

L Lake in Port Franks
July 10, 2019

L Lake

Port Franks, Ontario



We are so thrilled with what happened in our community on July 10, 2019! Phragmites fighting on L Lake in Port Franks - we took a pretty big bite out of the problem.

This very significant wetland needs our protection and restoration. This unique Area of Natural and Scientific Interest is home to a spectacular array of plants and animals found collectively nowhere else in Canada. It is a vital part of a rare Oak Savanna ecosystem. In a bid to preserve the



area's unique biodiversity, a large number of volunteers spent an incredibly hot day removing invasive phragmites using a cut to drown method. Huge thanks to the many volunteers who came out in this ridiculous heat, the Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group, and the cutting crew from the Invasive Phragmites Control Centre. Support from ABCA, NCC (funds for food and portable washroom) and the Municipality of Lambton Shores (signage and pickup of the biomass), yard waste bags supplied by TD Bank in Grand Bend, and Jan and John Fowler for the use of their property as a 'base camp'. Special thanks to Nancy Vidler (Chair) and the LSPCG

board members, Sandra Marshall (Chair IPP), and Dr. Janice Gilbert (Exec Director IPCC). Looking forward to the next event - mechanical removal of phrag in the water using truxors will be happening in early August. We've lit a fire in this community and the phrag doesn't stand a chance!

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Phew it was hot! Look at the sun
beating down!



A great opportunity to spread awareness and education - we were on a busy road. Many people walking, biking or driving by stopped to see what was happening.

A cutting crew from IPCC took on the phragm in the lake, entering the deeper water. With help from volunteers, the biomass was collected in boats and transported to the shore.





The huge amount of biomass was put on a loader and taken away in several truckloads by the Municipality of Lambton Shores. It was transported to a designated site for invasive species disposal and will be properly dealt with.

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What a difference a day makes!

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