



**SEVERN SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION
INVASIVE SPECIES (IS) WORKING GROUP**

November 24th, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Present via zoom video:

Bryan Anderson
Laura Baldwick
Shawn Berriault
Tianna Burke
Nicole Carpenter
Will Cox
Glenn Cunnington
Carolyn Davies
Graham Davis
Sherry Desjardins
Ryan Elbe
Jeff Hamelin
Amanda Henderson
Quinton Kenney
John Kirk
Tim Leitch
Dan Murnaghan
Brad Sokach
Scott Sutton
Rebecca Willison

Township of Tiny
Parks Canada (GBNIP)
Tay Township
Georgian Bay Biosphere
Georgian Bay Forever (GBF)
County of Simcoe
District Municipality of Muskoka
Nature Conservancy of Canada
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Town of Penetanguishene
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Nature Conservancy of Canada
Town of Midland
Township of Oro-Medonte
Township of Tiny
Town of Midland
Township of Georgian Bay
Parks Canada (GBNIP)
Muskoka Watershed Council

SSEA Staff present via zoom video:

Tamara Brincat
Michelle Hudolin
Cameron Epp
Travis van Engelen
Cliff Evanitski

Invasive Species Program Coordinator
Wetlands & Habitat Biologist
Watershed Resilience Coordinator
Tree Plant Program Specialist
Office Manager

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting started at 9am with all participants introducing themselves, their organization and their respective interests in dealing with Invasive Species.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Tamara provided SSEA Invasive Species Program background, as well as, informed Working Group that SSEA's recently approved Severn Sound Invasive Species Strategy (SSISS) would be available in new year. Highlights were provided on various IS initiatives with local municipalities, Ldd and roadside Phragmites.

3. ROUNDTABLE

- Tiny: notes volunteer Phragmites management using spading works well for smaller scale but not effective for amounts of Phragmites along roads;
- Penetanguishene: currently working towards building IS control programs;
- Oro-Medonte: purchasing a cutter for excavator; considering herbicides; issue with wild parsnip;
- Midland: few ditches, therefore no roadside IS program;
- Tay: spray for hogweed, check areas each year; noticing more Phragmites, but issue is that control efforts are compromised if neighbouring lands are not managing IS;
- Georgian Bay: spray for Phragmites as locations are identified; some hogweed, but under control; challenging to keep up;
- Muskoka: spraying hogweed, Japanese knotweed, Phragmites; same issue as Tay – spraying corridor, but creeps back in from adjacent properties;
- County of Simcoe: Phragmites and hogweed managed by roads by-law; focus on sections impacting sightlines; County also does some management in forest properties abutting roads;
- NCC: own properties, also E&O;
- GBF: working to get Ministry of Transportation Ontario to do spraying;
- GBINP: no roads b/c island-based park; focus on shoreline IS management.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Tiny interested in Ldd presentation/update again to Council;
- b. Tiny looking for guidance on what herbicide to apply, when to cut, as well as, information re: the impact of phragmites-control measures on pollinators etc.;
- c. SSEA to send out link of MNR Ldd maps to IS Working Group;
- d. Midland interested in IS training for identification purposes;
- e. SSEA to look at coordinating a joint spraying/control program for watershed partners;
- f. NCC interested in sharing their Phragmites location mapping, as well as, coordinating outreach efforts to inform home and cottage owners on how they can help control IS;
- g. Municipalities to consider if they would want IS training programs for their staff and if so, which species would they require more information about.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 10:11 am.