

Committee of the Whole – Information list

October 8, 2019

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2019 09 16	Lanark County	Physical Environment	Invasive Plants	
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Public Information Session on Invasive Plants including Wild Parsnip and Phragmites, Site Restoration and Monarch Recovery Efforts

Public Workshop: Milkweed Seed Collection & Pollinator Patch Seeding

Hosted by Lanark County Public Works

Saturday October 19th, 2019

Public Information Session: **10:00am – 12:30pm**

Public Workshop: **1:00pm – 2:30pm**

Lanark County Administration Building, 99 Christie Lake Rd, Perth
Council Chambers



To register for the **Public Information Session** and/or the **Public Workshop** please fill in the registration form available on our [website](#) and send it to mvala@lanarkcounty.ca.

Are you looking for answers to some of the following questions?

- Why are Wild Parsnip and Phragmites invasive plants?
- How do Wild Parsnip and Phragmites impact agriculture?
- What are the public health risks associated with Wild Parsnip?
- Why is controlling invasive plants important for conservation efforts?
- What is Lanark County doing to control invasive plants like Wild Parsnip and Phragmites?
- What pollinator restoration projects are happening in Lanark County?
- What is the status of the Monarch Butterflies in Canada and what is being done to help preserve Monarch habitat?
- How can I or my community get involved with pollinator projects in Lanark County?

Then join us for a free **Public Information Session** starting promptly at **10:00am**. There will be opportunities for questions and speakers are to be determined.

Are you looking to...

- Get involved in pollinator projects in Lanark County?
- Learn how to harvest milkweed seeds by participating in a milkweed seed collection?
- Create pollinator patches to promote pollinator habitat in your community?



Then join us for a free **Public Workshop** to participate in a milkweed seed collection and pollinator patch seeding lead by Lanark County and the Canadian Wildlife Federation. The workshop starts promptly at **1:00pm**. Individuals only attending the public workshop can meet in the Council Chambers in the Administration Building at 1:00 pm.

Please be aware that the milkweed seed collection and pollinator patch seeding will occur outdoors, rain or shine. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Indoor washrooms will be accessible in the Lanark County Administration building.

For accommodation reasons, **please register** for the information session and/or the workshop by completing the registration form on our [website](#).

If you have any other questions about the information session, please email us at mvala@lanarkcounty.ca or contact our office at 613-267-1353.

Toll Free: 1-888-952-6275

Board of Health Meeting September 19, 2019

Summary

Budget

The Ministry of Health has notified us that the provincial grant will be the same for 2019 as in 2018, with the addition of funding for the Seniors Dental Program. One time grants have been provided to purchase 2 new vaccine fridges, fund a student public health inspector practicum, and additional funding for the needle exchange program.

Work is underway to develop the 2020 Public Health Budget which will be brought to the Finance, Audit, Property and Risk Management Committee for their review prior to the November Board meeting. Letters have been sent to obligated municipalities with the estimated 2020 levy amounts based on the change in the provincial/municipal funding ratio announced by Minister Elliott for 2020.

Program Update

This fall, the Health Unit will be conducting a community program to raise awareness about the possible impact of significant exposure to radon gas in homes, and the importance of testing and remediation. According to a Health Canada survey, 19% of the homes in the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark region had levels of radon that over time could increase the risk of lung cancer.

The Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit, in partnership with active school travel stakeholders, was successful in receiving \$60,000 over one year from Green Communities Canada. The objectives of the “North Grenville Way” project are to work with the North Grenville community to raise awareness for active school travel, develop an active school travel community charter, and conduct a professional assessment of walk zones in hopes of increasing opportunities for sustainable active school travel.

Planning is underway for the 2019-20 influenza season with our health care providers, hospital, and long-term care and retirement home partners. The flu vaccine supply will be a little later than in previous years. We hope to have vaccine out to our local health care providers by early October for high risk individuals. The general population supply will be readily available by early November.

All children in senior kindergarten will be assessed for any vision problems in the 2019-2020 school year. Health Unit Staff will provide 3 screening tests done at every school, which takes about 10 minutes per child. Each child will get a results letter with next steps to be taken depending on the screening outcome. Free annual eye exams are available for children and youth up to 19 years of age with a valid OHIP card by an Optometrist.

