

# **Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda**

**January 22, 2020**

**5:30 p.m.**

**City Board Room**

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## **Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes**

November 20, 2019

Present	Dana Jordan Mary Elizabeth Konrad Peter Lafleur Chris Magwood Sandra Orsatti, Chair Stephanie Rutherford Fraser Smith Councillor Zippel
Regrets	Craig Mortlock
Staff	Cynthia Fletcher, Commissioner of Infrastructure Natalie Garnett, Deputy Clerk Michael Papadacos, Manager, Infrastructure Management

### **Call to Order**

Sandra Orsatti, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Committee and staff members provided an overview of their backgrounds.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Chris Magwood

**That the minutes of the meeting of November 20, 2019 be approved.**

Carried

### **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

### **Consent Agenda**

Moved by Stephanie Rutherford

**That Item 5.b. be approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

Carried



## 2020 PEAC Meeting Schedule

Report PEAC19-003

Moved by Stephanie Rutherford

**That the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC19-003 dated November 20, 2019, of the Infrastructure Management Division Manager, as follows:**

**That 2020 Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee meeting schedule be approved, as presented in report PEAC19-003.**

Carried

**Reports and Communications**

City of Peterborough Climate Change Declaration

Report PEAC19-004

The Chair led the Committee in a discussion regarding the climate change declaration.

Fraser Smith left the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and returned at 6:20 p.m.

Cynthia Fletcher, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Chris Magwood left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Zippel

**That staff prepare a report on the establishment of sub-committees to work on obtaining/verifying information regarding the climate change action plan; and,**

**That the report be brought forward to the January 22, 2020 Committee meeting.**

Carried

Moved by Fraser Smith

**That the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee request a line item be established in the 2020 City of Peterborough budget for climate change spending.**

Carried

**Other Business**

## Future Agenda Items - Discussion

The Committee was advised that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Committee would like to attend a Committee meeting to discuss a renewal application by BWTX Nuclear Energy Canada for a Class IB fuel facility operating licence in Peterborough.

Moved by Fraser Smith

**That the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission be invited to attend the February 19, 2020 Committee meeting to discuss a licence renewal application.**

Carried

Next Meeting - January 22, 2020

**Adjournment**

Moved by Peter Lafleur

**That the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

Carried

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Natalie Garnett

Deputy Clerk

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Sandra Orsatti

Chair



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**To:** **Members of the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee**

**From:** **Michael Papadacos, Manager of Infrastructure Management Division**

**Meeting Date:** **January 22, 2020**

**Subject:** **Report PEAC20-001  
Extension of Terms of Chair and Vice Chair**

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## **Purpose**

A report to recommend that terms of the current Chair and Vice Chair be extended to January 2021.

## **Recommendation**

That PEAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC20-001, dated January 22, 2020, of the Manager of Infrastructure Management Division, as follows:

That the terms of the current PEAC Chair and Vice Chair, be extended to January 2021.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There are no budget or financial implications as a result of this report.

## **Background**

Advisory committees at the City select a Chair and Vice Chair annually, at the first meeting of the year. The Terms of Reference for PEAC refer to the terms of the Chair and Vice Chair under section 6.1.

PEAC held their first meeting in October 2019 and a second meeting in November of the same year. As a result, the current Chair, Sandra Orsatti, and Peter Lafleur, Vice Chair have only been in their positions for two meetings. It is recommended that the election of

Chair and Vice Chair not be held at this meeting, and that their terms be extended to the first meeting of 2021.

As this is a new committee it is felt that an election for these positions after just two meetings is unnecessary and staff are therefore making the recommendation to extend the terms of Sandra Orsatti, Chair and Peter Lafleur, Vice Chair.

Submitted by,

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Manager, Infrastructure Management Division

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**To:** **Members of the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee**

**From:** **Michael Papadacos, Manager of Infrastructure Management Division**

**Meeting Date:** **January 22, 2020**

**Subject:** **Report PEAC20-002  
Presentation on Council Structure and Processes**

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## **Purpose**

A report to inform Committee that the Deputy City Clerk will make a presentation at the January 22, 2020 Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee (PEAC) meeting providing an overview of the Council structure and related processes.

## **Recommendation**

That PEAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC20-002 dated January 22, 2020, of the Manager of Infrastructure Management Division, as follows:

That the presentation from the Deputy City Clerk be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There are no budget or financial implications as a result of this report.

## **Background**

PEAC was established as a new committee in 2019 and at the inaugural meeting in October a presentation regarding Boards and Committees was given by the Clerk's Office.

The Clerk's Office will provide a PowerPoint presentation at the first meeting of PEAC in 2020 to introduce background information on the Council structure and processes.

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**To:** Members of the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee

**From:** Michael Papadacos, Manager of Infrastructure Management Division

**Meeting Date:** January 22, 2020

**Subject:** Report PEAC20-003  
Climate Change Update

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## **Purpose**

A report to recommend that the PEAC establish a subcommittee to review the existing approaches to quantifying greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for the community sector with the intent of advising staff on meeting proposed targets of 45% GHG reduction from the 2011 baseline by 2030 and net zero by 2050; and, that PEAC consider the need for additional subcommittees to advise on implementation plans for the community focused strategies in the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP).

## **Recommendation**

That the PEAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC20-003 dated January 22, 2020 of the Manager of Infrastructure Management Division, as follows:

- a) That the PEAC subcommittee on GHG emission data be established to report back to the Committee and staff on options for gathering community sector GHG emission data and reporting on progress; and
- b) That the PEAC consider establishing subcommittees aligned with themes in the CCAP to advise on continued implementation and acceleration of related actions as needed.

## Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

## Background

At its meeting of November 20, 2019, the PEAC asked staff to provide an update on actions contained in the CCAP and advise on how subcommittees could be established to work on obtaining/verifying information regarding the CCAP to facilitate implementation plans. At this meeting, the committee discussed the climate change emergency declaration of council and provided advice to staff. The Chair will summarize themes from that discussion and staff will provide a summary of report in progress requested by council to respond to the climate change emergency declaration.

Recognizing ~95% of GHG emissions in the City of Peterborough are generated by the community sector an update on the actions in the Community Action Plan will be provided at the meeting (Section 2 in the attached Community and Corporate Climate Action Plans).

The Community CCAP update report in progress is gathering data from a variety of sources to assess the progress compared to the baseline year (2011) regarding energy and vehicle fuel consumption trends. The methodology that is used in the update is to collect the following information:

- electricity: attained from PDI and analyzed kWh's consumed per sector: residential, commercial, and industrial customers;
- natural gas: collected data from Enbridge which reviewed cubic metres of gas used by industry, commercial/apartment buildings, residential, and large consuming customers;
- propane/heating oil: assumptions used to project fuel usage, with an inverse relationship to natural gas consumption approach taken;
- transportation: obtained the City of Peterborough - Transportation Division's 2016 vehicle-kilometres-driven mode share model to compare against the baseline that identified drivers, passengers, public transit users, cyclists, walkers, and other modes of transportation used to get to a destination.

Gaps in methodology pertain to the following:

- Data obtained by Enbridge consolidated Commercial & Residential Apartments into one category. This limits this report's analysis as to how much the commercial sectors gas usage is and does not provide a complete picture for the residential sector with the omission of apartments from the category;
- Commercial vehicle data was not included in the 2011 and 2018 reports even though commercial fleets comprise 5-10% of all vehicles registered within the City;



- Estimates of the amount of propane and heating oil used by customers is made due to the data not being able to be acquired.

Staff recommends that in parallel to continuing to advance actions in the existing CCAP, a subcommittee on GHG emission data be established to consider the existing approach to the inventory, and consider the extent to which Scope 1 emissions (direct emissions within the geographic city boundary) are being adequately quantified and how actions addressing Scope 3 emissions (indirect emissions resulting from activities within the geographic city boundary) should be considered. Scope 2 emissions relate to indirect emissions from the use of electricity within the geographic city boundary.

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**Attachments:**

Appendix A – GPA Climate Change Action Plan



# Greater Peterborough Area Climate Change Action Plan

## Chapter 1 – City of Peterborough

### Community and Corporate Climate Action Plans

September 30, 2016



## Memorandum

**To:** Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

**From:** John Kennedy, City Clerk

**Date:** December 14, 2016

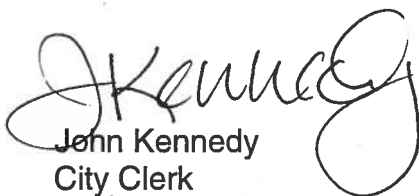
**Subject:** Report CSD16-031  
Adoption of the Climate Change GHG Reduction Targets and Action Plans

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The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on December 12, 2016 is forwarded for your information and necessary action. Thank you.

**That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSD16-031 dated December 5, 2016 of the Director of Community Services, as follows:**

- a) That the revised Greater Peterborough Area Climate Change Action Plan be adopted and that the City's portion be implemented as budgets permit; and
- b) That the City of Peterborough's Community Sector and Corporate Sector greenhouse gas emission reduction targets of 30% and 30% respectively, and associated local action plans, be adopted and implemented as budgets permit.

  
John Kennedy  
City Clerk

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## Section 1: Introduction and Overview

### Greater Peterborough Area Climate Change Action Plan

In 2014, the Greater Peterborough Area's (GPA) member communities joined more than 250 other communities across Canada to address climate change through participation in the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program aimed at reducing GHG emissions from both municipal/First Nation corporate operations and community sources.

As part of the PCP program, the Climate Change Action Plan sets a course to reduce local contributions to climate change and prepare communities for present and expected changes that will occur as a result of climate change. This plan represents an integrated approach to dealing with some of the most important issues related to the sustainability of our diverse region. The overall objective of the CCAP is to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions through a reduction in fossil fuel use and lowering our energy consumption, and to better prepare for our changing climate. The Plan identifies strategies, actions, and emission reduction targets that fit with and address the needs of each municipality and First Nation within the GPA. This regionally coordinated approach will ensure that we act together to safeguard the health of our residents and ensure the stability of our local economic and natural resources against impacts related to climate change.

