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# Rural Affairs Office

*Your resource for everything rural in Ottawa*

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## **Green Acres - Ottawa's Rural Reforestation Program**

The City of Ottawa's Green Acres Program is looking for empty idle fields to be transformed into thriving green woodlands. The program provides landowners with advice and assistance in setting up a proper planting plan for their property (or properties).

Landowners must be rural property owners in the City of Ottawa, have a minimum of 0.4 hectares (1 acre) of suitable land and must agree to cover the subsidized cost of the tree seedlings, site preparation, planting and tending as well as agreeing to reasonably protect the plantation. The Green Acres Program will provide landowners with:

- Subsidized tree seedlings;
- Advice and assistance in setting up a proper planting plan; and
- Assistance caring for the trees after they are planted

The funding is provided to a maximum of 50% on a cost shared basis. Applicants must contact the LandOwner Resource Centre to verify that the proposed project is located in the eligible area and meets the funding guidelines.

Watch this information video on the program and its benefits: <http://youtu.be/TR6YOqud5Es>. For more information contact, LandOwner Resource Centre at [www.lronline.com](http://www.lronline.com), [info@lronline.com](mailto:info@lronline.com), 613-692-3571 or 1-800-387-5304.

## **Ottawa Rural Clean Water Grants Program**

The Ottawa Rural Clean Water Grants Program (ORCWGP) provides grants to projects that protect groundwater and surface water in rural areas.

Landowners completing projects in 2015 may be eligible for grants of up to \$15,000 depending on the project they are undertaking. Applications are currently being accepted.

Some of the many eligible projects include: buffer strips, livestock restrictions, manure storage, land retirement, stream bank stabilization, tile outlet protection, tile drain control structures and well decommissioning. Funding is also available to decommission wells within the city's urban boundary.

Farmers from rural and urban Ottawa and landowners within rural Ottawa are eligible to apply. Approved applicants must have a completed the third edition Environmental Farm Plan (farm projects) or Healthy Home Guidebook (non-farm projects).

Applications will be accepted through the LandOwner Resource Centre, which works in partnership with the Mississippi Valley, Rideau Valley, and South Nation Conservation Authorities and the City of Ottawa.

Contact the LandOwner Resource Centre at 613-692-3571, toll free at 1-800-267-3504 ext. 1128 or 1132. Visit [ottawa.ca/cleanwater](http://ottawa.ca/cleanwater) for a full list of eligible projects and application forms.

## **Community Environmental Projects Grants Program – June 1 deadline**

Are you looking for an opportunity to put your environmental ideas into action? The City of Ottawa is now accepting applications for the 2015 Community Environmental Projects Grant Program (CEPGP).

CEPGP has funding available to community groups and non-profit organizations who want to undertake environmental projects in the areas of improving stormwater management, enhancing and protecting natural systems, or reducing our environmental impact.

The application deadline is Monday, June 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

For details on funding eligibility criteria, the application process, profiles of past projects, and an online application, please visit the City of Ottawa website at <http://ottawa.ca/cepgp>.

Contact Jennifer Brown, CEPGP Co-ordinator, at 613-580-2424 x 27914 or at [cepgp@ottawa.ca](mailto:cepgp@ottawa.ca).

## **Ontario Renovates Program Overview**

The Ontario Renovates Program administered by the City of Ottawa's Housing Services Branch, provides limited funding to low income seniors who own their home and to persons with disabilities for necessary home repairs and accessibility modifications to support independent living. The program is also available to qualifying landlords to modify their existing units or buildings to make them more accessible to eligible seniors and persons with disabilities.

Homeowners who are 65 years of age or older, persons with disabilities and/or families with a household member(s) that have a disability, may qualify for assistance, if the property is eligible and if the total gross annual income of the household meets the income requirements. To obtain more information about the Ontario Renovates Program, please visit [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca), call our information line at 613-580-2424 ext 12300 or email [Ontariorenovates@ottawa.ca](mailto:Ontariorenovates@ottawa.ca).

