



The Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey

April 6th, 2016

EMAIL/FAX ONLY

Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building – Room 281
Queens Park
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Wynne,

Please find attached a certified true copy of resolution #124-165 passed by the Municipality of West Grey Council on April 4, 2016, in support of the attached letter and resolution from the County of Grey respecting Phragmites (European Common Reed).

I trust you will give this matter its due consideration.

Very truly yours,

Municipality of West Grey

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Turner", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Turner, Hons. B.A., AMCT
Clerk

MT/mt
Encl.



Cc: Hon. Jane Philpott, Federal Minister of Health
Hon. Catherine Mary McKenna, Federal Minister of Environment and
Climate Change
Hon. James Gordon Carr, Minister of Natural Resources Canada
Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Hon. Larry Miller, MP Grey-Bruce
Hon. Dr. Kellie Leitch, MP Simcoe-Grey
Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources
Hon. Glen R. Murray, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Hon. Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation
Hon. Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Hon. Bill Walker, M.P.P. Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Hon. Lisa Thompson, M.P.P. Huron-Bruce
Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen
Valley Conservation Authority
John Cottrill, Chief Administrative Officer, Grey-Sauble Conservation
Authority



Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey
Resolution

Moved by: Rob Thompson No. 124-16

Seconded by: Doug Hutchison Session: April 4, 2016

Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution of Grey County Council respecting the invasive perennial grass known as Phragmites (European Common Reed);

And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada; Premier of Ontario; Federal Ministers of Health, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Agri-Food; Provincial Ministers of Natural Resources and Forestry, Environment and Climate Change, Transportation, and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; local MPs and MPPs, local Conservation Authorities, and County of Grey.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS
IS A TRUE COPY DATED AT
WEST GREY
THIS 6 DAY OF April, 2016
[Signature]
JAMES MARK TURNER, CLERK
CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST GREY

Carried / Defeated _____ Mayor Ken Eccles

	For	Against
John A. Bell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bev Cutting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Eccles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doug Hutchinson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Lawrence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don B. Marshall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rob Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Declaration of pecuniary interest or the general nature thereof:



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Dear Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier Kathleen Wynne:

At the March 1st, 2015 session of Grey County Council, resolution PCD44-16 was endorsed as follows:

PCD44-16 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

WHEREAS Phragmites (European Common Reed) is an invasive perennial grass that grows and spreads easily in water and wetlands;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario government has recently enacted the Invasive Species Act which recognizes the importance of controlling the spread of invasive species and removing and eradicating invasive species from Ontario, including Phragmites;

AND WHEREAS the continued growth of Phragmites in wetlands is threatening agricultural, shoreline, and urban land in Grey County as well as other areas in Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report PDR-PCD-08-16 be received;

AND THAT correspondence be provided to the Federal and Provincial governments requesting their support and assurance that the following items will be addressed, as recommended by Conservation Ontario, in order to allow municipalities and other agencies to control

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and eradicate invasive Phragmites:

1. Expedite and streamline the approval of herbicides to enable control over water;
2. Expedite and streamline approval of aerial treatments;
3. Establish a province-wide invasive Phragmites control program; and,
4. Control invasive Phragmites along Provincial Highways and provincial lands;

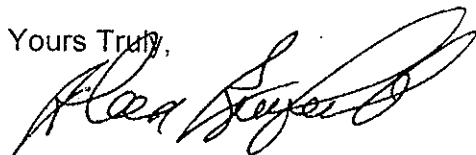
AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to work with local municipalities, local conservation authorities, and other interested organizations to map known locations of invasive Phragmites and to develop a coordinated plan to control and eradicate invasive Phragmites in Grey County using best available management practices.

County Council respectfully requests consideration of this resolution in order to provide the necessary tools for municipalities, conservation authorities and other organizations to be able to control and eradicate invasive Phragmites.

Attached is a copy of Report PDR-PCD-08-16 which identifies the County's concerns with respect to Phragmites and identifies what the County is requesting from the Federal and Provincial governments.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting this issue. Please contact me at (519)372-0219 ext. 1225 or Kim Wingrove, CAO – ext. 1292, if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours Truly,



Warden Alan Barfoot
(519) 372-0219 ext. 1225

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Enclosures

cc. Honourable Jane Philpott, MP, Minister of Health Canada
Honourable James Gordon Carr, Minister of Natural Resources Canada
Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

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Local Municipalities – Grey County
Grey Sauble Conservation Authority
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Grand River Conservation Authority