

Buying less, sharing more; protecting natural wetlands; and carbon offsets!



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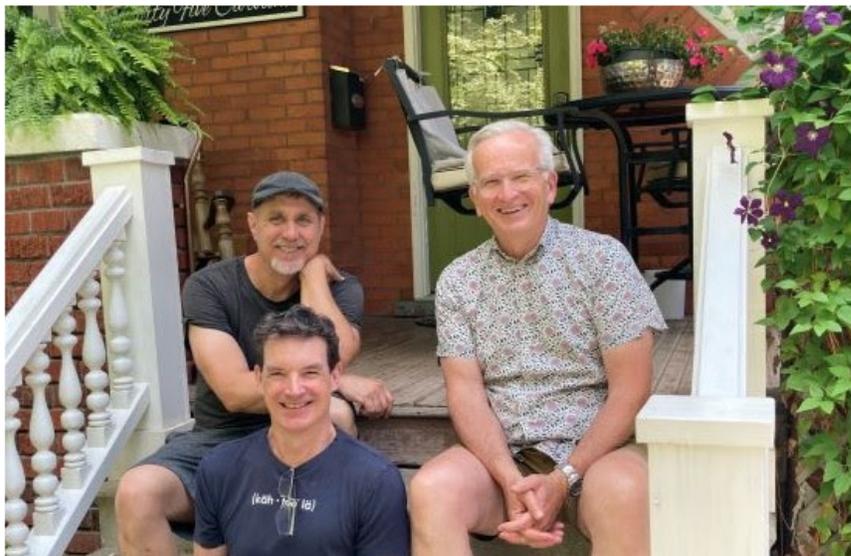
Three Guys and a Lawnmower

Helping to Protect Natural Wetlands

Plus and Opportunity to Offset your Summer Travel

Reducing Waste by Buying Less

Buy Less, Share More



Left to Right: Al Voort, Rory Feore, and Bill James-Abra neighbours and lawnmower co-owners.

Halfway through the summer of 2019, just when Canadian Tire was putting its lawn and gardening equipment on sale, Al Voort's gas mower was on its last gasps. It wasn't the most reliable when it came to starting, and when it did run it smelled... well, like an old stinky gas mower. Across the street, Bill James-Abra was looking for a new mower, and together they hit on the idea of buying one mower to share between them. After a conversation between Al and Rory in their shared driveway, the lawnmower became a three-way project. For three summers now, each the three neighbours has had the use of a battery powered electric lawnmower, and Al and Rory have gone on to co-own a cordless grass trimmer together.

In Perth County and Stratford, waste is one of the top three contributors to greenhouse gas emissions. And one of the easiest ways to manage waste, is to buy less. Just ask Al, Rory and Bill. And then have a conversation with your neighbours because... lawn and gardening equipment is on sale again.

Now... Al's car is getting a little old...

Donate to the Legal Challenge

Protecting Muskoka Wetlands



If you're a regular reader of our newsletter you know that Climate Momentum is a partner with the Small Change Fund. Small Change is a Canadian charity that partners with local organizations to support projects in the areas of climate action, conservation, fighting poverty, amplifying indigenous voices... and more. The Small Change Fund provides us in Climate Momentum with support and campaign resources, and through the Fund we have access to monthly networking meetings with SCF partners from across the province and the country.

One of those partner organizations is the South Bracebridge Environmental Protection Group. Right now, the South Bracebridge group could use your help. They're in a fight to protect 443 acres of

wetlands and environmentally sensitive lands from development for a private college. The college is the project of a Toronto developer who bought the wetlands and wants to rezone them. The land is made up of lush forests, marshes and rock barrens. The wetlands help to control flooding, protect water quality, and absorb carbon. And once they're gone, they're gone forever.

You can read more about the project at the South Bracebridge Environmental Protection Group's website, and you can donate to the legal appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal through this Small Change Fund campaign page. You'll receive a tax receipt for your donation and know that your helping to protect our natural heritage.

Donate to offset your travel!

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THIS
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one tree at a time

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Many of us who reduced or stopped travelling because of COVID-19 are back on the move this summer. If you are travelling this summer, please consider reducing your carbon footprint with a donation to Tree Trust.

Tree Trust is a provincial organization with six chapters across southwestern Ontario, including our very own Stratford-Perth Tree Trust. With a donation to Tree Trust you can be part of "fighting the climate crisis, one tree at a time"

The Stratford-Perth chapter of Tree Trust works with local certified arborists at Tim's Tree Care to provide life-extending care to middle-aged and older trees in Stratford-Perth. These trees are on public, commercial and private properties and represent our biggest and best urban trees. These are mature, large trees that each store some 10 tonnes of carbon

You can make a donation to the Stratford-Perth Tree Trust here, and when you click on the 'donate' button (just below the photos, on the left-hand side), remember to use the drop down list to select the Stratford-Perth chapter.

"What action can you take today that will contribute to something you will be proud of in 10 years?" - James Clear



Climate Momentum is a community-based climate action group in Stratford and Perth County.

Our vision is for a community engaged in creative, bold responses to the global climate crisis and committed to a carbon-neutral Perth County by 2050.

We focus on supporting individual and community-wide change in key areas of meaningful climate action: green transportation, net zero buildings, waste reduction, and biodiversity protection.

Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge the ancestral guardians of this land and its waterways: the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Wendat, and the Attawandaron. Today many Indigenous peoples continue to call this land home and act as its stewards. We believe the responsibility to share and care for this land extends to all of us. We are treaty peoples, and accountable for the promises made by our ancestors. We also acknowledge that these words do not mean anything if they are not followed by meaningful action.

If you're looking for opportunities to learn more about and to engage in reconciliation, we encourage you to consider supporting the work of [Indspire.ca](#) or the [N'Amerind \(London\) Friendship Centre](#), or to visit the Stratford Public Library for their recommendations of reading materials and resources.



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