

Climate Action Sheet

Building Connections, Strengthening Resilience



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What if helping one another became our climate superpower?

Natural disasters don't affect everyone in the same way. During heatwaves, flooding, or power outages, it is not only infrastructure that matters, but also the strength of the connections between neighbours and residents. This is why the City of Beaconsfield created the [Connecting Beaconsfield project](#): to help strengthen our social fabric and build community resilience.

Why Does It Make a Difference?

A community where people know one another, help each other, and look out for one another is:

- Safer
- More resilient
- And often happier!



People who are isolated or vulnerable are often the most at risk and the least visible. By creating simple but meaningful connections, we could help save lives during climate emergencies.



Did You Know?

- In 2023, a survey conducted as part of the Connecting Beaconsfield project revealed that nearly half of Beaconsfield residents know the names of 6 to 20 of their neighbours.
- Numerous studies show that the most connected neighbourhoods recover more quickly after a climate crisis or disaster.

What You Can Do, Starting Now

Weave Simple Connections

- Try greeting your neighbours whenever you see them, on a daily basis.
- Exchange contact information with one or two neighbours on your street.
- Create a group chat, a contact notebook or a list of vulnerable or isolated neighbours to check in on.

Share in Everyday Life

- Invite an isolated neighbour to a neighbourhood activity..
- Use the *Partage Club* app to:
 - Lend or borrow a tool, toy or household item
 - Request help or offer a service to other Beaconsfield users

Learn more: beaconsfield.ca/partage-club



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Take Part in Local Life

- Organize or attend a block party or neighbourhood gathering.
- Participate in [Connecting Beaconsfield](#) events: picnics, neighbour celebrations, musical events, workshops, and more programming is available year-round!
- Become a Neighbour Connector: it only takes a few simple gestures to improve life on your street.



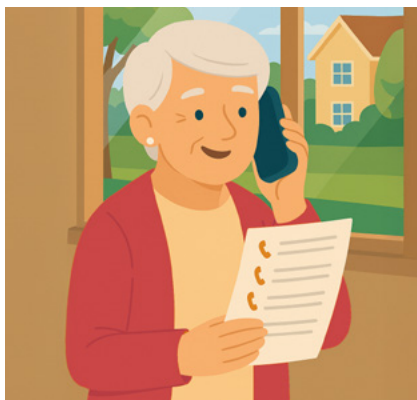
To Go Further

Climate Challenges

- **For Families:** Invite children to take on a “hello + name” challenge, greeting neighbours by name for one week.
- **For Seniors:** Prepare a list of trusted contacts to reach out to during extreme heat or power outages. Keep it close at hand - a single phone call can make all the difference.
- **For Neighbours:** Create a map of your street with neighbours’ names and contact details.

Helpful Tools

- Read the Connecting Beaconsfield page in each edition of [Contact magazine](#).
- Visit the [Connecting Beaconsfield](#) webpage for information about the project.
 - The Neighbour Connectors section offers additional resources and tools.



In Summary

Building connections feels good and it's beneficial on every level.

It's a concrete and accessible form of climate adaptation.

A simple action today can make all the difference tomorrow.

Together, our neighbourhood can become our strongest protection.