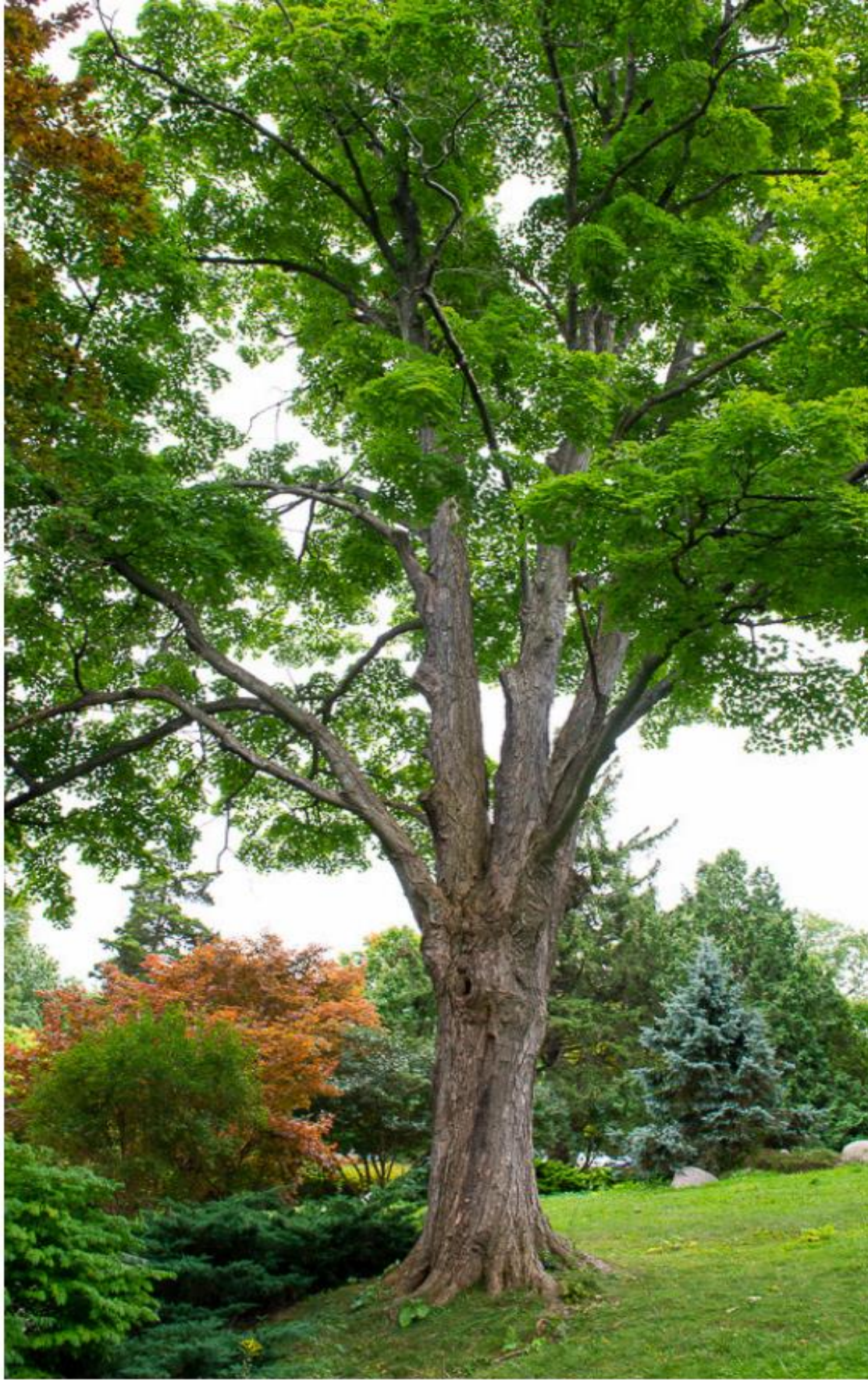




2018

HIGHLIGHTS



TreeCanada



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PARTNERSHIP

Since 1992



OUR PARTNERSHIP

Tree Canada and Home Hardware have forged a strong partnership over the last 26 years, working together across the country to bring large trees to Canadian communities.

