

Yarwood Point Phragmites Dig

A Community Stewardship Initiative

Where: Yarwood Point Public Beach (the corner of Yarwood Road and 8th Street)

When: Saturday, August 11th from 9am-11am

What: *Phragmites* are an invasive reed that have appeared on Yarwood Point. *Phragmites* are found along the shorelines, ditches and road sides throughout Ontario. Left unchecked, *Phragmites* will take over the natural vegetation of an area and destroy the property. Throughout the Township of Tiny, stewardship groups, in partnership with the township, are forming to remove patches of this invasive plant on municipal property.

How: The preferred method is to cut with a shovel at the base of the stalk below the first node and just below the surface of the sand. All cut stalks, seed heads and rhizomes (roots) must be removed from the site by placing them in yard waste bags to be disposed of at composting site. Cutting must be done several years in succession before results will be seen. No other form of phragmites removal is permitted on Township property. The Township of Tiny supports community stewardship phragmites digs by providing shovels, gloves, yard waste bags and refreshments. The Township schedules bag pick-ups after the digs.

Please call your friends, family and neighbours. Grab your water bottle, a sharp shovel, gloves and protective footwear. We strongly recommend wearing long pants and a long-sleeved, light-weight shirt. Not sure if you want to participate? You are still encouraged to come out to learn more about this invasive species and see it for yourself! **The Township will provide shovels and gloves for those without.



For more information about this upcoming Phragmites Dig please contact Maggie at moff@tiny.ca or 705-526-4204 ext 271.

More information on *Phragmites* can be found at:

Ontario *Phragmites* Working Group at <http://www.opwg.ca/> OR

<http://www.invadingspecies.com/invaders/plants-terrestrial/invasive-phragmites/>

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!