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I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on November 8, 2016 resolved:

13. That the following actions be taken with respect to the 11th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee from its meeting held on October 20, 2016:

- a) the Civic Administration BE ADVISED that the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) recommends that fencing, without gates, be included in the draft plan of subdivision to protect the adjacent Environmentally Significant Area; it being noted that the EEPAC reviewed and received a Notice, dated September 20, 2016, from L. Mottram, Senior Planner, with respect to the application by Sifton Properties Limited, relating to the properties located at 1509 Ed Ervasti Land and a portion of 1295 Sandy Somerville Drive;
- b) the following actions be taken with respect to the 2016 Sifton Bog Report prepared by Stantec :
 - i) the comments of the 2016 Sifton Bog Working Group, appended to the 11th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) BE PROVIDED to the Civic Administration for consideration; it being noted that the EEPAC held a discussion with respect to the merits of the Civic Administration's proposal and was unable to reach a majority decision; and,
 - ii) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consult the public of the potential relocation of the viewing platform currently located at Redmond's Pond, prior to a final decision on action;
- c) the following actions be taken with respect to the updated Sunninglea Scoped Environmental Impact Study Working Group comments:
 - i) consideration of the updated Working Group comments BE POSTPONED to the next Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) meeting; and,
 - ii) the assigned Planner BE INVITED to attend the EEPAC meeting to respond to any enquiries;
- d) a Working Group consisting of S. Levin (lead) and R. Trudeau BE ESTABLISHED to review the Subject Land Status Report relating to the properties located at 1557 and 1687 Wilton Grove Road; it being noted that the application will be discussed at the November 14, 2016, Planning and Environment Committee meeting;
- e) a Working Group consisting of N. Weerasuriya (lead), E. Arellano and L. Des Marteaux BE ESTABLISHED to review the Ecological Restoration Plan prepared by St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Centre, for the Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills Environmentally Significant Area; it being noted that the Working Group will report back at the next meeting of EEPAC;

- f) the following actions be taken with respect to the draft City-Wide Terrestrial Invasive Plant Strategy prepared by J. MacKay, Ecologist Planner:
- i) a Working Group consisting of S. Levin (lead), S. Peirce, J. Stinziano, M. Thorn and N. Weerasuriya BE ESTABLISHED to review the draft City-Wide Terrestrial Invasive Plant Strategy;
 - ii) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to use available project funding for phragmites control if required on approved engineering services projects currently being undertaken; and,
 - iii) the Civic Administration BE ASKED to include funding in future budgets for the control and mitigation of phragmites by restoring natural or native species by methods such as: natural colonization or succession, seeding with native grasses/herbaceous species, planting appropriate native trees and shrubs, planting live cuttings and using landscape cloth or heavy mulching
- g) J. Stinziano BE PERMITTED to remain on the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) during his Fulbright Scholarship as Mr. J. Stinziano continues to participate in Working Group projects and is a valuable member of the EEPAC; and,
- h) clauses 1 to 6, 8 and 11, BE RECEIVED;

it being noted that the Planning and Environment Committee received the attached communication from S. Levin, Chair, EEPAC, with respect to phragmites. (13/19/PEC)



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City Clerk
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Invasive Phragmites

(Phragmites australis subsp. australis)



Invasive Phragmites growing next to a highway.
Photo courtesy of Francine MacDonald, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

Invasive Phragmites (European Common Reed) is an invasive plant causing damage to Ontario's biodiversity, wetlands and beaches. Invasive Phragmites is a perennial grass that has been damaging ecosystems in Ontario for decades. It is not clear how it was transported to North America from its native home in Eurasia.

Invasive Phragmites is an aggressive plant that spreads quickly and out-competes native species for water and nutrients. It releases toxins from its roots into the soil to hinder the growth of and kill surrounding plants. While it prefers areas of standing water, its roots can grow to extreme lengths, allowing it to survive in relatively dry areas.

Impacts of Invasive Phragmites

Invasive Phragmites:

- crowds out native vegetation, thus resulting in decreased plant biodiversity;
- generally provides poor habitat and food supplies for wildlife, including several Species at Risk;
- grows very quickly thereby causing lower water levels as water is transpired faster than it would be with native vegetation;
- increases fire hazards as stands are composed of a high percentage of dead stalks; and
- can affect agriculture, cause road safety hazard and impact recreational activities such as swimming, boating and angling.



Identifying Invasive Phragmites.
Photo courtesy of J.M. Gilbert, MNR.