



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 March 19, 2025, 7:00-9:00pm, Greenbriar Recreation Centre, Community Room, 1100 Central Park Drive, (Bramalea Road & Central Park Drive).**

Paid BEA members may vote on Board member elections and proposals.

Today's high cost of living, combined with housing affordability and the economic threat of U.S. tariffs, continues to take public attention away from environmental issues. Yet environmental degradation remains a serious and growing threat, not just to our way of life, but to life itself. We've all seen the pictures, the Los Angeles and Jasper wildfires, the devastating impacts of floods in Argentina, Indonesia, Germany and France, the landslides triggered by heavy rains in Brazil and India. Our climate is becoming more unpredictable and more deadly with each passing year.

These negative changes, however, are not inevitable. Progress towards a more environmentally sustainable world is possible if we become better environmental citizens. Our meeting workshop is designed to help you do just that.

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. Virtual attendees can view the keynote and formal presentation but will not be able to participate in the workshop or take part in the networking opportunity. **See you on March 19th!**

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
Encourage active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing



Equity and local economy
Create safe, equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and international fair trade



Culture and Community
Nurture local identity and heritage, empower communities and promote a culture of sustainable living



Land and nature
Protect and restore land for the benefit of people and wildlife



Sustainable water
Use water efficiently, Protect local water resources, Take actions to reduce flooding and drought



Local and sustainable food
Promote sustainable, humane farming and healthy diets high in local, seasonal organic food and vegetable protein



Materials and products
Use materials from sustainable sources. Promote products that help reduce consumption



Travel and transport
Reduce the need to travel, Encourage low carbon transport including, transit, walking, cycling and other micro mobility options

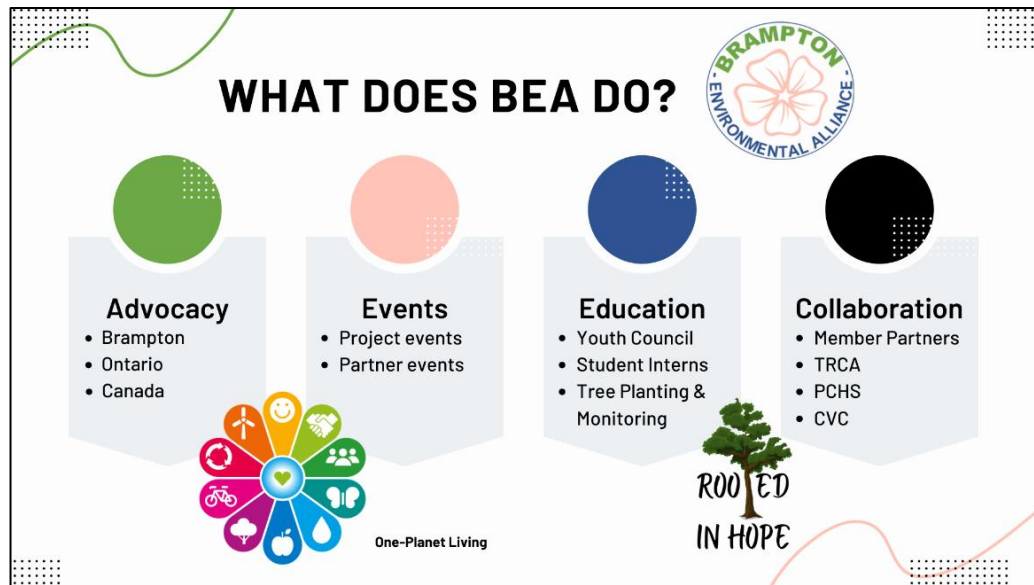


Zero waste
Reduce consumption, Reuse and recycle to achieve zero waste and pollution



Zero carbon energy
Encourage energy-efficient buildings and manufacturing processes, Encourage use of zero carbon (renewable) energy sources

What Does the BEA Do?



2024 Accomplishments

Advocacy:

1. Worked with Environmental Defence to ask the Federal government to request a full environmental assessment for highway 413,
2. Met with the Mayor and Council members on environmental issues related to active transportation, energy transformation and climate change,
3. Met with MPP McGregor to advocate for Alectra policy changes that would support home electrification projects including installing residential heat pumps,
4. Met with Brampton's Government Relations department to advocate for carbon controls to be put onto Capital Power's expansion proposal for the Goreway Gas Plant.
5. Worked with Toronto Environmental Alliance and Environmental Defence and met with staff from Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to advocate for stricter emissions limits on the proposed Emerald Energy from Waste expansion project,
6. Worked with BikeBrampton, Environmental Defence, and Cycle Toronto to protest Bill 212, "Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024.