In 2001, Home Hardware was presented with the Eterne Award to honour Home's outstanding environmental stewardship; and in 2015, Home Hardware was added to the list of recipients of the Ultimate Award.

TO DATE

\$1,490,418.94

IN CONTRIBUTIONS

26,905

TREES PLANTED

SUMMARY 2018

\$98,000 CONTRIBUTIONS

1,102 TREES PLANTED

1,237 VOLUNTEERS



In 2018, 34 plantings were organized with the help of Home Hardware stores across Canada to celebrate National Tree Day, which occurred on September 26th.

Home Hardware is proud to be working with Tree Canada towards the shared goal of *growing better places to live!*

“THE CARE OF THE EARTH IS OUR MOST ANCIENT AND MOST WORTHY, AND AFTER ALL, OUR MOST PLEASING RESPONSIBILITY.”

— WENDELL BERRY

Valleyview, AB



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The Valleyview Home Hardware store contributed to the planting of three caliper size trees (two Brandon elms and one Princess Kay plum tree) at St. Stephen's School. The planting event and ceremony, organized by three school teachers, was a way of commemorating the passing of one of the school's teachers the year before. This event also provided an opportunity to install two buddy benches that the school had been waiting for 4 years to put out in the schoolyard, and to add greenery to the barren schoolyard. The event was attended by Home Hardware representatives, Heather McKinnon and staff, teachers, students and family members. A local priest was also in attendance, and he did a blessing and gave thanks for the generous donation of the trees.



Ladysmith, BC



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Six redbud trees were planted at the Town Community Centre, which is a focal point, to add some landscaping to the parking lot that went through an expansion. Twelve volunteers came to the area to help plant the trees, and this was a great opportunity to educate them about the importance and benefits of the trees.

Hamiota, MB



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Twenty-seven trees (dropmore linden) were planted throughout the Hamiota Campground located on 7th Avenue. The trees will provide shelter and shade to visitors helping to make their stay more pleasant. Trees will also add aesthetic beauty to the area and will provide wildlife habitat. Additionally, a ceremonial event was held on September 20th with attendance of Home Hardware staff, general public and Tree Canada representative, Ken Fosty.



Neepawa, MB



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A total of 50 trees, a variety of Prairie horizon alder, little rebel dogwood, Prairie magic apple, spring snow crabapple, ironwood and bur oak, were planted throughout Lions Riverbend Park, the Neepawa's Veteran's Way, boulevards, streets and the cemetery. Home Hardware staff, town employees and general public attended an ceremonial event on September 20th to thank for the generous donation and to appreciate the benefits of trees: shade, shelter, aesthetic beauty and wildlife habitat.



Selkirk, MB



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A variety of silver maple, Manitoba maple and American basswood trees were planted at Ruth Hooker School as part of a school beautification project. The Mayor of Selkirk, school trustees, the school principal, Home Hardware employees, Selkirk Parks & Rec staff along with teachers and students attended the event held on September 26th and thanked Home Hardware for their generous contribution. Members of the media were also present at the event.



Buffalo Narrows, SK



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Buffalo Narrows, a First Nations community located in Northern Saskatchewan, worked on a planting plan for the Town Square to beautify this central area park widely used for community events and ceremonies. The two-phase project saw the completion of Phase I this fall which consisted on the planting of 62 trees along the perimeter of the square – a variety of okanese poplars, amur maples, and red osier dogwood. Planting beds will also be added to provide buffer for sitting benches and picnic tables. Twenty-two Grade 7 students from the Buffalo Narrows High School along with Home Hardware staff and the town maintenance staff were present at the planting event.



