



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 and WHERE: LPWG Meeting Locations*, Dates*, Times* and Milestones:

- LPWG Meeting 1: Introduction, Objectives, Timelines, and Roles
Friday, July 21, 2017, 9:00am-12:00pm
City Hall, Committee Room 3, 2nd Fl., 300 Dufferin Ave., London, ON
- LPWG Meeting 2: Prioritize Goals & Related Tasks
Monday, August 21, 2017, 10:00am-12:00pm
City Hall, Committee Room 3, 2nd Fl., 300 Dufferin Ave., London, ON
- LPWG Meeting 3: Finalize Strategy Components & Evaluation Methods
Thursday, October 12, 2017, 10:00am-12:00pm
Watershed Conservation Centre, Fanshawe Conservation Area, 1424 Clarke Rd, London, ON
- LPWG Meeting 4: Comment on Draft Strategy
Thursday, November 30, 2017, 10:00am-12:00pm
City Hall, Committee Room 3, 2nd Fl., 300 Dufferin Ave., London, ON
- LPWG Meeting 5: Endorse Revised Strategy
Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 10:00am-12:00pm
Watershed Conservation Centre, Fanshawe Conservation Area, 1424 Clarke Rd, London, ON

*May be subject to change.

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 or contact Linda McDougall, Ecologist 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 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.