## **Property tax deferral program for low-income seniors and people with disabilities**

The City of Ottawa offers two property tax deferral programs for low-income seniors and low-income people with disabilities. Eligible homeowners may apply for a full or partial deferral of annual property taxes. Application for tax deferral must be made annually to the City of Ottawa to establish eligibility or confirm continued eligibility.

You may apply for one of the following programs: Full Property Tax Deferral Program or Partial Property Tax Deferral Program. For more information, visit [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca) or call 613-580-2740.

### **Farm Grant Program**

The City of Ottawa Farm Grant Program provides financial relief to working farmers. The grant program will assist eligible farm property owners by allowing the June final tax instalment to be paid in December.

To qualify for the grant, the following conditions must be met:

- The property must be defined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation in the farmlands property class
- The property must not be owned by a commercial enterprise
- Taxes have been paid up to date before the June instalment
- The final tax instalment billed (mailed May) is paid in full in early December

How the program will work:

- Penalty charges will continue
- Notification of the amount to be paid will be communicated to you in the fall
- The grant amount will be the equivalent of the penalty charges and fees added to your account during the deferral
- The City will automatically calculate and apply a credit for the grant amount to your tax account; there is no application to fill out

Should you have any questions, please contact Revenue Branch from Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (June to August 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at 613-580-2444 (Transactions will be recorded for training and verification purposes). TTY: 613-580-2401.

### **Tim Hortons Cleaning the Capital**

The City of Ottawa and Tim Hortons are pleased to announce the annual Tim Hortons Cleaning the Capital campaign, which will take place from April 15 to May 15.

Registration is quick and easy:

- Go to [ottawa.ca/clean](http://ottawa.ca/clean), or call 3-1-1 (TTY: 613-580-2401) to register for the cleanup. The new interactive map on our website will show you which locations have already been claimed, allow you to register your own project site and choose the cleanup supplies that you need.
- Select a location such as a park, ravine, shoreline, bus stop, pathway or any public area that requires litter pickup, graffiti removal or cleanup.

Volunteers who submit a final cleanup report by May 31 will be eligible for prizes.

Cleaning the Capital is a city-wide event that brings together neighbours, communities and friends to help keep Ottawa clean and green! Last year alone, 80,000 volunteers collected almost 140,000 kg of litter from 1,400 locations.

This is a great opportunity for families and friends to work together on community cleanup projects that help make Ottawa clean, green, graffiti-free and litter-free. Cleaning the Capital is also an excellent way for high school students to earn their community volunteer hours.

### **Mayor's Rural Expo & Food Aid**

The annual Mayor's Rural Expo and Food Aid BBQ is taking place at Festival Plaza, City Hall on Thursday, June 4 this year.

The Mayor's Rural Expo helps urban residents learn more about what rural Ottawa has to offer. If your organization wishes to participate in the Rural Expo, please contact the Rural Affairs Office at [ruralaffairs@ottawa.ca](mailto:ruralaffairs@ottawa.ca) or 613-580-2424 x28352.

The Food Aid BBQ will help the Ottawa Food Bank raise the necessary funds to sustain its food programs and support local farmers.

## **Mother's Day at Cumberland Heritage Village Museum and Pinhey's Point Historic Site**

### **Mother's Day, Cumberland Heritage Village Museum**

Sunday, May 10 from 10 am to 4 pm

This is the perfect Mother's Day outing that the whole family will love! Make Mom feel extra special with a mini-makeover, celebrate the contributions of all mothers to family and community with interactive activities, and pose for fun photos at photo stations set-up all over the site. Take a break and enjoy a "pink" tea in our picnic shelter to give Mom a chance to relax and show her how much you appreciate her.

Cost: \$7/person, \$5/student or senior, \$18/family.