Melfort, SK



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A Phase I beautification project took place at Spruce Haven Park which consisted on planting two linear rows of shade trees integrated with group plantings of shrubs along the main road access. Students from the Mustang Junior Hockey Team helped with the planting, and the City of Melfort contributed to purchasing additional trees. Mayor Rick Lang, MLA Todd Goudy, Home Hardware staff and a local radio station were present to kick off the event.



Outlook, SK



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Twenty-three Grade 11 and 12 students from the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute along with their teachers helped in the greening of the Outlook Sports Complex by planting a total of 33 birch, ninebark, larch, spruce, poplar, linden and maple trees. The goal was to provide greenery to the area, shade and buffer by planting a linear series of trees in front of the ball diamonds and creating three additional group planting areas. These group planting areas would be oriented in a “Ridney Shape” bed to accommodate a sitting bench or picnic table for viewing the ball diamonds. Home Hardware and Tree Canada were acknowledged and recognized for the support, and a local newspaper was present to take photos.



St. Walburg, SK



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Thirty-three trees were planted at the new Town Campground to provide shade, buffer and aesthetics. Species included a variety of willow trees, chokecherry, Colorado spruce, junipers, birch and cherry trees. Eight St. Walburg Scouts participated in the planting along with the Town Mayor and five Councilors. Tree Canada Adviser, Kelvin Kelly thanked and acknowledged Home Hardware’s support.



Watrous, SK



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Friday September 28th was a great day thanks to the collaboration of twenty volunteers from the Cottage Owners Association, the Regional Park Board and Members, and Home Hardware staff. Volunteers gather at the Last Mountain Lake Regional Park Campground to plant 123 good sized trees and shrubs to improve and provide aesthetic beauty to the entry way as well as shade and buffer within the campground. Two rows of shade trees will be planted within the campground, a variety of poplars, maple, oak, ninebark, junipers, and groups of shrubs will be added within the rows in an intermittent position for better biodiversity.



Wynyard, SK



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A variety of apple, honeyberry, cherry, plum and pear trees along with some maple, oak and spruce trees were planted on September 26th at the Future Wynyard Community Orchard site. Trees were planted with the help of six volunteers as a wind brake and as a Phase I of a larger project that aims at expanding the community orchard.

Alliston, ON



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A volunteer community tree planting event took place on September 27th along the Boyne River at Riverdale Park. A total of 50 large potted native trees were planted and mulched in the vicinity of the Rotary Pool. Trees will improve riparian forest cover in the park, provide bank stability, diversity and will replace species for long term shading. Students from the Alliston Community Christian School, Home Hardware staff and South Simcoe Stream Network staff helped with the tree planting.



Aurora, ON



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The Aurora Community Arboretum is now home to 10 native trees – a variety of pine, spruce, fir, hemlock, tamarack and cedar species. This arboretum was established by the municipality, and the goal of this planting was to enhance the number and type of tree species that represent the trees native to Ontario. Each of the ten trees had tree identification plaques that described the tree characteristics so the people looking at the trees can learn about the different species.



Barrie, ON



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The main entrance of St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School was beautified this fall thanks to the generous support of Home Hardware and the hard work of over 300 students. This planting event gave the school an opportunity to naturalize the façade of the building while also sharing knowledge about trees and their care to the students. Species planted included a variety of Norway spruce, juniper, cypress and purple sand cherry.



Bolton, ON



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Four large caliper maple trees were planted in the Ellwood Memorial Public School yard to provide much needed shade for students during the hot season. The planting event was small, only four students attended, the principal, the Deputy Mayor, the School Trustee and two Home Hardware staff.



Capreol, ON



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A variety of maple, linden, lilac and crabapple trees were planted in front and at the back of C.R. Judd Public School. The trees were planted by parent volunteers, teachers and students to provide future shade and aesthetic value to the schoolyard. The local Councilor was in attendance as well as Home Hardware staff.