### Climate Change Vision

In 2010, the GPA embarked on an exciting journey – the development of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, coined *Sustainable Peterborough*. Within the Sustainable Peterborough Plan, climate change was identified as one of the eleven key theme areas of focus. Each community of the GPA is working together to collectively achieve the following vision, as originally identified as the climate change goal in the Sustainable Peterborough Plan:

*We will reduce our contributions to climate change while increasing our ability to adapt to climate change conditions.*

### The City of Peterborough's Community and Corporate Action Plans

Chapter 1 of the CCAP includes the City of Peterborough's Community (Section 2) and Corporate (Section 3) Action Plans. Both of these build on the overarching components outlined in the main CCAP, but provide greater detail specific to the City of Peterborough. They both include the following:

- *Where are we now* – a brief discussion of community and corporate baseline GHG emissions.
- *Where do we want to go* – GHG emissions reductions targets for the community and corporation.
- *How are we going to get there* – actions that the community and corporation will take to achieve its emissions reduction targets.

## Section 2: Community Action Plan

### Where are we now?

In 2011, 349,743 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e were emitted by the City of Peterborough community. Based on the projected growth for the City of Peterborough, community emissions are expected to grow to 389,587 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e by 2031 if nothing is done to reduce GHG emissions. For further details on the City of Peterborough's baseline community emissions (PCP Milestone 1), please see the Appendix attached to this chapter entitled *City of Peterborough Corporate and Community Emissions Inventory*.

### Where do we want to go?

The City of Peterborough community is aiming to achieve a 30% reduction in its GHG emissions from the 2011 baseline by 2031. This is equivalent to 104,923 less tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e emitted per year by 2031, which would put the City's community emissions at 244,820 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year by 2031 compared to the current 349,743 tonnes per year.

### How are we going to get there?

The following tables detail the strategies and actions that the City of Peterborough will use to achieve its community GHG emissions reduction target. Further detail on each strategy is provided in the main *Climate Change Action Plan* document.

#### Our Homes

Strategy H1: Help existing homes become more energy and water efficient and be more adaptable to climate risks		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: direct
	Develop and implement a comprehensive multi-year deep energy retrofit program focused on existing households to achieve efficiency gains of at least 30% to 50% depending on the age and type of building.	
Primary Action Assumptions	Implement retrofits in 40% of the residential housing stock by 2031.	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a Municipal Energy Plan (MEP) to better understand the existing housing stock to target efforts</li> <li>• Implement a Flood Reduction Subsidy Program to help prevent flooding on private properties</li> <li>• Implement a program to encourage low water use and flood adaptive landscaping</li> </ul>	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	22,661 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e/per year	

Strategy H2: Build new homes to be more efficient and have a smaller environmental footprint		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: direct
	Implement gradual improvement in new building stock efficiency aimed at achieving near net-zero or equivalent (0.14 to 0.24 GJ/m <sup>2</sup> ) in all new buildings by 2031.	

Strategy H2: Build new homes to be more efficient and have a smaller environmental footprint	
Primary Action Assumptions	Results in full electrification of energy end uses.
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Solar Ready’ Official Plan Updates</li> <li>• Decrease minimum parking requirements for new residential development where supporting public transit exists</li> </ul> <b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify potential amongst new developments to build a pilot neighbourhood to meet net-zero emissions</li> </ul>
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	6,383 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e/per year

Strategy H3: Reduce the amount of waste generated by residents that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions	
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct                      Adaptation impact: none Explore feasibility of capturing energy from waste (e.g. anaerobic digestion) to manage organic material and to reduce emissions of methane gas.
Primary Action Assumptions	Assumes 50% of household waste that contributes to GHG emissions (i.e. organic material) is managed through the determined technology.
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement a “less waste challenge” to encourage reduction in waste generation, with a particular focus on food waste</li> <li>• Review efficiency of waste collection program and implement changes to reinforce diversion programs and reduce collection truck emissions</li> </ul>
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	2,468 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e/per year <sup>1</sup>

## Our Workplaces and Schools

Strategy W1: Improve energy and water efficiency of existing buildings and business operations	
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct                      Adaptation impact: indirect Work with utilities (PDI, Hydro One, Enbridge as appropriate) to deliver a coordinated deep energy retrofit program to industrial, commercial, and institutional organizations.
Primary Action Assumptions	Implement retrofits in 60% of industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities by 2031.
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Improvement Plans</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Note that GHG emissions avoided through managing organic waste have been attributed to the City’s corporate GHG reduction target because the landfill is owned by the City of Peterborough and is included in the City’s corporate baseline inventory.

Strategy W1: Improve energy and water efficiency of existing buildings and business operations		
	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Encourage local businesses to participate in energy benchmarking through the use of Energy Star Portfolio Manager provided through Natural Resources Canada</li><li>Work with the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) to expand their Operator Training program to the Greater Peterborough Area (County and City partnership)</li></ul>	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	25,623 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e/per year	

Strategy W2: Build new buildings to be more efficient and have a smaller environmental impact		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: direct
Primary Action Assumptions	Implement gradual improvement in efficiency of industrial, commercial, and institutional buildings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial &amp; Institutional: full electrification, and uses 70% less energy</li><li>Industrial: only 20% of the energy mix consists of fossil fuels (i.e. natural gas), and uses 40% less energy</li></ul>	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implement zoning requirements and policy direction to encourage cycling and other sustainable modes of travel for new commercial development (e.g. reduced parking requirements, bike storage, employee showers)</li></ul>	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	6,143 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e/per year	

Strategy W3: Facilitate climate change friendly business operations and practices		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: indirect	Adaptation impact: direct
Supporting Actions/ Policies	Support Sustainable Peterborough Business Initiative to build a toolkit for Greater Peterborough Area businesses to assist with climate change impact analysis and business continuity planning for extreme weather. <b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Engage with businesses and institutions to implement corporate sustainability initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions</li><li>Work with institutions and businesses to support implementation of food waste reduction and/or diversion</li></ul>	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Impact on GHG emissions nominal	

Strategy W4: Support local economic resilience and growth of the local green economy		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: indirect	Adaptation impact: indirect
	Support GreenUP as a “one-stop shop” for businesses to learn about and advance sustainability through the Green Business Peterborough Program.	



Strategy W4: Support local economic resilience and growth of the local green economy	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Evergreen to deliver the mid-sized cities pilot program in Peterborough to help strategically position Peterborough as a green/sustainable community and economy</li> <li>Explore opportunity and locations to establish a local eco business zone or “Partners in Project Green” program to share resources amongst businesses and encourage green industries (County and City partnership)</li> <li>Support the Greater Peterborough Chamber Of Commerce to establish a business leadership and mentorship program to support energy and climate leadership amongst businesses as part of the Peterborough Business Excellence Awards</li> </ul>
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Impact on GHG emissions nominal

Strategy W5: Facilitate low carbon energy generation and local energy security	
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct                      Adaptation impact: direct Conduct a regional study to explore the potential to implement local renewable energy generation and storage (institutional, commercial, industrial, and residential).
Primary Action Assumptions	Solar PVs are to generate 10% of the electricity demand in IC&I and residential buildings, while 4% of the natural gas consumed in all buildings are to come from renewable sources by 2031.
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	13,595 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e/per year

### On the Move

Strategy M1: Build an active transportation network and support active transportation	
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct                      Adaptation impact: none Reduce vehicle trips and foster greater walking and cycling mode share through a coordination of efforts.
Primary Action Assumptions	Active transportation (i.e. walking and cycling) to represent 8% of the mode share by 2031.
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a Complete Streets Policy and Guidelines, including consistent sidewalk requirements and guidance on paved shoulders/cycle lanes</li> <li>Install bike racks on buses</li> <li>Support GreenUP and BIKE’s existing cycling education programs for adults and children</li> <li>Promote and support the City’s long-standing Active and Safe Routes to School partnership and related programming and campaigns</li> </ul>
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	3,496 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e/per year

Strategy M2: Facilitate alternatives to single-occupant vehicle use to reduce frequency of personal vehicle use		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: none
	Explore feasibility of a carpool lot network (formal and informal spaces) (in partnership with the County and other Townships).	
Primary Action Assumptions	Carpooling, or travel as a passenger in a vehicle, to represent 22% of the mode share by 2031.	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with businesses and schools to implement preferred parking for carpoolers</li></ul>	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	1,165 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e/per year	

Strategy M3: Make public transportation more appealing to increase its usage		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: none
	Expand public transit service in the City as per the City of Peterborough Public Transit Operations Review.	
Primary Action Assumptions	Travel via public transportation to represent 6% of the mode share by 2031.	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement a trip planning program/service for public transit</li><li>• Implement technology for real-time bus tracking system and make available on the web and smart phone apps</li><li>• Explore opportunities to increase number of students using public transportation to get to school</li><li>• Explore transitioning from transit hub model to a grid model of public transit during next Public Transit Operations Review</li></ul>	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	2,331 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e/per year	

Strategy M4: Help transition vehicles to use cleaner and lower greenhouse gas emitting fuel sources		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: none
	Support a shift in vehicle technology to Electric Vehicles (EVs).	
Primary Action Assumptions	15% of all vehicles on the road in 2031 are to be EVs.	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Install electric vehicle charging stations for public usage</li><li>• Support [local organizations] to work with local businesses to transition corporate fleets to EV</li></ul>	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	38,268 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e/per year	

## Our Food

Strategy F1: Support localization of the food system		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: indirect	Adaptation impact: indirect
	Undertake a community food system assessment to better understand local food production and movement within the GPA.	
	<b>Supporting Policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update Official Plan policies to support urban agriculture and the growing, processing and distribution of locally-produced food for all residents</li> </ul>	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to expand the network of community gardens throughout the Greater Peterborough Area and engage the broader community in the value of gardening</li> <li>Support local organizations to provide community skill sharing programs to increase awareness among community members on how to grow, process, and store food</li> <li>Support local organizations in training, facilitating access to land and promoting successful entrepreneurship of new farmers and food business to increase the production and processing, distribution and retailing of local food</li> </ul>	
	Impact on GHG emissions nominal	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Impact on GHG emissions nominal	