Information: <http://ottawa.ca/cumberlandmuseum>

### **Mother's Day, Pinhey's Point Historic Site**

Sunday, May 10 from 10 am to 4 pm

What better way to celebrate Mom than at our opening event of the season, Mother's Day! Spend quality time with Mom as you learn how to arrange flowers, inspired by the Victorian era. You'll learn a little, play and little, and make some terrific memories as a family!

Cost: \$6/person, \$10/pair, \$16/family

Information: <http://ottawa.ca/pinheyspoint>

## **Commemorative Naming Proposal: Doug Rivington Park – (Ward 5 – West Carleton-March)**

In recognition of Doug Rivington's extensive community service, the City of Ottawa has been asked to name a new park at 701 Meadow Ridge Circle "Doug Rivington Park".

A summary of the proposal, submitted by Connie Rivington-Howie, is provided below:

Doug Rivington was born and raised in Carp, growing up on a dairy farm at the corner of Carp Road and March Road. He and his wife, Helen, have raised five (5) children and, over the years, Doug has built strong ties to both family and community.

Doug Rivington has contributed to the community in many ways, including as chairman of the school board, as president of the Carp Agricultural Society and as warden at St James Church. He has provided gratuitous labour to the Carp splash pad and to making the Parish of Huntley Hall wheelchair accessible. He has also provided generous monetary support to the Carp Fair, the Huntley Curling Club, the West Carleton Community Complex, Huntley Centennial Public School, the West Carleton Library branch and local sports teams.

This new park will be built on land that has been in Doug's family for three (3) generations and the subdivision adjacent to the park was designed by Doug and Helen to provide various options for people wanting to live in Carp.

If you would like to submit comments regarding this proposal or obtain further information, please contact Diane Blais at [namingottawa@ottawa.ca](mailto:namingottawa@ottawa.ca) or 613-580-2424, extension 28091. Comments on this proposal must be received no later than May 16, 2015.

## **Commemorative Naming Proposal: Doug Thompson Multi-Use Pathway – (Ward 20 – Osgoode and Ward 22 – Gloucester-South Nepean)**

In recognition of Doug Thompson's extensive community service, the City of Ottawa has been asked to rename the Osgoode Multi-Use Pathway the "Doug Thompson Multi-Use Pathway".

A summary of the proposal, submitted by Councillor George Darouze, is provided below:

Doug Thompson began his political career as a member of Osgoode Township Council in 1984. Subsequently, he became the Mayor of Osgoode Township until amalgamation of the City of Ottawa. Following amalgamation, he was elected to three consecutive terms as City Councillor for Osgoode Ward, until his retirement in 2014. Over his 31 years in office, Doug provided assistance to countless residents, community associations, organizations and charities.

Doug Thompson was instrumental in moving the Osgoode Multi-Use Pathway forward and to fruition.

In 2011, funding became available to turn the abandoned rail line into a multi-use pathway, which would be a great resource for residents in the City's South end and would serve cyclists, pedestrians and snowmobilers by providing a linkage to other communities and encouraging active living. The pathway was not universally supported by the community and Doug demonstrated strong leadership, working with groups and individuals to come to a peaceful resolution. He spent many hours in meetings and home visits, listening to opinions and trying to find common ground. Thanks to his perseverance, the Osgoode Multi-Use Pathway was officially opened in June 2011 and is now enjoyed by thousands year-round.

If you would like to submit comments regarding this proposal or obtain further information, please contact Diane Blais [namingottawa@ottawa.ca](mailto:namingottawa@ottawa.ca), or 613-580-2424, extension 28091. Comments on this proposal must be received no later than June 15, 2015.

### **Invasive plant: Wild parsnip**

Wild parsnip is an invasive plant that is commonly found within the City of Ottawa in areas of uncultivated land, roadside ditches, nature trails, as well as on and surrounding rural and residential properties.

Wild Parsnip may pose a health risk to humans. The plant sap contains chemicals that will cause skin irritation and make the skin prone to severe burning and blistering when exposed to the sun. The blisters typically occur one to two days after contact with the plant. This can result in long-term scarring of the skin.

