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Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 2:08 PM
To: Lysynski, Heather <hlysynsk@London.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: October ESACAC Agenda

Hello Heather,

I have one final item to add to the ESACAC agenda.

I would like to request a status update from staff about the fishing line receptacles that were supposed to be installed near the river. I have received several public inquiries about the status of this project.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/london-ont-conservationist-builds-fishing-line-receptacles-to-reduce-waste-1.6697136>

I produced and delivered 12 PVC pipe receptacles and labels to the Operations Centre at Elizabeth Street several months ago (received by Dianna Clarke, since retired) where they have remained in storage. Back in January, we identified candidate locations for installing the receptacles based on where surveys found a lot of litter, and we received tentative approval from upper management at the City (Scott Stafford, since moved on to a different role). It seems the project has stalled in the final implementation stage and I am not sure which staff are responsible for it. I believe the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee also recently discussed this at their September meeting (under "Clear Your Gear") but I'm not aware of the outcome.

Would it be possible for someone from Parks and Recreation to attend the ESACAC meeting so we can review next steps?

Thank you,

Brendon Samuels