



Proclamation

September 19 to 25, 2021

National Forest Week

Whereas, covering 66% of the province and 71.1 million hectares, Ontario's forests are an indispensable source of ecological, cultural, health, social and economic benefits;

Whereas, its forests are also located on the traditional territory of diverse Indigenous Nations and provide nourishment and cultural value to these groups;

Whereas, the Town of Orangeville has numerous parks and a rich urban tree canopy;

Whereas, its forested green spaces provide valuable recreational opportunities for its residents and act as a centre for physical, mental, social and community well-being;

Whereas, its forest cover also contributes numerous essential ecological services for the Town such as stormwater retention, energy savings and wildlife habitat;

Whereas, with its carbon sequestration and cooling capacities, Orangeville's urban tree cover is vital to the Town's resilience in the midst of climate change;

Whereas, National Forest Week is an annual one-week campaign which recognizes its critical contribution to Canada and its people. This year, National Forest Week will be celebrated across the country by individuals and organizations with the theme of "Our Forests - Continually Giving".

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Sandy Brown, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim September 19 to 25, 2021 as: "National Forest Week" in the Town of Orangeville.

Sandy Brown
Mayor