



Ottawa Biosphere Eco-City

OBEC is part of a national network of Biosphere Eco-Cities Canada (BECC) with initiatives also in Toronto, Brampton, Edmonton, Vancouver

General Meeting: OBEC 2.0

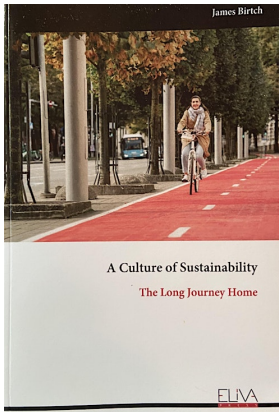
Tuesday 29 October 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Ottawa Public Library Beaverbrook Branch
Meeting Room A, 2500 Campeau Dr, Kanata, ON K2K 2W3

You Are Invited to the Relaunch of Ottawa Biosphere Eco-city 2.0

New voices and ideas are very welcome!
Together we can develop a new vision for community sustainability:
Your ideas and suggestions will make the difference!

How we'll make Ottawa Sustainable – Discussion of the way forward



Jim Birtch, *Culture and Belief in our Mission: How we'll make Ottawa Sustainable.*

Most of you know Jim. He studied engineering, computers and geography; researched coking coals and aerial crop surveys; reviewed programs for federal governments. He gave social support to the homeless and refugees. Parks Canada hired him for community policy. He wrote Parks Canada's first sustainability development strategy and coordinated Canada's biosphere reserves for 23 years. Jim created the Biosphere Eco-City model, led OBEC for 10 years and now chairs Biosphere Ecocities Canada.

Door Prize: a signed copy of Jim's new book *A Culture of Sustainability: The Long Journey Home*
Tickets free!

See the attached page or visit our website to see examples of recent projects: <https://obec-evbo.ca>

AGM – You are welcome to attend!

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Activity Report
4. Financial Report
5. Election of officers: Join our volunteer board and help build OBEC's new direction
6. Adjournment

Let us know you are coming through Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/3zPBkpo>

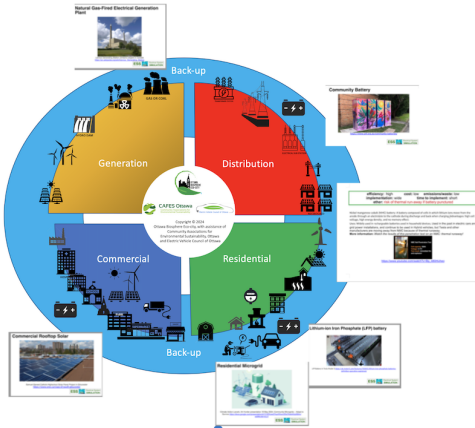
Ottawa Biosphere Eco-city (OBEC) is a registered charity in Canada.

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Ottawa Biosphere Eco-city-- Example Projects

In addition to community sustainability plans which can be seen at <https://obec-evbo.ca>



Electrical System Simulation

A discussion game to help neighbours and communities identify their needs and expectations of the changing electrical system. In discussion among neighbours, cards are laid out to model an electrical system that meets the group's needs: the purpose is to have a fruitful discussion among community members about future directions for the electrical grid.

This simulation is currently in testing in West Carleton but should be equally effective in any (rural) community.

A collaboration with Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) and Electrical Vehicle Council of Ottawa (EVCO)

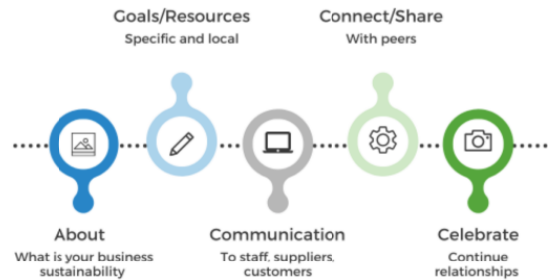
For more information: <https://obec-evbo.ca/ess/>

My Sustainable Business Path

My Sustainable Business Path (MSBP) is a series of 3 workshops for small business owners and managers to help identify actions they can take now to prepare for Net-Zero in 2050.

Just-in-time learning that engages the needs of small business owners based on relationships formed during the workshops.

A collaboration with Smart-Net Alliance



For more information: <https://obec-evbo.ca/msbp/>



Roadside Pollinator Plants in Denmark

Adopt-a-Ditch

Adopt-a-ditch is a 2-phase, collaborative pilot project to bring stakeholders together to assess how pollinator corridors can be created on selected roads in rural west Ottawa for pollinator well-being, cost savings and benefits to agriculture, drainage and public health. The phases are 1. Developing a plan with stakeholders and 2. Implementing the pilot plan and reporting results.

This project received much support from the Lanark County Environment Office in Perth, which already has a manage weeds with a . PrincipaRoadside Restoration Plan: <https://bit.ly/3zQOnXe>

The OBEC project was funded by the Invasive Species Council of Ontario for 2024, but we were unable to take up the funding. We were, however, invited to re-submit for 2025

For more information: <https://obec-evbo.ca/adopt-a-ditch/>

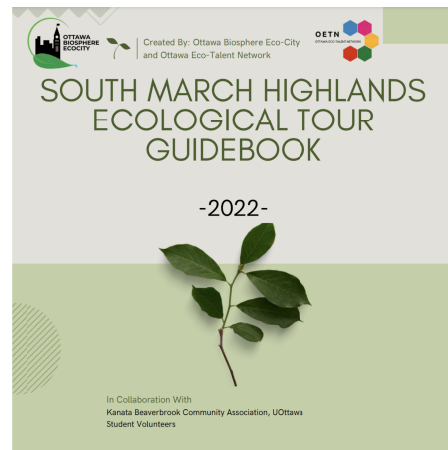
South March Highlands Eco Tour Guidebook

A self guided tour of the South March Highlands Forest.

Throughout the guidebook you will find a range of information on the forest, like specific highlighted species, ecosystem assets, maps and trail information. This guidebook aims to raise public awareness amongst Kanata residents about the ecological importance of their local landscapes, to promote stewardship and conservation of those sites, and to protect local biodiversity found within them.

A collaboration with the Kanata Beaverbrook Community Association and the Ottawa Eco-Talent Network. Principal writer Sabrina Guwenc.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/47Zw2DO>



For more information on these and other projects: info@obec-evbo.ca