



Tree Ottawa Champions

A Community-Centered, Environmental Initiative to Protect and Plants Trees and Enhance and Celebrate Ecological Spaces in the Nation's Capital

Tree Ottawa and Ecology Ottawa as the coordinating group, shall receive advice and input from an acclaimed group of “Champions”. Specifically, the development and implementation of Tree Ottawa’s Strategy, and programs/initiatives, shall be guided by a group of notable tree and environmental leaders. Ecology Ottawa shall seek out expertise and ideas from the Champions notably in regards to increasing Ottawa’s treescape through the initiatives, planning and implementation process. Tree Ottawa’s Champions are profiled below.



Diana Beresford-Kroeger is a botanist, medical biochemist who brings together ethnobotany, horticulture, spirituality and alternative medicine to reveal a path toward better stewardship of the natural world. A resident of the Kemptville area, she is among the most prominent tree thinkers on the Planet. Her books include *The Global Forest*, *Arboretum Borealis* and *Arboretum America: A Philosophy of the Forest*,



Michael Rosen is the President of Tree Canada, responsible for securing private and public partnerships, overall project management, governance and chief of Board and stakeholder relations. Michael brings more than 20 years of experience to the position. Michael was Vice-President of Tree Canada since 2002. Previously he was a Stewardship Coordinator and Forester for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources where he received the Amethyst Award for his work especially during the 1998 ice storm.



Mark Cullen is Canada's best known gardener connecting with over one million Canadians weekly through his many varied media outlets. Whether it is through his weekly CTV morning show segment, his many on-line postings or his numerous books, his personable style and topical information has captivated audiences and continued to garner him fans across Canada. Cullen is known for his sense of social responsibility, actively participates in local, provincial and international developmental and educational programs.



Head gardener to a 30 year succession of Canadian Governors General and Prime Ministers, for more than three decades Ed Lawrence has shared his encyclopedic knowledge of the horticultural world with callers to CBC Radio's weekly noon-hour phone-in gardening show, one of the longest running and most popular segments in Canadian broadcast history. This veteran "Gardening Guru" has compiled the best of those queries and answers into practical, hands-on books about horticultural peril and redemption.



Chris Henderson is an Ottawa-based eco-entrepreneur. He has led two of Canada's most forward-thinking companies in the domains of clean energy, climate change, environment and sustainability. Locally, Chris has headed several major business organizations across the City, and is very active with environmental initiatives from 1000 Solar Rooftops to the 3i Summit. Chris will play a key role connecting Tree Ottawa Champions with the initiative.



Scientist, life-long naturalist, and current Chair of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club Conservation committee, Owen Clarkin's interests involves the natural history of trees. His focus has centered on the present status of natural forests in Eastern Ontario; in this capacity he has been looking for the last "unknown" remnant woodlots of the primeval forest, with an emphasis on understanding the conservations of rare or otherwise threatened species and habitats.



Kim Scott is founder and principal investigator of Kishk Anaquot Health Research (KAHR), an independent Indigenous owned and operated consulting firm. A member of the International Society of Sustainability Professionals and the Canadian Sustainability Indicators Network, Ms. Scott is in the throes of developing the Pejig Aki (or one earth) Society where those who seek to live on the resources of *one* earth can join and share their strategies with those who are questing to reduce their consumption and carbon footprint too.



Avrim Lazar was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Forest Products Association of Canada until 2012. Mr. Lazar has held senior policy positions in the government of Canada in the Ministries of Justice, Agriculture, Environment and Human Resource Development. He played a leading role negotiating the Boreal Forest Agreement between the forest products industry and environmental groups.



David Spence is a retired senior display artist with the National Museum of Nature. He is founder, past chair and a current director of The Friends of the Carp River, a community-based organization responsible for planting over 50,000 native trees and shrubs along that waterway. He is past chair of the West Carleton Environmental Advisory Committee, former chair of the Ottawa Stewardship Council and served for many years as a board director at the Wild Bird Care Centre. He has worked on numerous city-wide advisory committees including the Rural Clean Water Program, Deer Management Program and others relating to wildlife, habitat, conservation and education. David is a past president and current member of the Ottawa Riverkeeper board of directors.

Tree Ottawa's group of Champions shall be expanded as the initiative develops. The insight and experience of Champions strengthens the integrity and effectiveness of Tree Ottawa.

Learn more by visiting: www.ecologyottawa.ca/tree-ottawa