

**Ontario Urban Forest Council – Fall 2008 Workshop and Annual General Meeting**

**THE URBAN FOREST – AN EVOLVING ECOSYSTEM**

**October 16, 2008**

**Toronto Botanical Garden, Toronto, ON**

Program

8:45 – 9:00

**Toni Ellis**, OUFCA President: *Welcome and Opening Remarks*

9:00 – 9:45

**Peter Simon**, City of Toronto, Urban Forestry Services:

Topic: *An Overabundance of Trees, "Making our peace with the forest" looking at the clearing of the pioneer forest for development and strategies to provide soil volume within the City.*

9:45 – 10:20

**Nathalie Karvonen**, Executive Director, Toronto Wildlife Centre

Topic: *Wildlife in urban areas*

10:20 – 10:50

Networking Break

10:50 – 11:25

**Andrew Millward**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Geography, Ryerson University and Principal Investigator, Urban Forest Research & Ecological Disturbance (UFRED) Group

Topic: *Urban park naturalization: building resilience and sustainability into green space.*

11:25 – 12:00

**Steve Smith – Urban Forest Associates Inc.**

Topic: *Sustaining healthy ravine forests - practical things you can do to help.*

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch

1:00 – 1:30

**Brian Swaile**, OMNR

Topic: *Community Seed Treasure Trees, Seed Collection and Sourcing.*

1:30 – 2:10

**Jennifer Gibb and Josef Ric**, City of Toronto, Urban Forestry

Topic: *Invasive Plant Species and Invasive Insects (respectively)*

2:10 – 2:40

**Bill Snodgrass**, Senior Engineer for Stormwater Management with Toronto Water

Topic: *Water Infrastructure Management: how the various permutations of water affect the urban forest and how development has affected water, especially the need for storm water management which is his specialty in the City of Toronto.*

2:40 – 3:10  
Networking break

3:10 – 3:40  
**Amber Cowie**, the Greenway Conservation Coordinator, Ontario Nature  
Topic: *The Greenway program - creating green corridors between urban and rural areas surrounding major urban areas.*

3:40 – 4:10  
**Lionel Normand**, Terrestrial Biologist – Toronto Region Conservation Authority  
Topic: *Collaboration among agencies and stakeholders in conducting urban forest studies.*

4:10 – 4:30  
**Amanda McConnell**, Grassroots Albany  
Topic: *The Living Forest: Trees and People Downtown Together.*

4:30 – 5:00  
Annual General Meeting

5:00 – 6:00 PM  
Wine and Cheese

Display Booths available  
Door Prize Draws!  
Remarkable Trees of the World – A beautifully photographed book by Thomas Pakenham and more. . .

Registration Fees

Members: \$120

Non-members: \$150

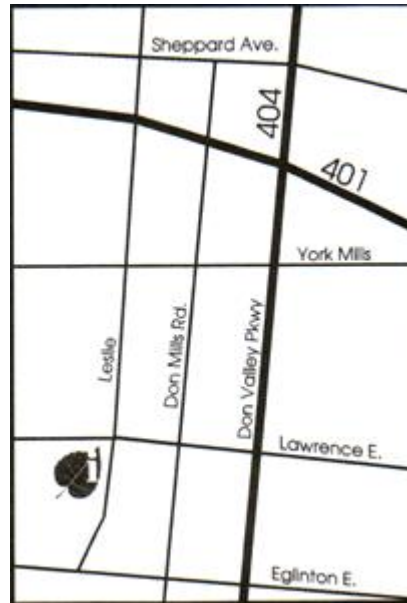
Students or Fixed Income: \$75

To register, please mail a cheque made payable to “Ontario Urban Forest Council”:  
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**By TTC:**

Exit the Yonge Subway line at the EGLINTON station and take the 51, 54 or 54A bus to LAWRENCE avenue. The TBG is on the Southwest Corner.