Strategy F2: Encourage purchasing of locally produced food		
Supporting Actions/ Policies	Mitigation impact: indirect	Adaptation impact: indirect
	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support local organizations to promote the marketing of locally-produced food through initiatives such as the Purple Onion Festival and Local Food Month</li> <li>Expand and promote the Farmers Market Network across the Greater Peterborough Area</li> <li>Support and encourage farm gate sale of produce</li> </ul>	
	Impact on GHG emissions nominal	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Impact on GHG emissions nominal	

Strategy F3: Reduce the amount of wasted food		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: direct	Adaptation impact: none
	Implement a residential awareness campaign to encourage elimination of wasted food in the home, workplaces, and schools.	
Primary Action Assumptions	Generally could achieve a reduction in the proportion of wasted food in the waste stream by 11%.	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b>	

Strategy F3: Reduce the amount of wasted food	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote current regional programs, such as the Recycle Rangers Program, which educates school children about waste reduction, composting, and food waste</li> <li>Work with institutions and businesses to support implementation of food waste reduction and/or diversion</li> <li>Support establishment of a food rescue program in partnership with local food retailers, manufactures, restaurants, caterers to collect and redistribute excess food to those in need that would otherwise be disposed of (County and City partnership)</li> </ul>
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Non-quantifiable with available information

## Our Land

Strategy L1: Strengthen land use policy and the development review process to better support climate change mitigation and adaptation	
Primary Action	<p>Mitigation impact: indirect      Adaptation impact: direct</p> <p>Establish a multidisciplinary review team to assess provincial and local land use planning legislation and tools and make recommendations to decision-makers on how to best implement an ecosystem-based approach to the development application process (partnership amongst all communities).</p>
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<p><b>Supporting Policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate climate change policies into Official Plans</li> <li>Continue to implement land use policy that supports building complete communities that are mixed-use, compact, and higher density to achieve intensification targets outlined in the Provincial Growth Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainability metrics tool to predict, measure and report the sustainability performance (including GHG emissions) of proposed developments focusing on the built environment, mobility, natural environment, and infrastructure and buildings (e.g. Richmond Hill/Vaughan/Brampton)</li> <li>Continue/enhance education opportunities on the need for increased housing density and implications related to climate change at all points of contact with decision-makers, stakeholders, and the public</li> </ul>
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Non-quantifiable with available information

Strategy L2: Identify climate change risks and prepare for potential impacts	
Primary Action	<p>Mitigation impact: none      Adaptation impact: direct</p> <p>Conduct a Greater Peterborough Area-wide vulnerability assessment of expected climate change impacts (including drought and lake levels) (in partnership with all communities).</p>

Strategy L2: Identify climate change risks and prepare for potential impacts		
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt the Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Planning and Design Guide (CVC/TRCA) for landscape-based stormwater management planning and low impact development stormwater management practices</li> <li>• Update engineering design standards to improve climate change readiness of new infrastructure by taking a green infrastructure approach first and increasing flood standards to a 200-year storm standard rather than the current 100-year standard</li> </ul>	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	None	

Strategy L3: Protect and enhance natural assets		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: indirect	Adaptation impact: direct
	Develop and implement a Natural Heritage System Plan (City and County with Townships).	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place restrictions on cutting down trees on private property and/or a tree replacement policy</li> <li>• Update Official Plan policies to require greater buffers around wetlands to protect them from surrounding land uses</li> </ul> <b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to implement an Urban Forest Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Support and promote local Conservation Authorities' tree planting programs to encourage planting trees on public and private property</li> <li>• Support local Conservation Authorities to deliver planting and restoration projects at strategic high priority areas with climate ready species</li> </ul>	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Non-quantifiable with available information	

## Our People

Strategy P1: Prepare for the health impacts associated with a changing climate		
Primary Action	Mitigation impact: none	Adaptation impact: direct
	Conduct a local community vulnerability assessment of public health impacts from climate change to identify climate risks on vulnerable populations (in partnership with all communities).	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a protocol for extreme weather alerts and flooding updates</li> </ul>	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	None	

Strategy P2: Foster a culture of climate change awareness		
Supporting Actions/ Policies	Mitigation impact: indirect	Adaptation impact: indirect
	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Sustainable Peterborough and other local organizations in hosting regular events focused on climate change (speaker series, annual event, etc.)</li> <li>Support Sustainable Peterborough in seeking buy-in and endorsement/support for the shared vision and goals of Community Climate Change Action Plan from existing groups and organizations in the Greater Peterborough Area</li> <li>Support Sustainable Peterborough to host a community, youth, adult, and senior climate change champion through the annual Sustainable Peterborough Awards</li> </ul>	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Impact on GHG emissions nominal	

Strategy P3: Encourage civic engagement around climate change		
Primary Action	Develop a charter and guidelines (engagement strategy) to foster meaningful community engagement in climate change issues and environmental stewardship (partnership amongst all communities).	
Supporting Actions/ Policies	Mitigation impact: indirect	Adaptation impact: indirect
	<b>Supporting Actions &amp; Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Sustainable Peterborough to establish a youth advisory committee on climate change to empower youth to take action on climate change</li> </ul>	
GHG Emission Reduction Potential	Impact on GHG emissions nominal	

### Decarbonization of the Electric Grid

Since the baseline year of 2011, the Province of Ontario has taken steps to reduce the GHG emissions associated with the electrical grid. For example, it closed all of its coal-fired power plants. This in turn will result in significant GHG Emission Reduction Potential for the City of Peterborough community, totalling 27,529 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e/per year.

## Section 3: Corporate Action Plan

### Where are we now?

In 2011, 15,129 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e were emitted by the City of Peterborough's corporate operations. The business-as-usual forecast for the corporate operations is based on annual growth rates derived from official population projections. Emissions from corporate operations are projected to increase to 16,852 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per year by 2031 if the City continued to operate as it did in the baseline year without taking any actions to reduce GHG emissions. For further details on the City of Peterborough's baseline corporate emissions, please see the Appendix attached to this chapter entitled *City of Peterborough Corporate and Community Emissions Inventory*.

### Where do we want to go?

The City of Peterborough is aiming to achieve a 30% reduction in its corporate GHG emissions from the 2011 baseline by 2031. This is equivalent to 4,539 less tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e emitted per year by 2031, which would put the City's corporate emissions at 10,590 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year by 2031 compared to the current 15,129 tonnes per year.

### How are we going to get there?

The following table details the strategies and actions that the City of Peterborough will use to achieve its corporate GHG emissions reduction target.

City of Peterborough Corporate Action Plan	Timeframe			
	Underway or Complete	Short (1-4 years)	Med (5-9 years)	Long (10+ years)
<b>Buildings</b>				
<b>Strategy 1: Institutionalize energy efficiency and low carbon thinking into the organization</b>				
Implement employee training for energy efficiency	X	X	X	X
Implement staff behaviour change programs to reduce usage of electricity and heating in day-to-day activities	X	X	X	X
Establish a policy to consider highest energy efficiency as part of procurement requirements and evaluation (City and PU)	X	X	X	X
Continue to monitor incentive programs offered through utilities and other third party funding source to be leveraged for implementing energy efficiency improvements	X	X	X	X
<b>GHG Emission Reduction Potential: In-direct GHG reductions</b>				
<b>Strategy 2: Enhance operational efficiency of existing buildings</b>				
Develop and deliver an equipment preventative maintenance program on an ongoing basis	X	X	X	X
Conduct regular energy audits of City facilities on a rotational basis to identify opportunities for improved efficiency	X	X	X	X
Explore installation of building automation systems to optimize building operations where feasible	X		X	X

Conduct building re-commissioning to optimize building operations where applicable	X	X	X	X
Continue to implement a utility bill validation process to identify and correct any billing issues and variations in energy usage	X	X	X	X
Work with utilities to install sub-metering capacity at each City facility where feasible to better monitor energy usage	X	X		
<b>GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 212 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e/per year</b>				
<b>Strategy 3: Build municipal facilities to ensure high environmental performance</b>				
Establish a Green New Building Policy to require new municipal buildings and major renovations be built to high environmental standards		X		
Install electric vehicle charging facilities as part of new facility builds	X	X		
Formalize and continue to implement a full lifecycle analysis costing process for new buildings or major renovations to consider the sustainability of the building over its life	X	X	X	X
Install geothermal heating and cooling systems for new buildings and major renovations if feasible			X	X
Explore feasibility of district energy for new facilities (e.g. social housing)			X	X
<b>GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 330 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e/per year</b>				
<b>Strategy 4: Improve environmental performance of existing municipal facilities</b>				
Conduct annual assessments of each facility to identify opportunities to improve energy efficiency	X	X	X	X
Continue implementation of interior and exterior LED lighting retrofit program in facilities where feasible	X	X	X	
Install programmable thermostats and occupancy sensors in all facilities where feasible	X	X	X	
Establish policy direction to replace appliances with Energy STAR rated appliances as needed	X	X	X	X
Upgrade insulation/building envelope while conducting other essential building work (where feasible)	X	X	X	X
Replace windows and doors with high efficiency according to replacement schedule/need	X	X	X	X
Replace mechanical equipment with high efficiency according to replacement schedule/need	X			X
<b>GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 712 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e/per year</b>				
<b>Strategy 5: Utilize renewable energy sources</b>				
Conduct an assessment to explore opportunities for solar photovoltaic panels and other renewable energy options at all municipal facilities	X	X		
Converting electric hot water heaters to solar			X	X
<b>GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 138 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e/per year</b>				