The Health Unit has entered into partnership with the Municipality of North Grenville to provide well water sample bottle pick up and drop off at their municipal office as of August 6th. This improves access to well water testing which ideally occurs three times a year.

September 20, 2019



Dear EOWC, EOMC municipality,

As you are aware the Provincial and Federal governments have announced their commitment to fund the EORN mobile/cell gap project.

EORN is presently in the midst of negotiating the contribution agreement with the Province and has received a letter from the Honourable Laurie Scott the Minister of Infrastructure in this regard. The EORN team, in partnership with Peterborough County procurement has commenced the procurement process for the project.

Our goals are to ensure an Honest, Open and Transparent process for all providers. As such, the EORN Board has supported direction to staff and Board members not to engage in dialogue or show support for any project of, or any one provider that may have an interest in bidding on the EORN project. The project may have multiple procurement opportunities as well and may extend for some time. We are committed to ensuring this process is fair to all proponents. We are respectfully suggesting that EOWC and their local municipalities and EOMC members not show support for any particular provider on any project related to cellular or mobile broadband at this time. Any inquiries or requests can be forwarded to EORN staff David Fell dfell@eorn.ca or Lisa Severson lseverson@eorn.ca or address directly to: Sheridan Graham, EORN Procurement Specialist at sgraham@ptbocounty.ca

EORN appreciates your continued support as we work to move this initiative forward.

Regards,

Sheridan Graham, Procurement Specialist

David Fell, CEO

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Ms. Trisa McConkey
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Dear Ms. McConkey: *Trisa*

I am pleased to inform you that you are one of the 16 winners of the 2018 Financial Information Return (FIR) Award. Thank you for your efforts and contribution in ensuring that timely, reliable, and accurate financial information was submitted for the Town of Carleton Place's 2018 Financial Information Return. Your municipality will be identified on the FIR website (<https://efis.fma.csc.gov.on.ca/fir/Welcome.htm>) as one of the winners of this award.

As you know, the FIR reports capture important financial and statistical information for each municipality in the province. This assists the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in providing the most current information to the growing number of users of our municipal database and provides important information to inform government decision making.

Thank you for the leadership and diligence your municipality has demonstrated in this important area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Clark', written over the word 'Sincerely'.

Steve Clark
Minister

c: Mayor Doug Black



September 24, 2019

RE: Building Code Services Transformation

Dear Head of Council,

I am writing today to announce that my ministry is launching a consultation on potential changes to the delivery of building code services. On September 24, 2019, I released a discussion paper: *Transforming and Modernizing the Delivery of Ontario's Building Code Services*.

Our government has heard from stakeholders about the need for better, modern, and timely services to support the building sector's ability to understand and apply building code requirements. To do this, the ministry is proposing to establish a new administrative authority to deliver a suite of enhanced and new user-driven services. Modernized service delivery will ensure that the sector has the supports it needs to continue growing Ontario's economy, while protecting public health and safety.

Your feedback is important and will help inform enhancements to current building code services and the development of new services, which would:

- strengthen public safety
- streamline customer service and approval processes
- deliver sector-driven services
- provide timely and modern tools and products
- promote consistency across the province
- enhance integrity in the system.

We will also be hosting regional information sessions that will include an informational session for the sector earlier in the afternoon (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.) and a public open house in the evening (5:30 - 7:00 p.m.). Sessions will be held on the following dates:

1. City of Belleville: Friday, October 4, 2019
Belleville Lions Club, 119 Station St., Belleville
2. City of North Bay: Monday, October 7, 2019
North Bay Memorial Gardens, 100 Chippewa St. W., North Bay
3. Municipality of Chatham-Kent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Chatham-Kent Cultural Centre, 75 William Street, Chatham-Kent
4. City of Vaughan: Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Vellore Hall, 9541 Weston Road, Woodbridge

For more information about this consultation and for additional ways to participate, please visit www.ontario.ca/buildingtransformation where you will find:

- A link to the discussion paper
- Information about how to provide feedback
- A short optional survey

The consultation will close on November 25, 2019.

