



## **Invitation for Representatives to Participate in the London Phragmites Working Group (LPWG)**

**WHAT:** This is an invitation for a representative of your group or organization (listed below) to participate in the London Phragmites Working Group (LPWG). The LPWG will collaborate on the development of the London Phragmites Management Strategy. This will be the first time that a strategy of this scale will be initiated within the Great Lakes Basin. The City has retained Dr. Janice Gilbert, the leading Phragmites expert in Ontario to assist with London's Phragmites Management Strategy

Five LPWG meeting dates have been set. During the first meeting the Working Group will aim to establish collaboration opportunities, as well as identify additional key partners and resources within the local community.

**WHO: The London Phragmites Working Group (LPWG) would greatly benefit with representation from the following groups:**

- Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC)
- Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)
- Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA)
- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA)
- Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA)
- Ministry of Transportation – Ontario (MTO)
- City of London: Stormwater Management Unit, Sewer Operations, Parks Operations, Transportation Planning and Design, Roadside Operations, Environmental Programs, Urban Forestry, and Environment and Parks Planning

City staff and consultants will facilitate the process.

**WHEN: LPWG Meeting Dates\*, Times\* and Milestones:**

- LPWG Meeting 1: Introduction, Objectives, Timelines, and Roles  
Friday, July 21, 2017, 9:00am-12:00pm
- LPWG Meeting 2: Prioritize Goals & Related Tasks  
Monday, August 21, 2017, 10:00am-12:00pm
- LPWG Meeting 3: Finalize Strategy Components & Evaluation Methods  
Thursday, October 12, 2017, 10:00am-12:00pm
- LPWG Meeting 4: Comment on Draft Strategy  
Thursday, November 30, 2017, 10:00am-12:00pm
- LPWG Meeting 5: Endorse Revised Strategy  
Thursday, January 17, 2018, 10:00am-12:00pm

\*May be subject to change.

**WHERE:** LPWG meetings will be held in Committee Room #3, City Hall, 300 Dufferin Avenue. A light lunch will be provided.

**HOW: Roles of the London Phragmites Working Group (LPWG):**

1. Attend London Phragmites Working Group meetings;
2. May attend site visits;
3. Facilitate communication and collaboration;
4. Assist in the development of a London Phragmites Management Strategy document; and

5. Review and provide comment on the draft strategy.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Please *select one LPWG representative* for your group or organization and advise Gabrielle Nichols, Ecological Technician, [gnichols@london.ca](mailto:gnichols@london.ca) or contact Linda McDougall, Ecologist [lmcdouga@london.ca](mailto:lmcdouga@london.ca) 519-661-CITY (2489) x 6494 of your choice by email by **Friday, July 7, 2017**.

Please contact 519-661-CITY Ext. 2425 or [accessibility@london.ca](mailto:accessibility@london.ca) if you need information in an alternate format, or require the assistance of a communication support. Arrangements are made upon request by submitting a customer accommodation request form.