Cobourg, ON



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Three hundred native trees were planted on Baltimore Road and at the side of Hwy. 401 as part of a large project run by the Highway of Heroes which aims to plant 4,000 trees at this site. Trees were planted and mulched with the help of Home Hardware volunteers, the military, the police and family members. The Mayor of Cobourg John Henderson, MPP David Piccinni, MPP Kim Rudd, HH Cobourg store General Manager Robert Glecoff, Mark Cullen from Highway of Heroes and Tree Canada President Mike Rosen were in attendance.



Dorset, ON



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Three white pine and four sugar maple trees were planted at the Centennial Park on Main Street with the help of ten members of Lions Club and one Home Hardware staff. The trees were planted to enhance tree cover in the park, to provide shade for park visitors, wildlife habitat and less moving of grass in the park.



Dunnville, ON



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A total of 13 large caliper trees and shrubs were planted at Thompson Creek Elementary School this fall. The trees, which were planted with the help of twenty students and school staff, will provide shade and beautify the school grounds.



Durham, ON



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The street and park beautification project organized this fall took place in four different towns of West Grey: Durham, Neustadt, Ayton and Elmwood. Six representatives from each town were in attendance and helped to plant a variety of oak and maple trees – two trees per location at the four different parks.



Fenelon Falls, ON



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The schoolyard greening project that took place on September 26th at Langdon Public School saw the planting of 9 large trees – a variety of basswood and sugar maple. Trees will provide a new naturalized area with shade, fresh air and aesthetic beauty. School staff and the Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society will care and maintain the trees. A total of 65 people, students, school principal and Home Hardware staff, were present and helped with the tree planting.



Georgetown, ON



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Students, teachers and family members from the Silver Creek Public School planted 17 large caliper maple trees in their schoolyard on September 19th. The Mayor of Halton Hills and the Board of Trustees were in attendance and shared this day with the school principal and students. This event gave all attendees an opportunity to learn about the value of trees, their benefits and how to care for them. Trees will be maintained by the school and school board to ensure they provide shade and fresh air for many years.



Iroquois Falls, ON



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A tree planting ceremony was held on September 26th, as part of the National Tree Day celebration, in Historic Anson Park where 14 trees were planted – a variety of linden, lilac and black cedar. This park is in a prime location, in the middle of the old part of town, and is a very popular park with residents and visitors. This park is where most of the community events are held. Over the past decade many trees have been removed due to rot and disease with no replacements planted. The trees planted will diversify the age and species of trees found within the park and help maintain esthetics and shade as other trees are removed in the future due to safety reasons.



London, ON (Harris HH)



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The Harris Home Hardware store participated in the planting of 80 trees at Thames Park this fall. Students from a nearby school also joined and helped to plant the trees. The goal of this project was to bring naturalization to the community while also contributing to the City of London and Reforest London initiative of planting one million trees.



London, ON (HHBC- London East)



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The City of London and the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) worked together this year to increase their planting targets, as part of the city's "One Million Tree Challenge" which aims to increase tree cover in the city. Bellwood Park was the site selected for naturalization which is located in the east end of London. This activity received a lot of neighborhood support and request to plant species that would attract more songbirds. Over 30 students from London District Christian Secondary School participated in the planting and worked together alongside Home Hardware staff and UTRCA staff to plant 100 native trees. Trees will improve air and water quality, provide wildlife habitat and food, shade, increase natural vegetation, educate the community and provide a connection to other trees in an adjacent park.



Maxville, ON



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This fall, six honey locust trees were planted in the Maxville Fair Grounds located at 34 Fair St. These grounds are widely used during the summer by the community as it is the venue for the Glengarry Highland Games, one of the largest Highland Games in the world with thousands of people witnessing an outstanding display of music, dance, sports, fiddling, pageantry and tradition. The trees will provide much needed shade for visitors as well as fresh air while they enjoy the show.