I look forward to your feedback on the transformation of building code service delivery. Please note that Chief Building Officials will also receive notification of this transformation initiative and associated opportunities for engagement.

If you have any questions about the consultation, please contact ministry staff at buildingtransformation@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c: Municipal Clerks

Good Afternoon!

Please share with your Recreation Staff as appropriate:

The Rural Recreation Association invites to you reserve 14-NOV-19 in your calendar for our annual Fall Summit.



This year's theme will be *Emerging Issues in Recreation, Tourism and Culture.*

**Location: Smiths Falls Memorial Community Centre 71 Cornelia St. W,
Smiths Falls, ON
9:00am to 2:45pm**

Registration by Eventbrite and Agenda will be coming soon.

Have a great afternoon!

Heather

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October 1, 2019

To all Ontario Mayors, CAO's and Clerks:

Municipalities can have a positive impact on the lives of animals.

What does the future of animal welfare look like? It's a question on the minds of pet owners, animal advocates, police and municipalities. Provincial animal welfare legislation is in the midst of a significant transition, and it requires a collaborative approach in order to be successful.

Historically, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society was contracted to enforce the Province of Ontario's animal welfare legislation. In January 2019, a Superior Court judge ruled that it was unconstitutional for the Government of Ontario to permit a charity to provide law enforcement services. That ruling was a catalyst behind the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society's decision not to renew its contract with the government, which expired on March 31, 2019.

To help ensure a smooth transition period, the Ontario SPCA offered the provincial government a three-month transition phase and continued to enforce the legislation until June 28, 2019. After that date, enforcement services transitioned back to the government.

As Ontario's Animal Charity since 1873, the Ontario SPCA understands first hand how no one organization can do this work alone. The Ontario SPCA presented to the government a model of animal protection where the organization provides animal support services to the province and its enforcement agencies. Through the expertise of all agencies involved, this model will maximize resources for the best possible protection of animals.

So what does this mean for municipalities and their law enforcement officers? It means that you have the capacity to have a significant impact on the lives of

animals. Ensuring the pets in your community are protected requires a unified effort, at the heart of which are animal bylaws.

To put the significance of bylaws in perspective, the Ontario SPCA received approximately 14,000 calls last year concerning animal well-being. Of those, 56% related to standards of care issues alone. The Ontario SPCA estimates that as much as 65% of its annual call volume could be addressed at the municipal level through bylaws. With comprehensive bylaws in place across the province at the municipal level, those numbers could be further reduced.

Implementing or enhancing existing bylaws relating to animals left unattended in vehicles, standards of care, tethering, and other areas of common concern can prevent such incidents from escalating to cases of serious neglect. As municipal law enforcement officers are familiar with compliance-based enforcement, they have the skills and expertise to provide early intervention and education that can resolve a situation before it escalates to a level where police need to become involved, or animals need to be removed, which can become quite resource intensive.

The Ontario SPCA continues to support police and municipalities. The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society's province-wide 310-SPCA (7722) hotline remains active, offering support to municipalities and officers who need information or access to resources.

With over 145 years of experience, the Ontario SPCA has the skills, knowledge and infrastructure needed to provide support to government agencies, like municipal law enforcement. Through Ontario SPCA Enforcement Support Services, the Ontario SPCA provides expertise in animal care, veterinary medicine, animal transportation and understanding of the collection and processing of forensic evidence to help build cases against animal abusers.

Animal protection is much bigger than any one organization or enforcement agency. It will take a collaborative effort to make our communities a better place for animals and people.

To learn more about the Ontario SPCA and how it can support animal welfare efforts at the municipal level, visit ontariospca.ca or contact:

Central & South - Darren Grandel, Senior Director, Animal Protection, Ontario SPCA, at dgrandel@ospca.on.ca,

East - Bonnie Bishop, Director, Animal Protection, Ontario SPCA, at

bbishop@ospca.on.ca,

North - Arista Wogenstahl, Director, Animal Protection, Ontario SPCA, at
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Sincerely,



Daryl Vaillancourt
Chief, Humane Programs and Community Outreach
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CC: Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police

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