



**You are invited to attend
the Municipality of Kincardine's
Invasive Phragmites Workshop**

Saturday, August 13th, 2016
at the Underwood Community Centre

Presentations by:

Janice Gilbert, Ph.D., is a Wetland Ecologist who has been investigating invasive Phragmites impacts and appropriate control methods within sensitive Great Lakes coastal habitats since 2007. She is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Waterloo, Phragmites Advisor for Nature Conservancy of Canada, Scientific Advisor for the Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative and Founder and Co-chair of the Ontario Phragmites Working Group. Janice is the lead author on over 60 invasive Phragmites related reports and presentations

Nancy Vidler lives in Port Franks and has become the driving force behind Phragmites management and habitat restoration in the Lambton Shores area. She is a member of the Ontario Phragmites Working Group and Chair of the Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group. LSPCG received an Honourable Mention for Environmental Excellence from the Minister of the Environment in 2013 and, most recently, the Conservationist of the Year award from the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority. Nancy assisted Dr. Janice Gilbert with the creation of the Invasive Phragmites Management Plan for the Municipality of Lambton Shores, and has been recognized by Lambton County Museum and Lambton Wildlife Inc. for her environmental work.

Lynn Short is a Professor in Horticulture currently conducting research on non-chemical control strategies for invasive Phragmites at Humber College and at Wymbolwood Beach, Georgian Bay. Through this research, Lynn hopes to determine the optimum schedule of removal using her "spading method". Lynn is the environmental coordinator of the Phragmites Removal Project on Wymbolwood Beach. This project has employed students for the past six years, removing Phragmites from residents' properties along the beach. This successful project is posted as a case study on the Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative website. Lynn is also a member of the Ontario Phragmites Working Group.

Rhiannon Moore has a background in coastal ecology, both in marine and fresh water systems. She is currently coordinating the Coastal Centre's Butt Free Beach program, which aims to reduce cigarette litter on Lake Huron's shorelines. Rhiannon started a micro plastics collection project while working for Parks Canada on Vancouver Island, and she is continuing to explore this important issue here on Lake Huron.

The **Agenda** for the workshop is attached. For additional information please contact:
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AGENDA

9:30 am: Coffee, juice, water, fresh fruit and muffins, courtesy of the Municipality of Kincardine.

10:00: Welcome by Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Faubert; overview of the municipality's commitment to control invasive Phragmites, and introduction of speakers.

10:15 - 10:40: Janice Gilbert; background about the Phragmites invasion, results of control efforts to date, and plans for the future management of Phragmites along Kincardine's Lake Huron shoreline.

10:40 - 11:10 Nancy Vidler; the importance of community engagement.

11:10 - 11:40 Lynn Short; using the spade method to control Phragmites.

11:40 - 12:00 Rhiannon Moore; the role of the Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation, and the importance of conserving Lake Huron's coastal/fragile areas.

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch break and travel to Brucedale Conservation Area. Please bring your own lunch, or plan to get something to eat while travelling to Brucedale.

1:00 - 2:30 Demonstrations of the proper use of spades to control Phragmites. Review of the results of two other control methods; below water cutting to drown the plants, and the application of approved herbicides through back pack spraying.

Thank You for Attending the Workshop