Wild Parsnip is a highly branched plant, with hollow green stems. The compound leaves are green and dense growing. The yellow flowers are in clusters of up to 20 cm across. The plant can grow to a height of 0.5 to 1.5 meters. It is a biennial plant, reproducing only by seed.

When working around wild parsnip or when walking through dense vegetation, wear goggles, gloves, long pants and long-sleeved shirts. Thoroughly wash boots and gloves with soap and water before taking off your protective clothing.

Children should be reminded not to pick wild flowers. Ensure children are able to identify wild parsnip in order to avoid exposure. If you are exposed to the plant sap, wash the contaminated area(s) thoroughly as soon as possible, and seek medical attention if skin irritation occurs. For more information, visit [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca).

### **Farmers' Markets in rural Ottawa**

With the arrival of spring, farmers' markets are set to open soon across rural Ottawa. Be sure to visit for the vegetables, fruit, meat, arts and crafts and other products that local producers have to offer.

- Carp Farmers' Market <http://www.carpfarmersmarket.ca/> - open May 9
- Metcalfe Farmers' Market <http://www.metcalfefm.com/> - open May 9
- North Gower Farmers' Market <http://www.ngfarmersmarket.com/> - open May 30
- Cumberland Farmers' Market <http://www.cumberlandfarmersmarket.ca/> - open June 13

- Manotick Farmers' Market <http://www.manotickfarmersmarket.com/>

## Growing Forward 2 - Helping You Reach Your Goals

Growing Forward 2 (GF2) is a federal-provincial initiative that encourages innovation, competitiveness and market development in Canada's agri-food and agri products sector. Whether you are starting out, or have been in business a long time, GF2 can help you reach your goals.

In Ontario, GF2 offers resources, tools and cost-share funding assistance to eligible producers, processors, organizations and collaborations to grow their profits, expand markets and manage shared risks. New GF2 guidebooks are online - accepting applications May 1. Learn more about GF2: [ontario.ca/growingforward2](http://ontario.ca/growingforward2).

## Rural Development Applications

Please see below for recently updated development applications in rural Ottawa, subject to public consultation. More information at <http://www.ottawa.ca/devapps>

### **Ward 5 - West Carleton-March**

4025 Highway 17 <a href="#">D02-02-14-0127</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Zoning By-law in Effect	Apr 29, 2015
3981 Farmview Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0133</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Zoning By-law in Effect	Apr 29, 2015
3285 Dunrobin Road <a href="#">D07-12-15-0068</a>	Site Plan Control	Comment Period in Progress	Apr 20, 2015
2900 Carp Road <a href="#">D07-12-15-0030</a>	Site Plan Control	Application on Hold	Apr 9, 2015
150 Salisbury Street 170 Salisbury Street <a href="#">D07-12-13-0224</a>	Site Plan Control	Application on Hold	Mar 24, 2015
1883 Bradley Side Road <a href="#">D01-01-14-0015</a>	Official Plan Amendment	Application Reactivated	Mar 19, 2015
1883 Bradley Side Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0084</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Application Reactivated	Mar 19, 2015
3119 Carp Road <a href="#">D07-16-14-0020</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application on Hold	Nov 20, 2014

### **Ward 19 – Cumberland**

3230 Sarsfield Road <a href="#">D07-16-13-0022</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Councillor Concurs	Apr 15, 2015
255 Wall Road 261 Wall Road 2635 Mer Bleue Road 2643 Mer Bleue Road 2659 Mer Bleue Road <a href="#">D07-16-12-0015</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Councillor Concurs	Apr 2, 2015
3455 Milton Road <a href="#">D07-16-14-0019</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Public Meeting Held	Mar 23, 2015
5574 Rockdale Road <a href="#">D07-12-14-0007</a>	Site Plan Control	Application on Hold	Mar 10, 2015
5341 Boundary Road <a href="#">D07-16-14-0024</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application on Hold	Feb 19, 2015
5341 Boundary Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0124</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Application on Hold	Dec 30, 2014

