



Welcome to the Ontario Urban Forest Council's
2025 Urban Forestry Conference
 November 25th, 2025 – Virtual Zoom Meeting

8:30 – 8:45am	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	Jade Schofield – President, OUFC
8:45 – 9:55am	Tree By-Law Panel	
	Guelph's New Tree By-Law	Timea Filer – Urban Forestry Field Technologist, City of Guelph
	Private tree by-laws in Ontario: Current practices, challenges and opportunities	Margot Ursic – Principal, Grounded Solutions
	Forest Conservation By-laws at the Upper Tier Level	Graeme Davis – Forester, County of Simcoe
9:55 – 10:10am	Break	
10:10 – 10:40am	OUFC Climate Report	Jade Schofield – President, OUFC
10:40 – 11:10am	Implementing the Southern Ontario Seed Strategy	Sarah Winterton – Big Picture Facilitator, Carolinian Canada
11:10 – 11:55am	Tree Equity Analysis: Prioritizing Trees in Ottawa	Martha Copestake – Senior Planning Forester, City of Ottawa Zoe Bedford – Planning Forester, City of Ottawa
11:55 – 12:25pm	Lunch	
12:25 – 12:40pm	Treevia	
12:40 – 1:10pm	Growing Canada's Community Canopies Funding Initiative	Jill Sturdy – Outreach Advisor, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
1:10 – 2:20pm	Implementing the SFI Urban and Community Forest Sustainability Standard: Case Study Panel	
	The 5Ws of the SFI Standard	Meg Hanna – Director of Urban and Community Forestry, SFI
	Overview of Clemson's Implementation and Certification Experience	Pat Layton – Strategic Advisor, Wood Utilization + Design Institute, Clemson University
	Overview of York Region's Implementation and Certification Experience	James Lane – Manager, Natural Heritage and Forestry, York Region
2:20 – 2:35pm	Break	
2:35 – 3:05pm	Restoring Soils in Urban Environments	Rhoda deJonge – Director, Responses and the Environment, Vineland Research and Innovation Centre
3:05 – 4:15pm	Invasive Species Updates	
	Overview of CFIA's 2025-26 Forest Pest Surveillance Program in Ontario	Julie Holmes – Plant Health Survey Biologist, Canadian Food Inspection Agency
	Community Science in Action: Highlighting the Invasive Species Centre's Initiatives	Vince La Tassa – Program Development Coordinator, Invasive Species Centre
	Beech Leaf Disease Management	Allison Winmill – Field Solutions Specialist, Lallemand Plant Care
4:15 – 4:30pm	Closing Remarks	Jade Schofield – President, OUFC

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