

ELC April Roundtable

April 22, 2024 from 1:00PM – 2:30PM

In Attendance

Ashish Patel	Energy Specialist	GTAA
Patrick Huynh	Director of Carbon and Energy	Maple Leaf Foods
Behzad Hosseinpour	Energy and Sustainability Manager	Maple Leaf Foods
Katelyn Poyntz	Director, Project Engineering and Energy	Unity Health Toronto
Adam Vaiya	Advisor, Office of Climate Change and Energy Management	Region of Peel
Mohamed Ghorab	Energy Modeller	Sheridan College
Darryl Croft	President	EV Net
Phil Dick	Business Resource Specialist	OMAFRA

AGENDA

Time	Activity
1:00 – 1:15pm	PPG introduction
1:15 – 1:35pm	Member Presentation: Unity Health Toronto
1:35 – 2:00pm	Member Roundtable – ELC Members
2:00 – 2:30pm	Further Discussion

MEETING MINUTES

#1 – PPG Reminders

Upcoming PPG and ELC Sessions!

Date	Topic
May 8th 1:00pm – 4:00pm	Sustainability Leaders' Social 2024. Join PPG and fellow sustainability leaders for an afternoon of networking and learning from industry peers. <u>Register today!</u>
May 14th 2:00pm – 3:00pm	ELC: Navigating Science Based Targets with CDP. Learn about SBTi and key considerations before setting your next decarbonization target.
June TBD	ELC: Site Visit with Maple Leaf Foods. Details to come.
July TBD	ELC: Member Roundtable with GTAA. Details to come.
August TBD	ELC: Site Visit with Mother-Parkers Tea & Coffee. Join us at Mother Parkers' annual employee engagement event to learn firsthand about EE best practices.

PPG Member-Only Spring Tree Planting

Saturday May 25, 2024 from 9:00am – 1:00pm at Paul Coffey Park in Mississauga

- Spend a Saturday morning enhancing your local environment with other PPG Members as we plant a variety of native trees and shrubs and learn about the ongoing stewardship of these forests from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's Restoration Team. Tree planting provides a wonderful opportunity to get outside, give back to nature and help mitigate the effects of climate change, such as flooding and extreme heat.

Scope 3 Discovery Program

- Partners in Project Green and [Carbonhound](#) are excited to announce the launch of the [Scope 3 Discovery Program](#) for PPG members! This is a 12-week program where organizations will receive support and guidance while leveraging data automation software to measure their Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions. The program will kick-off in May 2024. If interested in participating, please contact Matt Brunette (matt.brunette@trca.ca).

EV & Charging Expo

Learn about EV hardware, technology and funding support from May 1-2 at the Enercare Centre. PPG members receive a 30% discount when applying promo code: PPG30OFF before April 26th

#2 – Member Roundtable & Discussion

Unity Health Toronto

- Shared an overview of their process in developing their decarbonization roadmap.
- The process started by reviewing corporate strategic plans and identifying opportunities to align sustainability and environmental initiatives. Adding language to an existing paragraph about environmental values opened a door for further dialogue with senior leadership.
- Important to start somewhere, don't be scared to put a line in the sand somewhere, even if not perfect. Initiatives can evolve over time with a continuous growth mindset.
- There's value in making commitments and sustainability initiatives visible with a written statement. It highlights priorities and is helpful in building broader awareness within the organization and external stakeholders.
- Using GHG Protocol to guide emissions reporting framework. Having a framework is helpful to guide decisions and set targets. The process of building out a decarbonization roadmap makes the process clear and easier to communicate with internal departments.
- Several initiatives highlighted in the roadmap will guide their energy and decarbonization efforts over the next few years.
- Published their first sustainability report in late 2023. Public reports require a letter from the CEO. This helps ensure and maintain buy in from top leadership and is a great way to leverage engagement.
- With the new provincial Building Ontario Businesses Initiative Act (2022) that requires a portion of procurements to include local businesses, Unity Health will have to modify their procurement templates. Katelyn is using this opportunity while change is already happening to ensure that procurement includes sustainability considerations in the updated templates as well.
- Phil highlighted the MECP's regulated emitter program as an effective way to generate additional funds for energy and decarbonization projects. Expansion of participants to include large institutions could be beneficial.

Maple Leaf Foods

- Planning and strategy focus for Maple Leaf Foods this year. Currently reviewing GHG targets through SBTi.
- Revisiting key initiatives this year and considering different scenarios for target setting.
- Capital constrained this year, putting many good projects on hold. This year will be primarily focused on low-cost initiatives and strategy/planning for larger, transformative initiatives.

Region of Peel

- Several initiatives highlighted at Region of Peel including an energy and emissions management plan with Peel's Affordable Housing, wastewater bio solids study, and EV refuse truck pilot. Also

conducting feasibility studies around wastewater for district energy and moving forward with zero carbon buildings standard.

- Adam has developed accessibility standards for EV chargers and would be happy to share them with the group when ready.

GTAA

- Ashish shared updates on electric boilers. The GTAA procured 10. Conducted pilot running two of them over the winter. Learned a lot through the process and saw significant savings in GHGs. Will capture savings and share out with the ELC through a PPG case study.