Fleet				
Strategy 6: Transition the municipal fleet to be more efficient and less carbon emitting				
Develop and implement a Green Fleet Strategy and replacement schedule				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Right sizing vehicle/appropriate vehicle class (fit-for purpose vehicles) through replacement schedule</li> <li>Transitioning to low emission and alternative fuel vehicles (e.g. clean diesel, advanced natural gas, ethanol, or hybrid)</li> <li>Use of anti-idling technology</li> <li>Fuel and vehicle performance monitoring</li> </ul>	X	X	X	X
Implement an operator training and education program (e.g. eco driving and anti-idling)	X	X	X	X
Continue preventative maintenance program for vehicles and equipment	X	X	X	X
Continue conducting vehicle/fuel performance audits	X	X	X	X
<b>GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 1,274 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e/per year</b>				
Water & Sewage				
Strategy 7: Enhance operational efficiency of the water services system				
Review and optimize pumps and blowers at Waste Water Treatment Plant	X	X		
Continue to deliver preventative maintenance program	X	X	X	X
Continue to deliver operator training and education program	X	X	X	X
Conduct regular energy performance audits of water and waste water treatment facilities	X	X	X	X
Monitor and track energy performance of water and waste water treatment facilities	X	X	X	X
<b>GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 175 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e/per year</b>				
Streetlighting				
Strategy 8: Improve energy efficiency of the streetlighting system				
Retrofit all remaining street lighting to LED		X		
Retrofit all decorative lights and street signage to LED		X		
Retrofit all rental lights to LED (Peterborough Utilities)		X		
Retrofit all parking lot lighting to LED			X	
Explore retrofitting of media boards and other digital signage			X	
<b>GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 271 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e/per year</b>				
Solid Waste				
Strategy 9: Reduce the amount of organic waste generated through municipal operations				
Continue to participant in and enhance the office waste reduction and diversion initiatives	X	X	X	X
Implement collection of organic waste from City offices/facilities	X		X	X
Implement staff education and awareness program related to waste minimization and diversion	X	X	X	X
Conduct annual corporate waste audits at each facility to understand waste composition and identify opportunities for improvement	X	X	X	X
Develop a corporate waste diversion target and strategy	X	X		
Monitor and track corporate waste generation and diversion	X	X	X	X

Redevelop and implement the corporate green procurement policy	X		X
Develop and implement a green event policy	X	X	
<b>GHG Emission Reduction Potential: 1,974 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e/per year</b>			

### Decarbonization of Electricity Grid

Since the baseline year of 2011, the Province of Ontario has taken steps to reduce the GHG emissions associated with the electrical grid. For example, it closed all of its coal-fired power plants. This in turn will result in significant GHG Emission Reduction Potential for the City of Peterborough's corporate emissions, totalling 1,287 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e/per year.



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**Peterborough Area Climate Change Action Plan**  
**City of Peterborough –Corporate and Community Emissions Inventory**  
**Partners for Climate Protection Milestone 1**  
 Updated November 3, 2016 (Original version October 27, 2015)



## 1 Introduction and Overview

### Greater Peterborough Area Climate Change Action Plan

Sustainable Peterborough is developing a Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) for the Greater Peterborough Area to reduce local contributions to climate change and prepare the community for present and expected changes that will occur as a result of our changing climate. This Plan represents an integrated approach to dealing with some of the most important issues related to the sustainability of this diverse region. The overall objective of the CCAP is to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, reduce the use of fossil fuels, lower energy consumption, and adapt to changing climate.

The Plan will identify goals, actions, and emission reduction targets that fit with and address the needs of each municipality and First Nation within the Greater Peterborough Area. This report summarizes the baseline greenhouse gas emissions for the City of Peterborough, both from corporate operations and from community sources to satisfy Milestone 1 of the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Program.

### Partners for Climate Protection Program

The PCP program is a network of Canadian local governments that have made a commitment to reduce GHG emissions and act on climate change. Administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the program has over 225 local and regional governments participating. The City of Peterborough joined the program in December 2000. The County of Peterborough and the eight Townships have all joined in 2014 and 2015.

The Climate Change Action Plan is following the PCP's five-milestone framework for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (i.e. climate mitigation). The five-milestone framework is a performance-based model used to guide communities to reduce GHG emissions. Once a milestone is completed, the community – typically led by the local municipality – submits their material to the PCP program for a technical review and approval. To prepare the Climate Change Action Plan, the following 5 milestones will be completed:

1. Establish a GHG inventory and forecast
2. Set emission reduction targets
3. Develop Climate Change Action Plans
4. Implement the local action plans
5. Monitor progress and report on results

### Milestone 1 – GHG Inventory and Forecast

A greenhouse gas inventory brings together data on community and municipal sources of greenhouse gas emissions to estimate emissions for a given year. For the Greater Peterborough Area Climate Action Plan, 2011 has been selected as the baseline year. Establishing a baseline is a useful tool to identify areas for improvement, inform development of a GHG reduction action plan, estimate cost savings from reductions, and serve as a reference point to track improvements. Associated with the baseline GHG inventory is also a forecast that projects future emissions based on assumptions about population, economic growth and fuel mix.

Two separate GHG inventories and forecasts have been created for the City of Peterborough: one for municipal corporate operations and one for community sources. The inventories consist of the following sources of GHG emissions.

Corporate Operations Inventory	Community Inventory
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buildings</li> <li>• Streetlighting</li> <li>• Water and sewage treatment</li> <li>• Municipal fleet</li> <li>• Solid waste</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residential</li> <li>• Commercial and institutional</li> <li>• Industrial</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Solid waste</li> </ul>

Details of each inventory are provided in Sections 2 and 3 of this report.

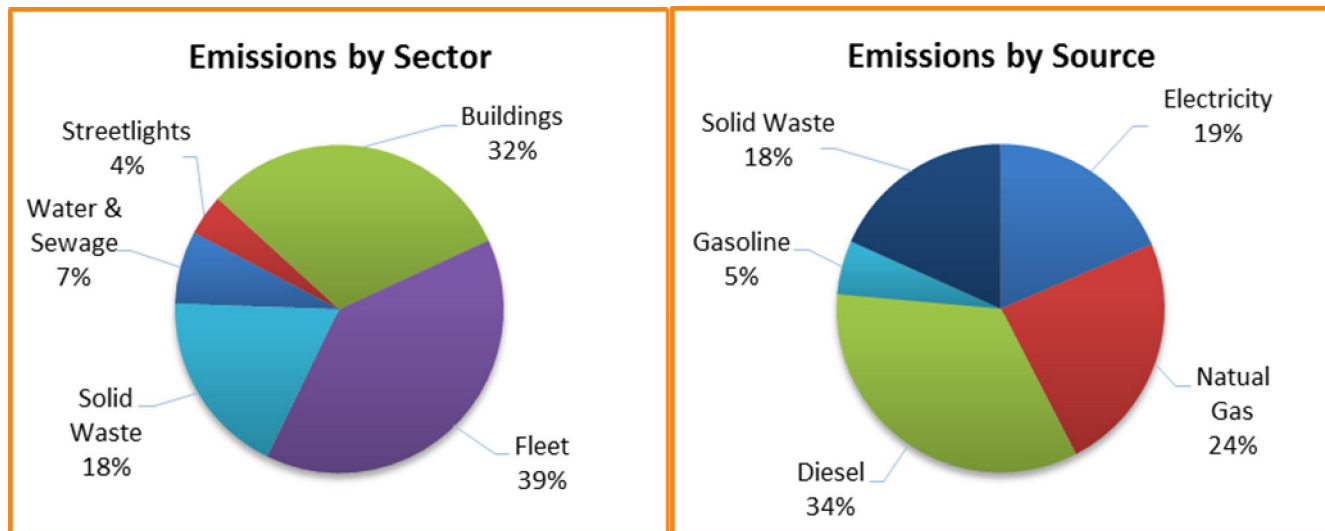
## 2 City of Peterborough Corporate Emission Inventory

The Corporate inventory tracks emissions from municipal operations. The criteria for including emissions in the corporate inventory relies on the concept of *operational control*, and requires the municipality to report all emissions from operations over which it has control.

### City of Peterborough Corporate Emissions Inventory

In 2011, 15,129 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e were emitted by the City of Peterborough's corporate operations. Breakdowns of emissions by sector and source are presented visually in Figure 1 and summarized in Figure 2 below.

**Fig 1. City of Peterborough Corporate Emissions by Sector and Source**



**Fig 2. City of Peterborough Corporate Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e by Sector and Source**

Sector	Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Source	Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
Buildings	4,747	Natural Gas	3,599
Fleet	5,920	Electricity	2,816
Water & Sewage	1,085	Gasoline	801
Streetlighting	608	Diesel	5,144
Solid Waste	2,769	Propane	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,129</b>	Fuel Oil	0
		Solid Waste	2,769
		<b>Total</b>	<b>15,129</b>

### Corporate Operations Data Summary

Energy consumption for **Buildings** and **Water and Sewage** were determined using actual billed electricity and natural gas consumption for those sectors provided by the City of Peterborough. No propane or fuel oil are used in the City of Peterborough's municipal buildings. Energy use for **Streetlighting** is also taken from real consumption data. **Fleet** emissions were calculated using actual fuel consumption data derived from municipal records.

