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This is an open letter to the mayor and council of Georgina.

More and more each day we hear of serious concerns about climate change. In view of this I request the Town to take certain concrete actions.

The benefits trees provide to our environment are numerous. Some of them are:

- * The storage of carbon and absorption of carbon dioxide (CO2).
- * The production of oxygen that we breathe.
- * The conservation of water, prevention of flood damage, and erosion.
- * The moderation of temperature, both in the summer and winter.
- * As a windbreak, preventing snow drifts along our roads.
- * And, as windbreaks, reducing domestic fuel bills.
- * Providing shade and preventing sunburn among children in backyards, parks, etc.
- * Providing improved aesthetics in parks, along roads, and generally for domestic landscaping.
- * Cleaning of the air, providing a healthier environment.
- * Providing a habitat for our disappearing wildlife.
- * Providing food for both our wildlife and ourselves (wild fruit trees).
- * And the list goes on.

I therefore request that:

- * The Town of Georgina set up a yearly tree planting program for a specified number of trees on its public lands, such as parks, along our roads on roadside allowances, etc.
- * Identify such suitable locations.
- * Put aside a substantial sum in its budget, to purchase a predetermined variety of suitable trees for our area, and for the actual labour involved in planting each spring.
- * Appoint a current town employee or a volunteer from the community (not yet another new employee since we have too many already) to direct and supervise the ongoing project with periodic reports to councilors, as well as the citizens of Georgina.

And:

- * Encourage all property owners to plant one tree this year, where possible, on their land, their lot, in their garden, wherever.

Let's stop talking and take action. One tree may not make much of a difference, but collectively we can do a lot. I look forward to your personal response.

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