



WELLINGTON COUNTY'S "GREEN LEGACY" PROJECT

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Tree Planting Strategy & Cross-Municipal Collaboration

- Tree Planting Strategy: draft by June this year
- Ideas for cross-municipal collaboration part of TFAC's mandate
- Research into Green Legacy done as part of MTC
 - Successful
 - Just down the road!



Green Legacy Programme

- Program fully funded by County (2004) to plant 150,000 trees to celebrate County's 150th
- Land sold to the County by resident for in 1946 for \$1 with commitment to environmental use
- Grows 161,000 seedlings and saplings a year for distribution, for free, to area residents (primarily rural)



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- Also do growing for the CAs (30,000 – 50,000/year)
- Each municipality gets 5,000 to give to residents
- School children do majority of work: every elementary school student in the County participates in some stage every year
- Green Legacy is 100% funded by the county
- \$650,000 in operating costs, mostly salaries



Green Legacy Programme

- Manager Rob Johnson passionate about sharing methods, information with other interested communities
- Province: voted unanimously to take Green Legacy Programme province-wide by planting 150 million trees, beginning in 2017.



- That R. Johnson, Green Legacy Manager, Wellington County, BE INVITED to a future meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) to make a presentation with respect to the Green Legacy Program operating in Wellington County; it being noted that the TFAC approved expenditures of up to \$250.00 with respect to this matter; it being further noted that the TFAC has sufficient funds in its proposed 2016 budget for these expenditures.