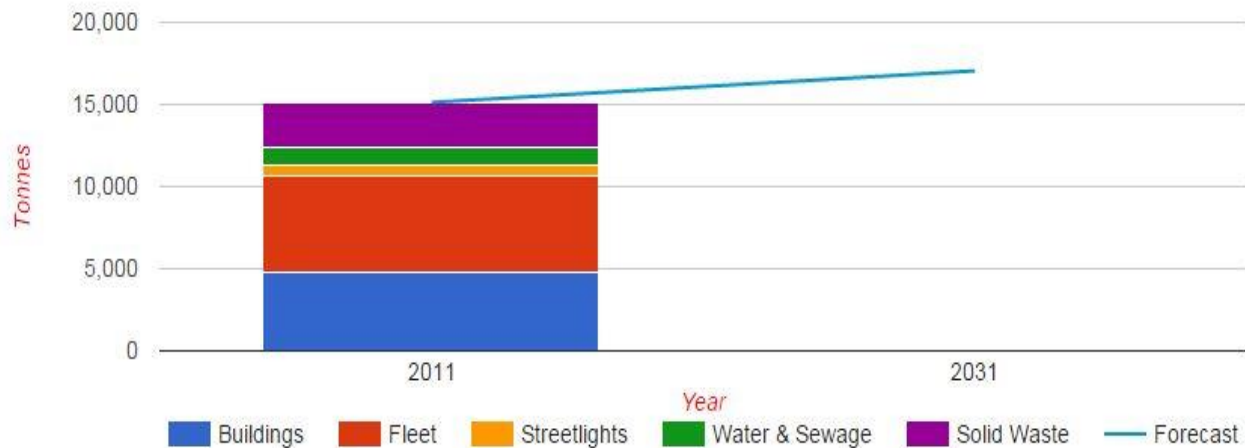
**Solid Waste** emissions are different from the other sectors in that they are not produced by the consumption of energy but instead reflect the impact of methane released through the decomposition of organic matter in landfills. Emissions from this sector were calculated based on total waste deposited in landfill, as well as waste stream estimates derived from municipal records. Estimates of landfill gas capture system performance were based on data from municipal sources as well as estimates of average performance for gas capture systems.

All **emissions coefficients** are derived from Canada's *National Inventory Report*, in line with PCP methodologies, and electricity emissions factors reflect the carbon intensity of Ontario's electricity grid for 2011. No significant assumptions were required to complete the corporate inventory as actual consumption data was available for all sectors and fuel types.

### Business-As-Usual Forecast for City of Peterborough Corporate Operations

A business-as-usual (BAU) forecast is an estimate of annual GHG emissions into the future considered projected population growth if the City continues to operate exactly as it did in 2011 (i.e. if nothing is done to reduce emissions). The BAU forecast for the corporate operations is based on annual growth rates derived from official population projections. It was assumed that municipal operations would increase with population growth – this aligns with standard PCP methodology for creating BAUs. Emissions from corporate operations is projected to increase to 17,051 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per year by 2031, compared to 15,129 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per year in 2011. This BAU projection is presented in Figure 3 below.

**Fig 3. City of Peterborough Corporate BAU Forecast – 2011-2031**



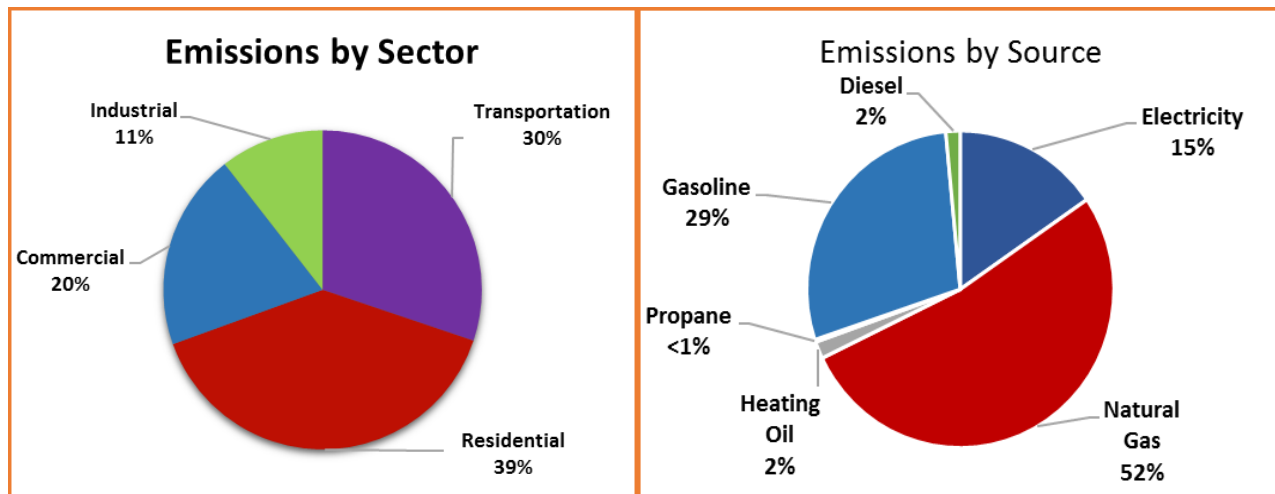
### 3 Community Emission Inventory

The Community inventory tracks emissions from all community sources, including electricity use and heating in homes and businesses, transportation, waste generation, and agricultural production. The municipality may or may not have a direct influence over any of these emissions.

#### City of Peterborough Community Emissions Inventory

In 2011, 349,736 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e were emitted by the City of Peterborough community. Breakdowns of emissions by sector and source are presented visually in Figure 4 and summarized in Figure 5 below.

**Fig 4. City of Peterborough Community Emissions by Sector and Source**



**Fig 5. City of Peterborough Community Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e by Sector and Source**

Sector	Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Source	Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
Residential	137,482	Natural Gas	183,939
Commercial and Institutional	69,900	Electricity	53,939
Industrial	36,863	Gasoline	100,184
Transportation	105,498	Diesel	5,298
Waste	0	Propane	839
<b>Total</b>	<b>349,736</b>	Fuel Oil	6,136
		<b>Total</b>	<b>349,736</b>

(Note: totals are not equal due to rounding)

### Community Data Summary

For emissions from stationary energy (residential, commercial and institutional, and industrial), where possible energy consumption was based on actual metered energy consumption data provided by local utilities.

**Electricity** consumption data was provided by Peterborough Utilities Group, **Natural Gas** consumption data was provided by Enbridge. For **Fuel Oil** and **Propane**, no real consumption data could be acquired. As a result, consumption was estimated by taking the number of households not heated with Natural Gas and allocating those to electric heating, propane, and heat oil respectively based on Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) averages for heating fuel type for Ontario. Once households had been allocated to each fuel type, total consumptions were estimated using average consumption rates for those fuel types by household for Ontario. No estimates of Fuel Oil and Propane consumption for non-residential categories could be determined.

Estimates for **Transportation** fuel consumption were based on a resident activity/vehicle kilometers travelled (VKT) model provided by the City of Peterborough Transportation Department. Fuel consumption was estimated by allocating kilometers across a vehicle mix derived from actual vehicle registration data provided by the Clean Air Partnership, and average fuel consumption rates for those vehicle types derived from NRCAN. The result was a model of Gasoline, Diesel, and Propane consumption for the Transportation sector. Because the transportation model is based on resident activity surveys, it does not include emissions from the commercial sector or non-automobile emissions (water travel and air travel), these are areas for future improvement.

Since **solid waste** emissions for the City of Peterborough Waste Management facility have been allocated to the corporate inventory they have not been included in the community inventory.

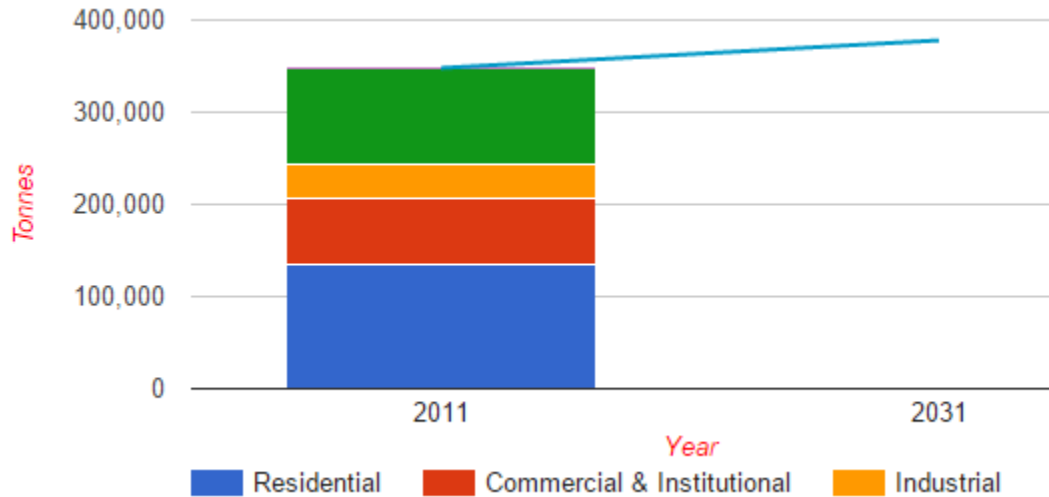
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### Business-As-Usual Forecast for City of Peterborough Community

A business-as-usual (BAU) forecast is an estimate of annual GHG emissions into the future considered projected population growth if the City continues to operate exactly as it did in 2011 (i.e. if nothing is done to reduce emissions). The Community BAU forecasts are based on annual growth rates derived from official population projections in the Growth Plan. In line with PCP protocol methodologies, emissions for residential and transportation sectors were assumed to increase with population growth, while commercial, institutional, and industrial emissions were assumed to increase with projected employment growth. Based on the projected growth for the City of Peterborough, community emissions are expected to grow to 389,587 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e by 2031. This BAU projection is presented in Figure 6 below.



**Fig 6. City of Peterborough Community BAU Forecast – 2011-2031**



#### 4 Next Steps

Completion of the Milestone 1 baseline inventories is the first step in the Greater Peterborough Area Climate Change Action Plan. Next steps involve identifying opportunities to reduce GHG emissions based on the inventories and prepared itemized action plans with estimated GHG reductions and costs and establishing reduction targets. Actions identified in the action plans will be done in collaboration with the eleven other local governments in the Greater Peterborough Area to explore efficiencies and cumulative impacts. Ideas for actions will be based on best practice research, public input, and ongoing meetings 80+ community organizations and stakeholders.



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**To:** **Members of the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee**

**From:** **Michael Papadacos, Manager of Infrastructure Management Division**

**Meeting Date:** **January 22, 2020**

**Subject:** **Report PEAC20-004  
Urban Forest Canopy – Public Consultation Feedback**

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## **Purpose**

A report to inform the Committee that Urban Forestry staff will make a presentation at the January 22, 2020 meeting to provide an overview of the Urban Forest Canopy – Public Consultation Feedback.