### **Ward 20 – Osgoode**

1662 Yorks Corners Road <a href="#">D02-02-15-0015</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Application Recommended to Council for Approval	May 7, 2015
1670 John Quinn Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0145</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Notice of Public Meeting Sent	Apr 27, 2015

6815 Mcdiarmid Road 6891 Mcdiarmid Road <a href="#">D02-02-15-0014</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Notice of Public Meeting Sent	Apr 27, 2015
4837 Albion Road <a href="#">D02-02-15-0018</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Notice of Public Meeting Sent	Apr 27, 2015
6945 Mckeown Drive <a href="#">D07-12-15-0047</a>	Site Plan Control	Comment Period has Ended/Issue Resolution	Apr 24, 2015
8153 Springhill Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0132</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	By-law Passed - In Appeal Period	Apr 22, 2015
2245 Yorks Corners Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0140</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Zoning By-law in Effect	Apr 22, 2015
3150 Rideau Road <a href="#">D07-12-15-0014</a>	Site Plan Control	Comment Period has Ended/Issue Resolution	Apr 22, 2015
1000 Vista Barrett Private 1121 Stagecoach Road <a href="#">D02-02-15-0012</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Comment Period has Ended/Issue Resolution	Apr 7, 2015
4845 Bank Street <a href="#">D02-02-15-0024</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Comment Period in Progress	Apr 2, 2015
1240 Old Prescott Road <a href="#">D07-16-13-0032</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application on Hold	Feb 12, 2015
1705 Old Prescott Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0139</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Application on Hold	Jan 30, 2015
1705 Old Prescott Road <a href="#">D07-16-14-0030</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application on Hold	Jan 30, 2015

***Ward 21 – Rideau-Goulbourn***

103 Walgreen Road <a href="#">D07-12-15-0056</a>	Site Plan Control	Application on Hold	Apr 30, 2015
7315 Fernbank Road <a href="#">D02-02-12-0093</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	By-law Passed - In Appeal Period	Apr 23, 2015
1129 Clapp Lane <a href="#">D02-02-14-0138</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	By-law Passed - In Appeal Period	Apr 22, 2015
3257 Donnelly Drive <a href="#">D02-02-14-0135</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	By-law Passed - In Appeal Period	Apr 21, 2015
471 Sangeet Place 6452 Ottawa Street <a href="#">D07-16-09-0022</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application Draft Approved	Apr 14, 2015
1353 Scharfgate Drive <a href="#">D07-16-14-0028</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application on Hold	Mar 9, 2015
1353 Scharfgate Drive <a href="#">D02-02-14-0137</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Application on Hold	Mar 9, 2015
324 Trestle Street <a href="#">D02-02-14-0089</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Application Recommended to Council for Approval	Mar 5, 2015
1125 Clapp Lane 1129 Clapp Lane <a href="#">D07-12-14-0187</a>	Site Plan Control	Application on Hold	Feb 5, 2015
1845 Stittsville Main Street 1877 Stittsville Main Street 1883 Stittsville Main Street 1921 Stittsville Main Street 5993 Flewellyn Road 6070 Fernbank Road <a href="#">D07-16-13-0033</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application on Hold	Jan 9, 2015
6305 Ottawa Street 6420 Ottawa Street 6431 Ottawa Street <a href="#">D07-16-13-0011</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Applicant Concur	Dec 7, 2014
3552 Barnsdale Road 3680 Barnsdale Road 3806 Barnsdale Road	Zoning By-law Amendment	OMB Package Sent	Nov 19, 2014

3818 Barnsdale Road 3872 Greenbank Road 3882 Barnsdale Road 3894 Prince Of Wales Drive 3910 Prince Of Wales Drive 3971 Greenbank Road 3972 Prince Of Wales Drive 3976 Greenbank Road <a href="#">D02-02-13-0115</a>			
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