Events:

- 22 Environmental Events, from tree-planting to speaking engagements

Education:

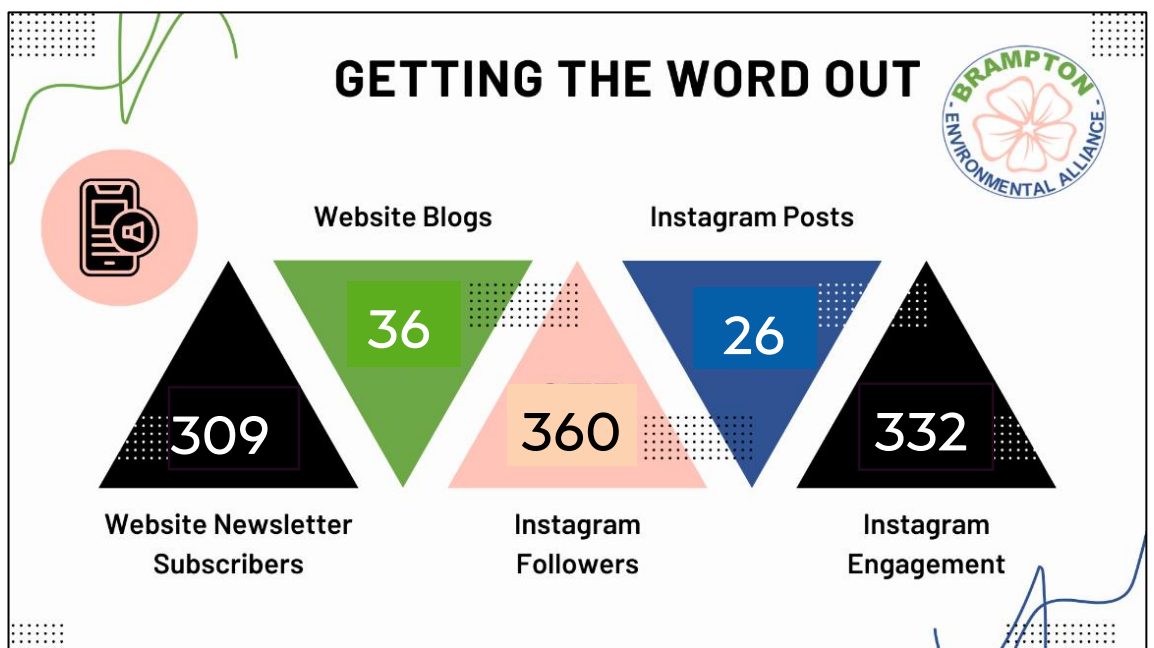
1. Delivered a keynote presentation at the Ecosphere Conference and Job Fair,
2. Delivered Rooted in Hope Training event at Gore Meadows,
3. Worked with Sierra Club, Toronto Environmental Alliance and Environmental Defence to host an information session on the Emerald Energy from Waste expansion proposal,

4. Helped promote a David Suzuki Foundation webinar on Moving Electricity to fight climate change,
5. Organized and helped deliver 2 bike repair workshops, 1 bicycle skills training session and three nature journaling workshops to residents in the Bramalea SNAP neighbourhood as part of Healthy and Connected Bramalea Project.

● Collaboration:

- **Brampton Community Safety and Well-being Office**
 - Litter Reduction Taskforce,
- **Brampton Environmental Planning**
 - Climate Change Adaptation Plan,
 - Earth Day Celebration, (with Sierra Club and BikeBrampton)
- **Ontario Nature,**
 - “Minister’s Permit and Review powers under the Conservation Authorities Act
 - Restoring Provincial Wetlands Protection in Ontario
- **Environmental Defence,**
 - Emerald Energy from Waste
 - Highway 413
- **Cycle Toronto, Ecojustice**
 - Bill 212
- **Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, BikeBrampton, ACER**
 - Rooted in Hope Project
- **Toronto and Region Conservation Authority SNAP team**
 - Healthy and Connected Bramalea Project
- **Sierra Club and BikeBrampton**
 - Waste-free Bike the Creek
- **Supported Plant-Based Treaty**

Social Media



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Keynote	7:05 pm	Franz Hartmann, Alliance for a Livable Ontario Five ways to make homes more affordable in Ontario.																																							
Refreshment Break	7:30																																								
Formal Agenda	7:55 pm	Motion to receive the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting March 13, 2024																																							
		<p>Open floor for Board nominations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 9 Board positions made up of diverse members who have interest in environmental work, and a willingness to participate, while they exercise and develop skills in environmental advocacy, organizational oversight and administration. As a Board Director, you will contribute to decision-making in meetings twelve times per year, and chair or participate as a member of at least one committee. The volunteer commitment is a 1-year term and 10-15 hours per month participating, preparing for, and attending Board and committee meetings. Bring your personal experience, passion for the environment and desire to work as a team. <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>																																							
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<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to receive the Treasurer’s Report as submitted and reviewed by Harripaul Bridgemohan 																																									
Member proposals																																									

Brampton Environmental Alliance Agenda Package

Environmental Citizen Workshop	8:10	What does it mean to be a good environmental citizen?
	8:55	Adjournment and Networking