## **Recommendation**

That the PEAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC20-004 dated January 22, 2020 of the Manager of Infrastructure Management Division, as follows:

That the presentation from Urban Forestry staff be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

## **Background**

In November and December 2019, city staff worked with a specialist engagement consultant to solicit feedback from the public and key stakeholders on how to update the approach to canopy conservation and tree replacement in the city. The engagement approach included multiple methods: an online survey; five public open houses held

throughout the city; stakeholder interviews with individuals and organizations with specialist knowledge in arboriculture, forestry, landscape design and community greening programs; and interviews with tree care professionals that operate in the city.

The posters from the public open houses are attached to this report as a reference. City staff will present preliminary findings from this engagement process to the committee and the committee will be asked to provide advice on incorporating the public feedback received into initiatives to enhance the tree canopy in the municipality.

Submitted by,

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Appendix A – Urban Forest Canopy Public Material



**Urban Forest Strategic Plan 2011 (updated 2016)**  
**(The City’s approved plan for the Urban Forest of Peterborough)**

**Our Vision Statement**

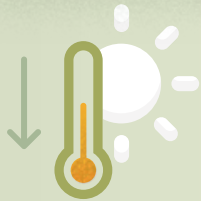
The City of Peterborough recognizes and values the environmental, social, cultural and economic contribution of the urban forest to our community.

To safeguard the many benefits provided by trees, the City is committed to managing the urban forest by promoting community stewardship and strategic practice to preserve, renew and enhance this essential resource.

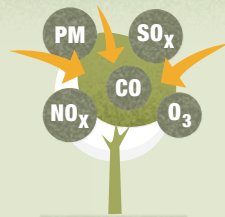
**The Urban Forest Strategic Plan contains 8 Strategic Objectives -**

Strategic Objective	Actions completed to date
1. To maintain and enhance a sustainable urban forest in the City of Peterborough.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Undertake tree inventory</li><li>• Identify planting opportunities</li><li>• Improve planting practices</li></ul>
2. To maximize the benefits of the urban forest for the well-being of the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve street design to create space for large-stature trees</li><li>• Suggested canopy cover increase from 29 to 35% of City land area</li><li>• Introduce appropriate tree replacement ratios</li></ul>
3. To formalize and enhance the City's accountability as a steward, manager, regulator and promoter of the urban forest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improved data management systems</li><li>• Improved management practices</li><li>• Improved staff training</li></ul>
4. To recognize and manage the urban forest as a key element of the City's green Infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recognize City trees as green assets and add to the City's Asset Management Register</li><li>• Quantify the environmental benefits of City trees</li><li>• Revise Right-of-Way cross sections to create spaces for trees</li></ul>
5. To preserve and protect the health of the urban forest and prevent unnecessary damage or removal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development and refinement of canopy conservation by-laws</li><li>• Protect and preserve the best City ash trees through the Emerald Ash Borer Management Program</li><li>• Improve tree retention practices</li><li>• Implement tree risk assessment program for staff</li></ul>
6. To identify and recognize significant valuable trees based on historic, aesthetic, cultural, social and ecological criteria.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partnership with Peterborough GreenUp to identify significant trees</li><li>• Heritage tree training for staff</li><li>• Heritage Tree Policy drafted</li></ul>
7. To create a regulatory framework that includes ongoing monitoring and assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Input on natural heritage policies in the new Official Plan</li><li>• Develop a model to determine replanting requirements</li><li>• Combine photography and LiDAR to benchmark monitor canopy change</li></ul>
8. To increase community awareness of the benefit of trees, encourage community involvement and create a shared responsibility for the stewardship of the urban forest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase public engagement through social media platforms</li><li>• Make tree data publicly available</li></ul>

# BENEFITS OF URBAN TREES



Strategic placement of trees in urban areas can **cool the air** by between 2 °C and 8 °C.



Large urban trees are excellent **filters for urban pollutants** and fine particulates.



Mature trees **regulate water flow** and **improve water quality**.

A tree can absorb up to 150 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per year, sequester carbon and consequently **mitigate climate change**.



Wood can be used for **cooking and heating**.



Trees can **provide food**, such as fruits, nuts and leaves.

Spending time near trees **improves physical and mental health** by increasing energy level and speed of recovery, while decreasing blood pressure and stress.



Trees properly placed around buildings can **reduce air conditioning needs** by 30% and **save energy used for heating** by 20–50%.

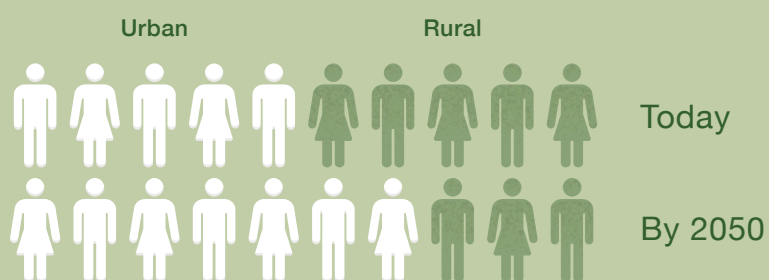


Trees provide habitat, food and protection to plants and animals, **increasing urban biodiversity**.



Landscaping, especially with trees, can **increase property values** by 20%.

World urban population is growing fast...



...planting trees today is **essential** for future generations!