Port Hope, ON



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A park beautification project took place this fall at Rapley Park Trail where ten large red maple trees were planted and mulched by city staff. Trees were planted in an urban area, so people walking along the trail will greatly benefit from the shade, fresh air and beauty provided by the trees.



St. Thomas, ON



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Four staff from Geerlinks Home Hardware along with some community members attended the tree planting event held on September 26th at St. Thomas. Five honey locust trees were planted as part of an elevated park which used to be a railroad bridge over the Kettle Creek stream and valley. Trees will increase natural vegetation in the area and add diversity.



Rawdon, QC



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Eleven trees, a variety of white pines, serviceberry and linden trees, were planted at Parc Donald-Stewart to beautify and naturalize this urban space. This site is a gathering place for baseball and soccer fans and where there are games for toddlers, thus the new trees will provide many benefits to park visitors. A press conference was

organized on September 26th to commemorate the inauguration of the tree planting and to acknowledge Home Hardware support. The Mayor of the Municipality of Rawdon, Bruno Guilbault, Municipal Councilors, city staff and Home Hardware owner and staff were in attendance.



Grand Falls, NB



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The Green Committee of École John Caldwell organized a tree planting activity with the support from Home Hardware this fall. Five trees, a variety of red maple and red oak trees, were planted on September 26th on the school grounds and along the main road to provide shade and aesthetic beauty to the school. Students, teachers and family members participated digging the holes, planting and mulching the trees. Children were very excited to collaborate in this activity and were happy to add greenery to the school.



Saint Quentin, NB



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Four trees – red maple and ivory silk – were planted this fall near the tourist center of the city and on the edge of the main road. This purpose of this project was to beautify both this center and the city streets. The Village Beautification Committee helped with the planting of the trees.



Salisbury, NB



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The arboretum at Salisbury Elementary School is now home to 7 new tree species: crabapple, pumpkin sweet apple, serviceberry, red maple, paper birch, bur oak and autumn fancy maple. This community beautification project was organized to naturalize the school property, add more species to the arboretum and teach children about native species. Local committee members, students from Salisbury Elementary school and a local daycare actively participated by planting and mulching the trees. Species planted will add a beautiful diversity to the place and will provide the proper space to accomplish school curricula goals.



Kentville, NS



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Ten caliper size hardwood trees, a variety of red maple, sugar maple, autumn blaze maple and red oak, were planted within the green zone of the new Kentville Skateboard Park which is located across from Kings County Academy. The Mayor of Kentville and three Kentville Councilors attended the event and thanked Home Hardware for their contribution to the community.

North Rustico, PEI



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The schoolyard greening project organized this fall at École Saint-Augustin received great recognition from the community and the provincial government. Special greetings were shared by the Minister of Communities, Land and Environment, Hon. Richard Brown, and by MLA Brad Trivers who congratulated Home Hardware and their staff at the North Rustico store for their contribution and volunteer support in carrying out this project. A total of 46 native species were planted in the schoolgrounds with one ceremonial tree being planted by the students. The site, being a 21.9 acres land, was ideal for planting as it was formerly used for farming, so the new trees will help increase soil fertility, reduce soil erosion and stabilize water supplies. Moreover, trees will provide a more pleasant view and space for students and community members to enjoy whenever they walk down the trail and around the grounds that is often used for musical presentations and it has been decorated with gazebos, benches and a covered deck. Trees will also provide the right setting for students to learn about trees and their benefits.



Projects from 2017

Tracadie, NB



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The Mayor, Denis Losier; the Minister and Local Deputy, Serge Roussel; Home Hardware representatives and community members attended the planting event that took place at Parc des Fondateurs this year. Three trees were planted at the park and around a fountain to add aesthetic beauty and provide residents with a green area that they can enjoy throughout the year.



Assiniboia, SK



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A total of 73 trees were planted at a city park to replace dead trees. These trees will reduce exposure to solar rays and provide much needed shade and fresh air.



