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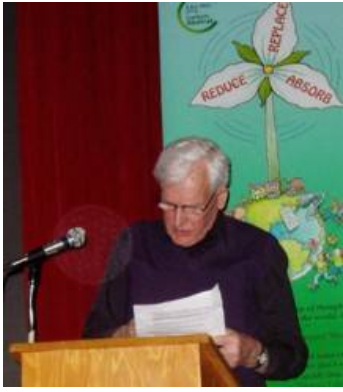
### Footprint Survey *Celebration* Highest Participation in Survey to Date

A week ago Eden Mills residents gathered together at the Hall to celebrate the completion of this year's Footprint Survey. The numbers swelled at the end of each period of the final Canada-US hockey game and after the glorious overtime goal, announced by **Tim Laing**, we settled down with coffee and irresistible cup cakes by **Robin Coull** to hear some good going carbon neutral stories.

The cupcakes were the topping on an enormous and tasty dinner of chilli and cabbage salad masterminded by **Jun Baietti** with expert assistance from **Anna Simon, Tim and Lee Laing, Libby Little and Linda Hendry**. The hall was set-up and the meal was served and cleaned up by the dedicated team of **Katie Wynen, Olivia Bennett, Lindie, Liam, Zak, Evan and Jordan Little**, and **Val and Laura Marshall** along with **Glenn Little, Steve Simpson and Wendy Smith. Wellington Brewery** generously supplied the beer, served with gusto by **Wendy Smith** and **Keith Daniels**.

The whole meal was a fine Sunday evening treat, with our great MC, **Kathie Lamie. John Cripton** projected our going carbon neutral videos and weather network shorts so people could get a sense of the past two years as recorded by technology.

**Three people told us about their experiences making changes to reduce emissions.** As it turned out, they saved money too!



- **John Gmur** had a huge long list of small changes he and Suzie have made over many years, everything from changing windows to using dehumidifier water to wash clothes then using the washing water to water the garden, and turning down the water heater temperature by 7 degrees.

- **Janine Loring** described how she and Gerry had wrapped their house to cut any drafts when they had changed the siding and reduced their power bills dramatically when they changed to a fuel-efficient propane furnace.





- And, we laughed along as *Sue Gillespie* described her Pollution Probe week of commuting without a car from Eden Mills to Guelph – a wonderful mosaic of hitch-hiking and bus transfers and coordination of colleagues and friends and just plain walking, showing just how complicated and enriching it can be to get around and reduce emissions at the same time.

**The number of fully completed surveys is the highest yet this year, with 72 households in the count!** Four *University of Guelph* students joined us too, introduced by *Charles Simon*, informing us that they are currently reviewing all the survey data they have received to make sure that the numbers are correct. They will be contacting some residents to confirm information over the next week.

Special thanks go to *Lee Wisener* for her work in developing the survey guide and clarifying the survey questions. Lee is also working on the statistical analysis of the results.

And more special thanks go to *Linda Melnick* and *Kathie Lamie* who headed up the intrepid, patient and truly friendly team of neighbourhood volunteers. Our thanks to volunteers *Jamie Giddings and Katarina Vuckovic, Les Zawadzki and Linda Hendry, Norah Menzies and Ed Langevin, Charles Simon, Jack Darmon, Libby Little, Bob Turner, Brian Skerrett, Ruth Bowes, Linda Melnick and Jodi Dobbie.*

Thanks to our grant from the Community Go Green Fund of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment we were able to present **plaques** to residents of Eden Mills who are in support of the Going Carbon Neutral project. *Lee* and *Josh Laing* designed the handsome plaque which can hang below our emergency number address signs. If you haven't received one and would like to show your support, please contact Anna Simon at 856-0938.

AND, again thanks to the Go Green Grant, **eight prizes** were awarded through a draw of names from among all participants in this year's survey. Each prize-winner received a summer half-order of delicious organic vegetables from Whole Circle Farm. The winners were: **Wendy Smith and Steve Simpson, Sue and Keith Daniels, Mark and Joanne Peloso, John and Cathy Stiehl, Richard Lay and Lee Wisener, Libby and Glenn Little, Mike Stephen, and John and Sandra Barr.** Congratulations to all!

The evening closed with the video of the Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral Anthem, in its video version followed by the audience's hearty rendition, punctuated by the sound of the chairs being stacked by this community-minded group.

And, this newsletter closes with a round of applause for the two people who made this evening come to life in such a friendly and efficient way – Libby Little and Anna Simon deserve all our thanks!