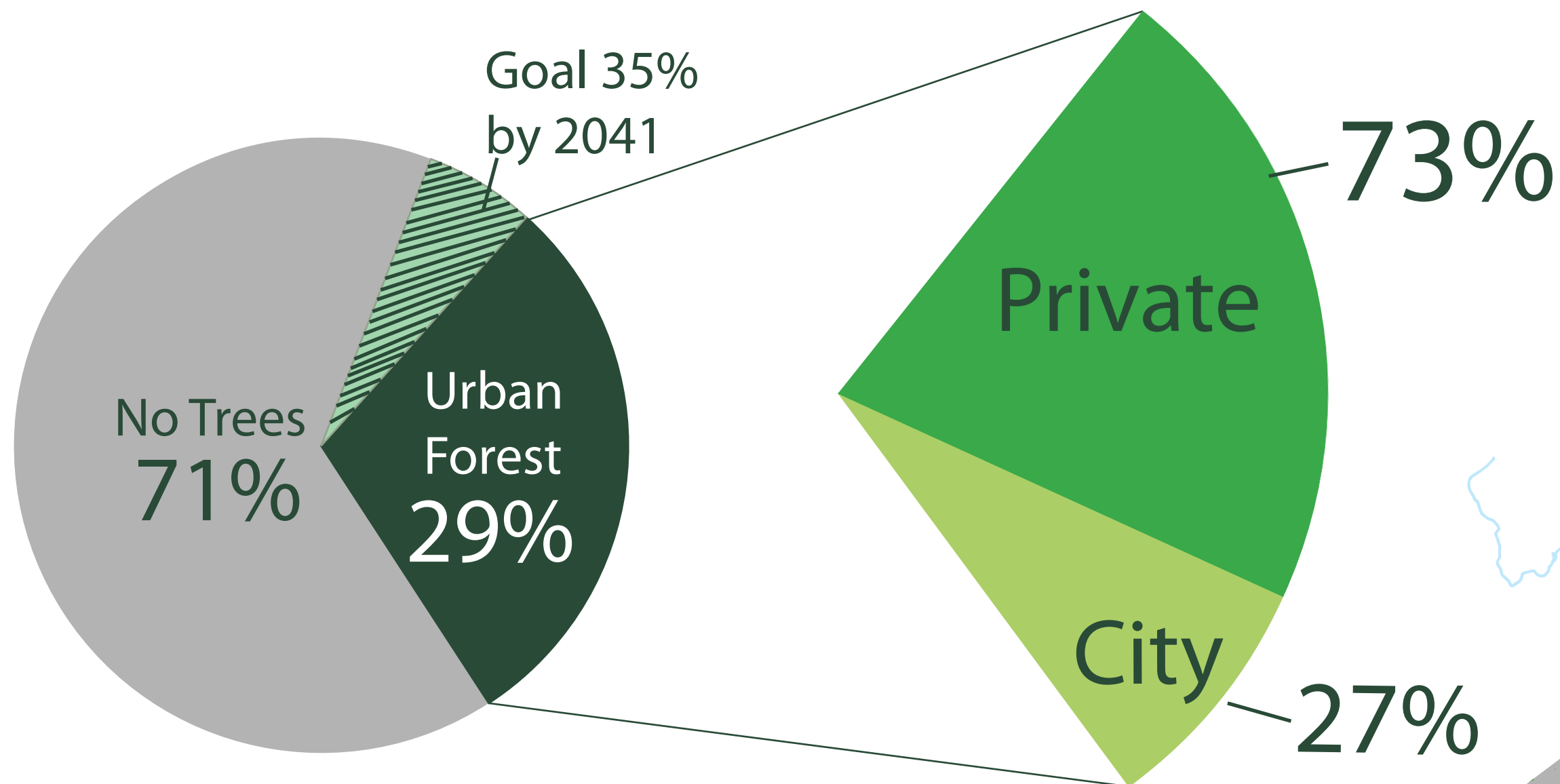
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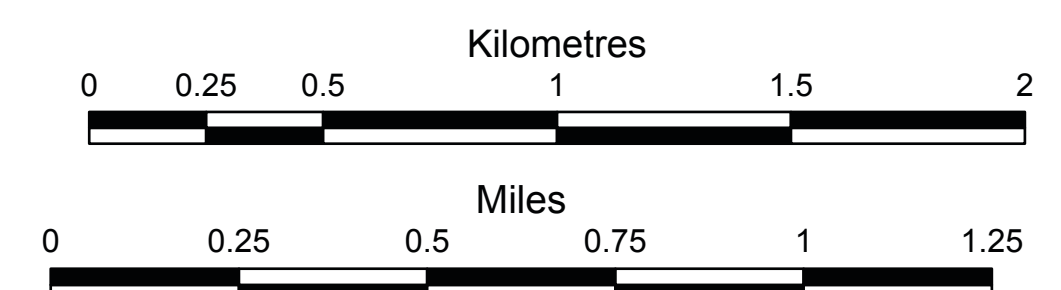
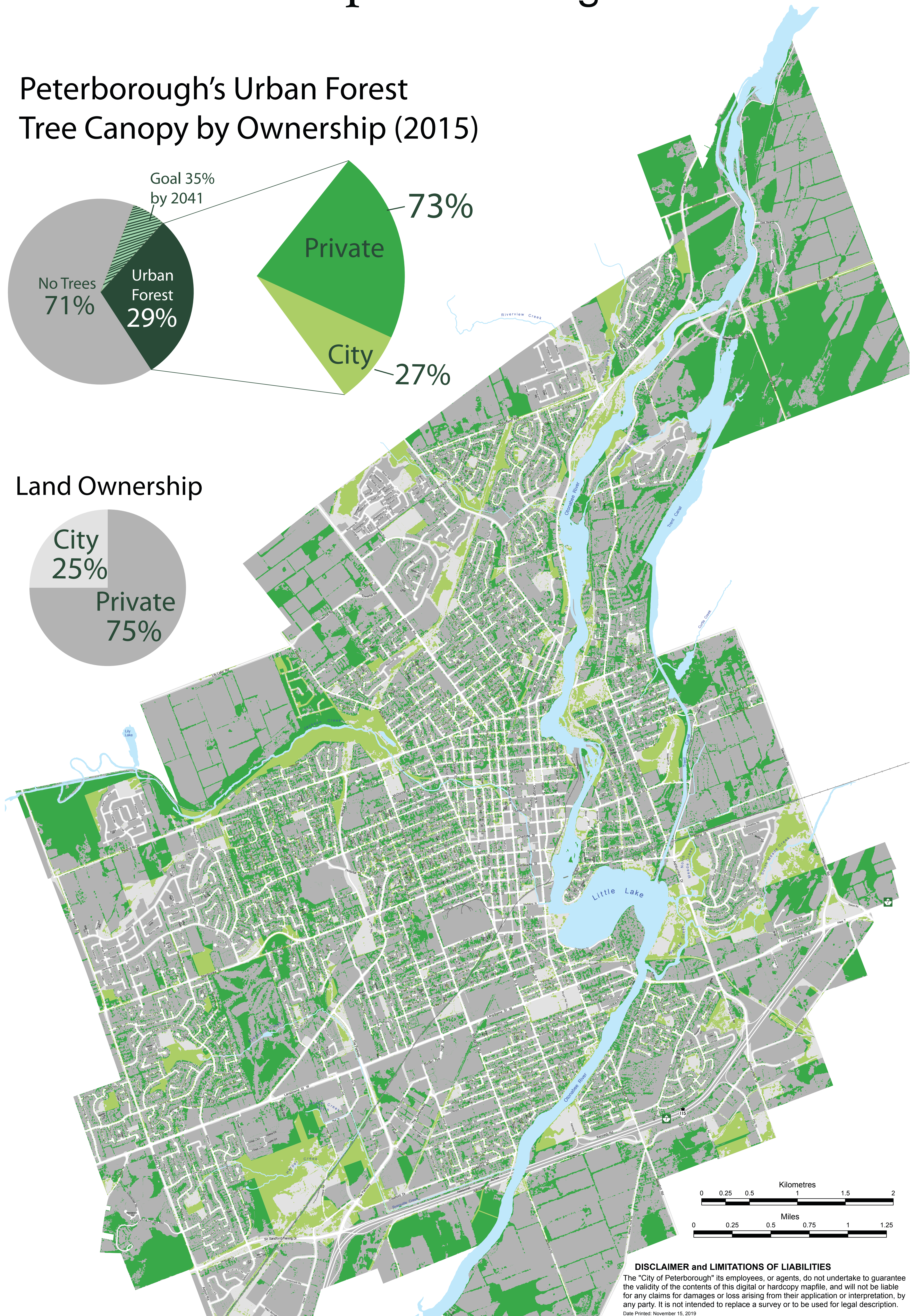
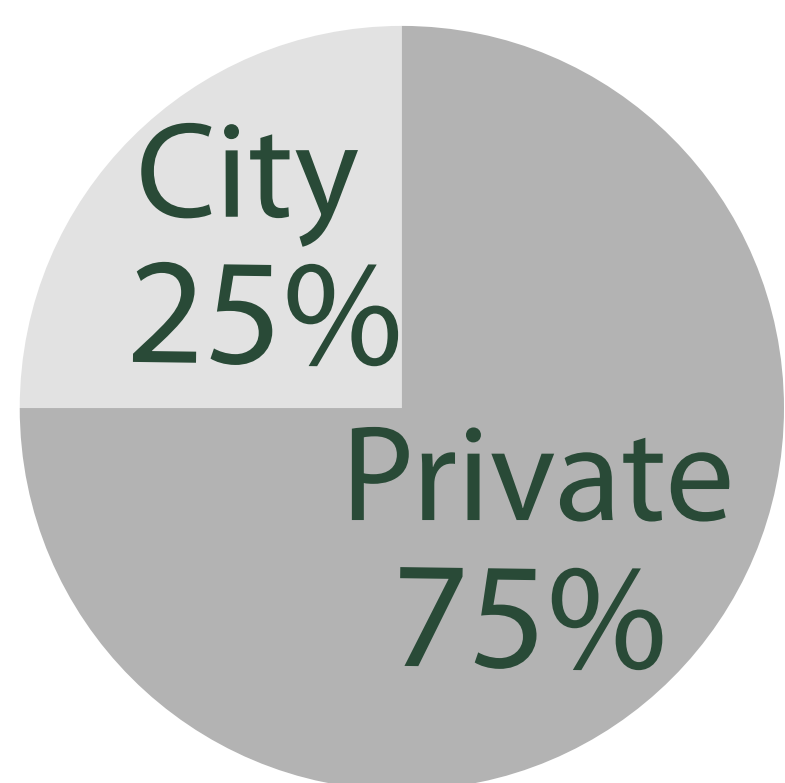




# Peterborough's Urban Forest Tree Canopy by Ownership (2015)



## Land Ownership




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## Tree By-Law Notifications 2019 (April - November)

Total By-law Notifications

1066 

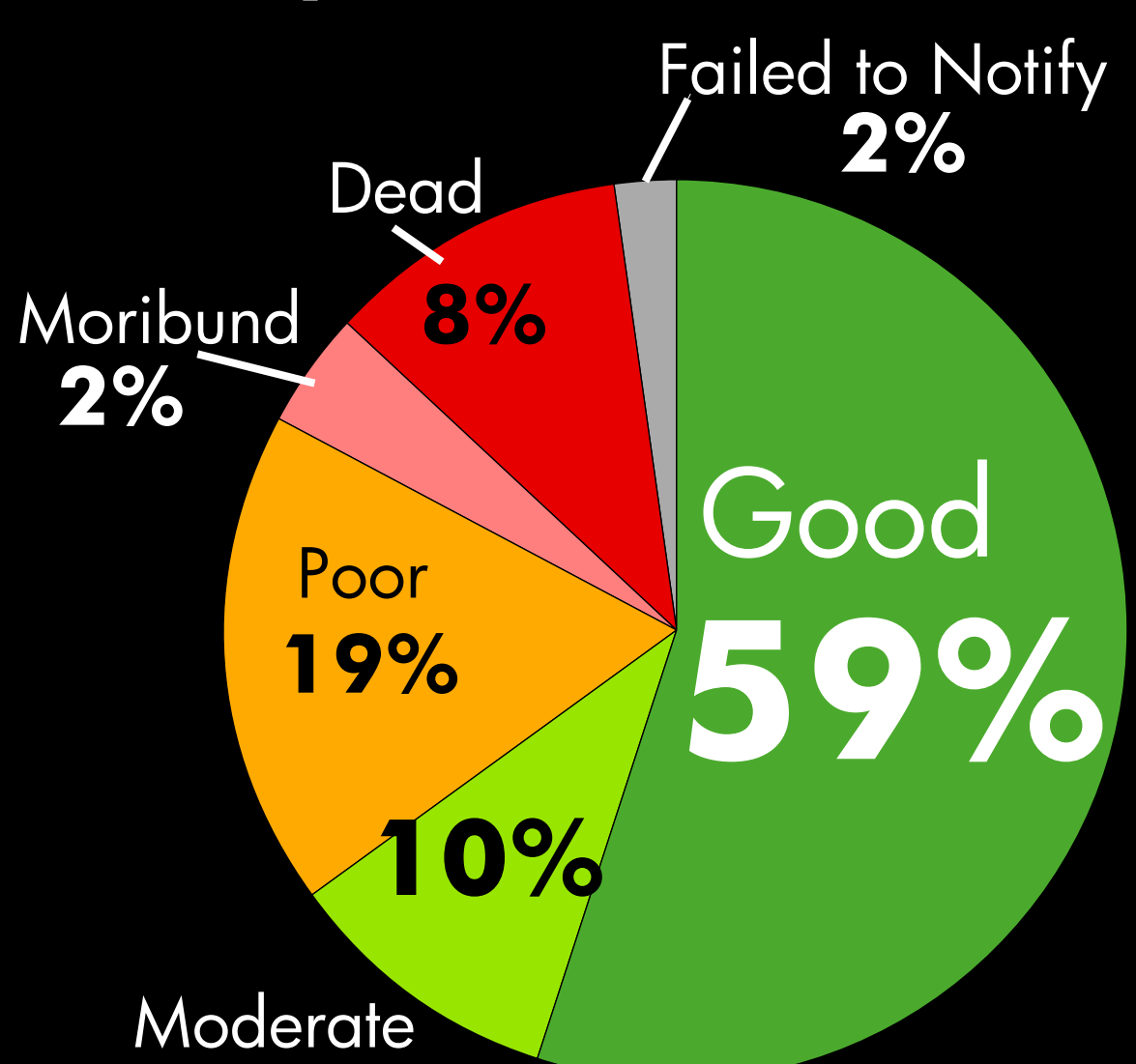
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Total Trees to be Removed

