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Recently, 400 free trees were given to local property owners, to be planted on private property, a repeat of the handing out of 400 free trees in April.

This is hardly even a single step in the fight to combat climate change.

It would be much more impressive if 800 trees were planted in St. Catharines every day, seven days a week until there was no more space in the city for more trees.

There are parks, schools and other city property, starting with City Hall, which could and should become urban forests. That would be impressive, and I wonder why it hasn't been started already.

Instead of trees, we still have fossil-fuel powered tractors, hedge trimmers and leaf blowers running as if the world is not under an existential threat faced by all living things.

Let's quit cutting the grass and start planting trees as if our life and the lives of all living things depends on it – BECAUSE IT DOES.

Another tactic to fight climate change would be to subsidize busses, starting with free passes for seniors, and increase the age groups qualifying for passes each year as long as the supply of busses lasts.

Both these programs would require funding, either from local tax payers or with help from provincial and/or federal funds. Blame the increase in taxes on climate change, and if people complain, tell them the money will only be needed until the fight against climate change is over, whatever the outcome may be.

Any delay will tip the balance seriously in Mother Nature's favour.

IT IS TIME FOR ACTION, NO EXCUSES. LET'S GET GOING.

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