

The Distinguished and The Distressed

July 16, 2006

Rain or Shine

Trees in the City. They are shelter from the hot sun and a light rain, and a child's favourite climb. They beautify the landscape and mark some of the best picnic spots around. Today, our trees are also increasingly subject to such urban stressors as road salt, vehicle exhaust, and soil compaction.

Join Ken Farr, author of *The Forests of Canada*, and the Ottawa Forests and Greenspace Advisory Committee on a walk along Preston Street and through the Arboretum, and learn the history of some of Ottawa's oldest and most notable trees, and the effects of urban stressors on trees in the city.



Stressed tree at Dow's Lake Pavilion

Thanks to the Eastern Ontario Model Forest, who will donate a signed copy of Ken's book to a lucky participant of our tour!

Date and time: July 16, 1:00-3:00 pm

Rendez-vous point: Dow's Lake Pavilion

Parking: Available at the Pavilion.

What to bring: Comfortable walking shoes, water bottle, hats, sunscreen.

Other Upcoming Events

DATE	TOUR
September 17 2006	<i>A Forest in the Fall</i> Hike among the leaves of the Marlborough Forest and learn about the forest's ecology, and its innovative community involvement management system.
November 19 2006	<i>What's in a Name?</i> See the beautiful and unique natural features of the Carp Ridge, and learn how forest practices manage current stressors. Tree identification will challenge you along the way!
January 17 2007	<i>Active Forest Harvest</i> <i>Curious?</i> Join us on our winter hike and snowshoe event, and see some of the latest sustainable forest management principles at work.
March 19 2007	<i>Maple Syrup!</i> Learn how maple syrup is collected and produced in Ottawa's very own Vanier Sugar Bush.

Special thanks to our partners for this event:



Wherever possible, OFGAC will help residents coordinate their travel to and from the site by posting car and transit directions, and/or the names of volunteers for carpools leaving from central or downtown locations.

Visit our website at www.ottawaforests.ca for the latest details on OFGAC's outdoor events. All OFGAC events are free of charge.

About OFGAC

The Ottawa Forests and Greenspace Advisory Committee (OFGAC) was established in 2001 to advise Ottawa City Council and provide a forum for citizens on issues related to forests and greenspace. The committee has 15 members, appointed by Council, from all areas of the City of Ottawa.

OFGAC advises the City of Ottawa on

- Municipal policies relating to trees and forests;
- Protection, management, acquisition and conservation of greenspaces;
- Management of community forests;
- Public-private initiatives to protect greenspace; and
- Rural reforestation.

We are working with City Council toward greening of streets, parks, and communities by developing

- an Ottawa Forest Strategy;
- a Greenspace Master Plan;
- a Biodiversity Strategy;
- a tree cover inventory and tree cover objectives; and
- a Good Forestry Practices Bylaw.

OFGAC provides a forum for citizens interested in trees and tree cover. We also create partnerships with local community groups and work closely with environmental organizations through numerous workshops, conferences, and networking opportunities. Our monthly meetings are open to the public.



Ottawa Forests and Greenspace
Advisory Committee