Ontario Public Service (OPS) Green Transformation Strategy

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The OPS Green Office was created in September 2008 to help the government:

• further reduce its environmental footprint by greening internal government operations, and

• be a leader for other employers in Ontario
The OPS Green Transformation Strategy was approved in 2009 and established targets and action areas to reduce the environmental footprint of the Ontario Public Service.

**Targeted Reductions**
- Enterprise-wide actions and individual ministries’ innovations -> results
- GHG reductions - reduced air travel and fuel use, I&IT power management and server consolidation
- Paper reduction and e-waste diversion

**Green Business Practices**
- Electronic business displacing paper-intensive processes -> less waste, more efficiency
- Innovative renewable energy projects (e.g. solar/wind at remote northern sites) piloted

**Green OPS Culture**
- Multi-year green plans in place, integrated with DM performance commitments
- OPS recognized as one of Canada’s Greenest Employers three years in a row
OPS Green Print Strategy and Paper Reduction

- Reduce paper use by **50 per cent**
- Eliminate more than **13,000 print devices**
- Save **4.53 million kWh** per year

Print Avoidance – Achievements to Date
(Sheets of Paper)

- Target to reduce per capita printing by 50%
- Double-sided 169 million
- Gap to Target (Personal Print Behaviour) 69 million
- e-business 17 million
- e-fax 1 million
- Print Shops 82 million

**e-Business transformation helps the OPS capture the efficiency and environmental benefits of print and paper reduction**
Electronic Distribution

☑ Ontario Police College e-materials for new recruits saves 450,000 sheets of paper per year.

☑ OPP Eight Day Board pilot project replaced a paper-intensive process saving 450,000 sheets of paper per year.

Modernizing Government Processes

☑ ServiceOntario offers more than 40 services online and has 1,300 electronic public forms available.

☑ MOE Freedom of Information electronic records management saves 750,000 sheets of paper per year.

☑ MCSS Family Responsibility Office electronic Federal Support Deduction Notices saves 165,000 sheets of paper per year.

Paperless Meetings

☑ MOF Paperless Senior Management Committee meetings saves 1.4M sheets of paper per year.
The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services Legal Services Branch has adopted an innovative strategy to reduce paper and storage

- Recycled more than 400 tonnes of paper
- Reduced its high density storage area by 50 per cent
- Discontinued 90 per cent of paper-based legal subscriptions and ordered electronic versions
- Streamlined access to legal reference materials by uploading them to an electronic platform on the branch’s shared drive
Reduced fuel consumption by **4.5 million litres** since 2007

OPS fleet includes **1,125** hybrids and **34** electric vehicles with **36** charging stations

**4** 100% electric ATVs in provincial parks

**19** OPS Fleet Vehicle Pool locations across the province with a Rideshare program available to staff

**Anti-idling technology in 68 fleet vehicles**

“I regularly use the test idle cars. I like them. They work well, they save gas, and it’s something I would like to see more of... The other day I was parked at a scene that required I have my lights on. My car idled there for three hours. I was using a normal car. If I had the idle car I could have saved 12 litres and $15!”

Provincial Constable David A. Brown, Huronia West OPP
An integrated, seamless virtual meeting service is available to OPS employees to reduce air and vehicle travel.
OPS Green Office Events and Campaigns

Leverage employee interest to change behaviours and workplace culture
This internal report celebrates the successes we have made to green the OPS. Big and small, these changes are making a difference in reducing the environmental impact and improving the efficiency of our operations.

- Green our internal operations
  - Greening our fleet
  - Conserving energy
  - Travelling smarter
  - Managing our waste and going paperless

- Green our public services and programs
  - Delivering more efficient and accessible public services
  - Developing green innovative partnerships
  - Greening in the Broader Public Sector

- Build a green culture in the OPS
  - OPS Green Ideas Campaign
  - Green Teams
Building on achievements to date, the OPS will:

- Lead by example by reducing OPS environmental footprint
- Foster innovation through adoption of green technology and efficient processes
- Advance energy conservation
- Expand engagement with BPS and other partners to create a greener public sector
- Ensure sustainability initiatives support fiscal responsibility and improved service delivery
Be A Green Leader!

Implement Green Business Practices
- Reduce travel and save fuel through virtual meetings
- Reduce paper use through electronic processes
- Implement paperless meetings
- Work with building owner/manager to conserve energy (e.g. lighting) and increase waste diversion (organic bins)

Green your workplace
- Implement green projects and initiatives
- Encourage green changes in employee behaviour
- Start a green team

Raise environmental awareness
- Host events and other activities within
- Communicate achievements and profile results

Champion green leadership
- Develop organizational performance commitments
- Share best practices and lessons learned with peers