2365 

118,483 sq m canopy

Trees by Submitted Condition



Poor Condition

452 

36,576 sq m canopy

Dead/Moribund

237 

Healthy Trees  
1633   
79,918 sq m canopy

Replacements for Healthy Tree Removals

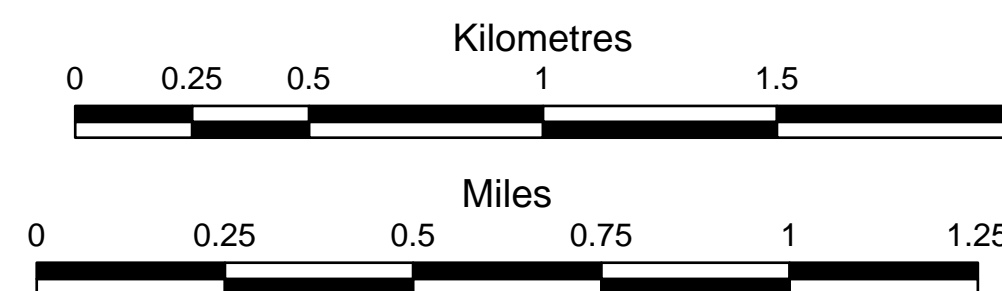
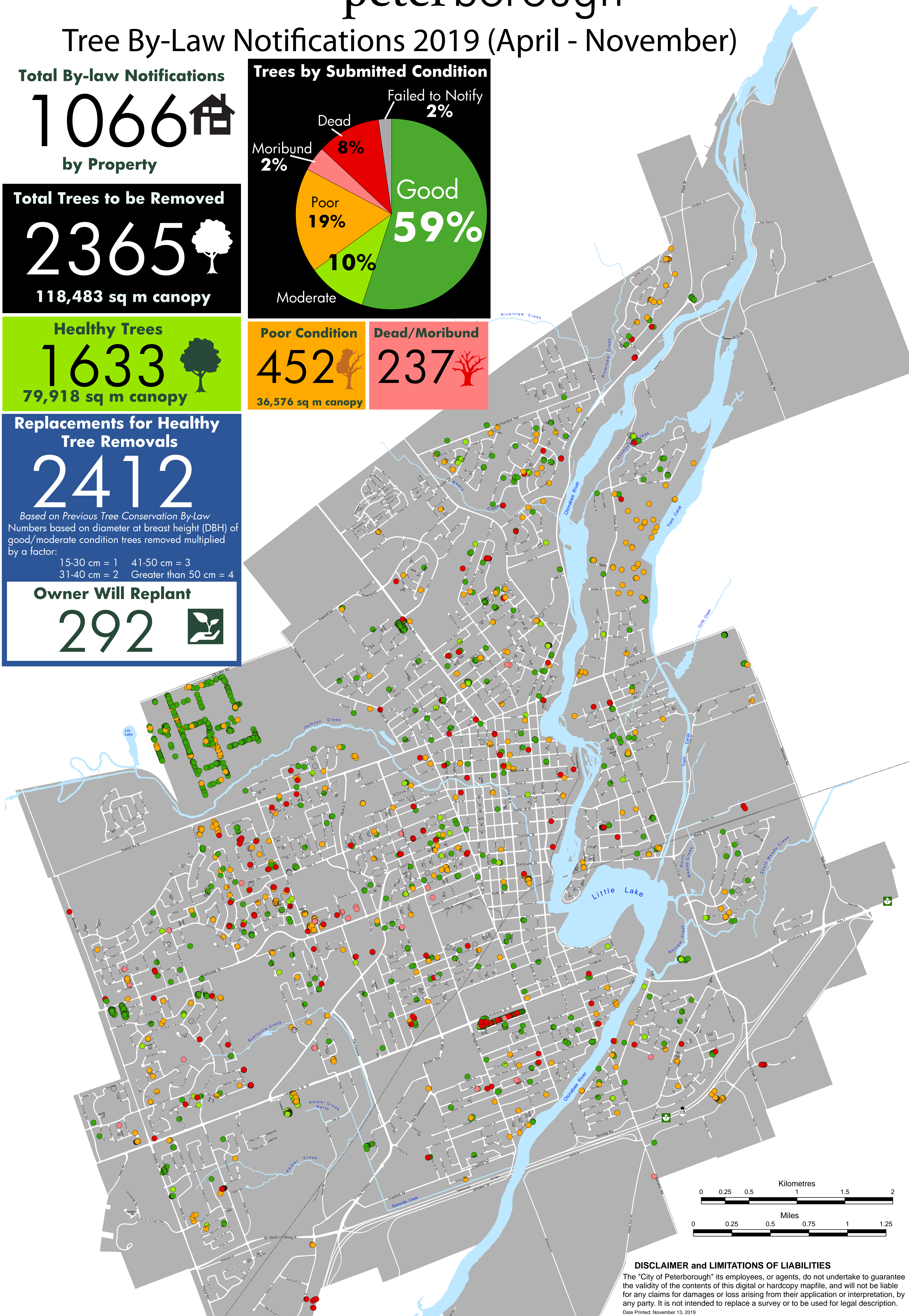
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Based on Previous Tree Conservation By-Law  
Numbers based on diameter at breast height (DBH) of good/moderate condition trees removed multiplied by a factor:

15-30 cm = 1    41-50 cm = 3  
31-40 cm = 2    Greater than 50 cm = 4

Owner Will Replant

292 





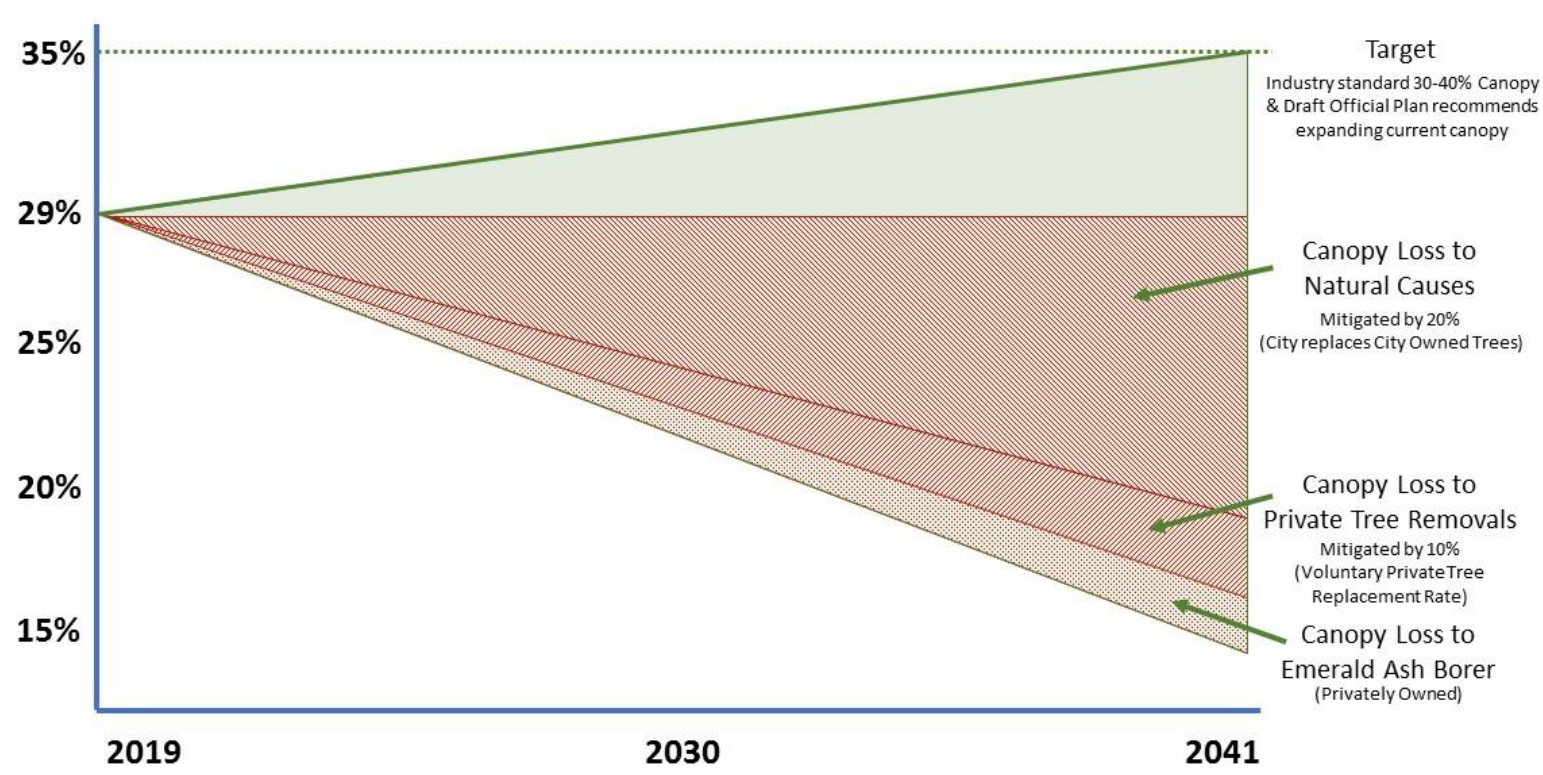
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Possible Future Trends for Peterborough’s Urban Forest

INCREASING CANOPY	DECREASING CANOPY
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Require Replacement Trees</li><li>• Increase City Tree Planting Budget</li><li>• Incentivize Private Tree Planting</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Private Healthy Tree Removals</li><li>• Emerald Ash Borer</li><li>• Invasive Pests and Diseases</li><li>• Restricted Planting Spaces</li><li>• Over-mature tree population</li><li>• Natural Tree Mortality</li></ul>



\*City ash tree losses to Emerald Ash Borer not included as City program targets 100% canopy replacement through treatment and replacement of trees

HOW CAN WE CLOSE THE GAP?

Please write your suggestions on a Post It note and place in the area below