester Park
Sierra Club of Peel
Heart Lake Turtle Troopers
People Against Littering
Heart Lake Happenings
BikeBrampton

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Workshops & Training

- 5 Seniors Recruitment Workshops
- 2 Youth Tree Planting & Monitoring Trainings
- 1 Project Manager PT position
- 1 Student Intern position

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Where will BEA go next?



Agenda	7:00 pm	Part 1 - Informal networking while we set up the room
Keynote	7:10 pm	Keynote Presentation by Vito Beato, President – Unifor Local 1285 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will speak on the similarities between the labour movement and environmental activism and the benefits of both to the community.
BEA Future	7:30	<u>BEA Review of Accomplishments Video</u> Potential BEA 2024 Campaigns – ‘Dotmocracy’ vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rooted in Hope Tree Planting and Monitoring Project • Brampton Anti-littering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth Council research project ○ Address garbage & rats, beautify the City, ○ Help make Brampton the first litter-free city in Canada • Carbon emissions reduction and air quality impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Impact of Emerald Energy from Waste proposed expansion ○ Impact of Capital Power Goreway Gas plant capacity expansion • Pollinator gardens, turtle habitat restoration and biodiversity projects • Other items?
Formal Agenda	8:00 pm	Part 2 - Formal Agenda begins – Call to Order
	1	Motion to receive the <u>minutes</u> of the last Annual General Meeting January 11, 2023
	2	Open floor for Board nominations. A minimum of 9 Board positions MUST BE FILLED for BEA to continue sustainably. The Board is to be made up of diverse members who have interest in environmental work, and a willingness to participate, exercise or develop skills in environmental advocacy and organizational oversight and administration. As a Board Director, you will contribute to informed decision-making in meetings six or more times per year, and chair or participate as a member of at least one committee. The volunteer commitment is a 1-year term and about 10-15 hours per month. This includes participating, preparing for, and attending Board and campaign meetings. Individual Directors may have skills in one or more of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in charitable or not-for-profit organization operations including administration, marketing, communications, web and social media content, events organization, • Experience in grant writing, operational fund-raising activities, financial management and audit,

Brampton Environmental Alliance Agenda Package

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience in networking, community building and public engagement. <p>Specific roles include: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Science and Strategy, Fund-raising, Community Development. The Board will assign positions to elected Directors. The organization has Director liability insurance.</p>
	3	Motion to approve the 2024 slate of Directors of Brampton Environmental Alliance
	4	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Motion to receive the Treasurer's Report as submitted and reviewed by Harripaul Bridgemohan</p>
	10	<p>New business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence from Plant Based Treaty (see attached)
		Member question period – maximum 10 minutes
		Adjourn

Plant – Based Treaty Correspondence:

Dear BEA,

As we are getting closer to the tipping point for a livable planet, it is important for us to take all the actions possible to mitigate a climate catastrophe. The Plant Based Treaty as a companion to the UNFCCC Paris Agreement would put food systems at the forefront of combating the climate crisis. Modelled on the popular Fossil Fuel Treaty, the Plant Based Treaty aims to halt the widespread degradation of critical ecosystems caused by animal agriculture and to promote a shift to healthier, sustainable plant-based diets.

At COP28 we launched the “Safe and Just Report” which you can download here: <https://www.vegandonuteconomics.org/>. The report shines a light on the urgency of addressing the transgression of planetary boundaries beyond the critical climate crisis, and raising the alarm bell on interrelated tipping points. We are on track for a breakdown of Earth’s systems and societies unless bold action is taken on food systems. The devastating and even apocalyptic impact of animal agriculture on Earth’s planetary boundaries, from land-use changes, ocean dead zones, incessant heat waves and melting ice caps, to scorching forest fires, requires comprehensive solutions for shifting to plant-based diets, addressing food justice, and rewilding the Earth. By embracing the vegan donut economics framework, we utilise an ethical, scientific and socio-economic systems approach to connect the scientific mandate to act with the Plant Based Treaty’s forward-thinking principles, policies, and detailed proposals, focusing on a just transition that includes everyone.

Since the launch of the PBT campaign in August 2021, globally 139,550 individuals and 1,356 organisations have signed on to the treaty. There are 26 municipality endorsements including the Town of Rainbow Lake, Alberta.

Food is the largest source of emissions in Toronto’s community-wide consumption-based inventory (1). It is crucial that all Toronto environmental groups acknowledge food’s devastating impact on the environment if we are going to meet the TransformTO Net Zero Strategy goal.

Toronto350.org, ClimateFast, Youth Climate Save, Kids Right to Know, and MobilizeTO have endorsed the Plant Based Treaty.

Will your organisation join environmental groups in Toronto and sign on to the treaty? It can easily be done by going to our website here: [Endorse - Plant Based Treaty](#)

We can do a presentation to your group if you are interested.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask.

Regards,

Jacinta and Uday

1. Consumption-Based Emissions Inventory – City of Toronto