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# Rural Affairs Office

*Your resource for everything rural in Ottawa*

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## **Rural Association Partnership Program**

If you are an Ottawa organization operating a rural fair, a farmers' market or a rural business organization such as Chamber of Commerce and Business Improvement Areas, you may be eligible for funding of up to \$7,500 through the City of Ottawa's Rural Association Partnership Program (RAPP).

**The first round of RAPP funding is now available with applications being accepted until Friday, April 3, 2015 at 4 pm.**

The objectives of the RAPP are:

- To provide project based funding that supports the main priorities for rural organizations.
- To contribute to the City's rural economic health by supporting projects that will assist Ottawa's rural business organizations, fairs and farmers markets achieve sustainability and capitalize on the proximity to Ottawa's large urban market.
- To assist in promoting Ottawa's rural identity to both residents and tourists.
- To provide economic benefits to small and medium sized enterprises in Ottawa's rural communities.
- Assist rural communities to overcome the business development challenges associated with smaller local population base.
- To increase the capacity for rural communities to provide a quality visitor experience.

More information, including guidelines and an application form, can be found on the Rural Association Partnership Program webpage at <http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/social-services/rural-connections/rural-association-partnership-program>.

**Prospective RAPP applicants are encouraged to contact the Rural Affairs Office at [ruralaffairs@ottawa.ca](mailto:ruralaffairs@ottawa.ca) or 613-580-2424 ext. 28352 to discuss their proposal prior to submitting an application.**

### **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. **The next application deadline is May 1, 2015.**

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**

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). For details on funding eligibility criteria, profiles of past projects, the application process and an online application, please visit the City of Ottawa website at [ottawa.ca/cepgp](http://ottawa.ca/cepgp) or contact Jen Brown at 613-580-2424 ext. 27914. Deadline for applications is June 1, 2015.

### **Community Partnership Minor Capital Program**

The City of Ottawa Community Partnership Minor Capital Program is an initiative available for minor capital improvements to city-owned parks, recreation and cultural facilities on a cost-sharing basis with community groups. Examples include: play equipment, basketball courts, park furniture, tree planting, landscape improvements, minor community facility improvements, etc. Projects on school board land and other public lands that are accessible to the general public may also be eligible. Next deadline: May 1<sup>st</sup>. Information: [ottawa.ca/funding](http://ottawa.ca/funding) or 613-580-2424, ext. 23169 or ext. 26967.

### **Early birds can register now for 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. Early-bird registration is now available.

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 register their cleanup project before April 14 have a chance to win one of many early bird prizes donated by our generous sponsors. Volunteers who submit a final cleanup report by May 31 will be eligible for more 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.

### **Seasonal load restrictions start for heavy vehicles serving Ottawa**

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Monday March 23, seasonal load restrictions are in effect. Commercial vehicles or trailers with a gross vehicle weight in excess of five tonnes or 11,000 lbs. per axle are prohibited on roads where restriction signage is posted, and on all truck routes identified as restricted on the Truck Route Maps ([Urban Truck Routes](#)<sup>1</sup> and [Rural Truck Routes](#)<sup>2</sup>).

These restrictions also apply to all non-truck routes. Heavy vehicles that exceed weight limits on restricted load roadways during the spring thaw period will be subject to fines.

During the spring thaw period, some roads cannot withstand heavy vehicle loads. Every year, the City monitors thaw progression by utilizing the forecast temperature data to calculate the Thaw Index. When the Thaw Index reaches its threshold value, the load restrictions are imposed. Once the pavement strength has been restored, the load restrictions are removed.

For further information, please visit [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca) or call 3-1-1.

1. Urban Route: [http://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/documents.ottawa.ca/files/documents/urban\\_truck\\_routes\\_en.pdf](http://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/documents.ottawa.ca/files/documents/urban_truck_routes_en.pdf)
2. Rural Route: [http://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/documents.ottawa.ca/files/documents/rural\\_truck\\_routes\\_en.pdf](http://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/documents.ottawa.ca/files/documents/rural_truck_routes_en.pdf)

### **Mayor's Rural Expo & Food Aid – save the date**

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.

Further details about Food Aid and Rural Expo will be available in the Rural Connections May newsletter.

### **Confederation Line East Light Rail Transit (LRT) Extension Ottawa Road 174 / Prescott-Russell County Road 17 Widening Environmental Assessment Studies**

You are invited to the final Open Houses to review and provide feedback on the recommendations for these two environmental assessment (EA) studies. The Confederation Line East LRT Extension study is following the Transit Projects Assessment Process and the OR174 and Prescott-Russell County Road 17 (CR17) corridor is under the Municipal Class EA process for a Schedule 'C' project.

Open Houses: 6 to 9 p.m., presentation at 7 p.m.

Monday, April 20, 2015

Community Pentecostal Church  
1825 St. Joseph Boulevard  
Orléans

Tuesday, April 21, 2015  
R. J. Kennedy Community Centre  
Hall A & B, 1115 Dunning Road  
Cumberland

Thursday, April 23, 2015  
Clarence Creek Community Hall  
418 Lemay Street  
Clarence Creek

Open House presentation and displays will include:

- Functional design of the preferred integrated LRT and OR174 widening west of Trim Road
- Functional design of the widening of OR 174 and CR 17 east of Trim Road
- Summary of comments and responses from the February 2015 consultation
- Next steps

The East LRT extension is one of three EA studies underway as part of Stage 2, the City's plan to extend the benefits of rail to residents farther east, west and south that will add 19 new stations and 30 kilometres to the O-Train system— see [ottawa.ca/stage2](http://ottawa.ca/stage2) for further information.

Accessibility is an important consideration to facilitate attendance at these Open Houses. If you require special accommodation, please call 3-1-1. If you are unavailable to attend the Open House or would like additional information, please visit the study web site at [ottawa.ca/easternlrt](http://ottawa.ca/easternlrt).

### **Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence**

Applications for the 2015 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence program will be accepted until April 10, 2015 at 5 p.m.

The program recognizes innovators who contribute to the success of Ontario's agri-food sector. Eligible applicants could receive one of:

- a Premier's Award (\$75,000)
- a Minister's Award (\$50,000)
- a Leaders in Innovation Award - three awards available (\$25,000 each)
- provincial award - 45 awards available (\$5,000 each)

Program applications are reviewed by two independent panels consisting of agri-food industry representatives from across Ontario. For more information about the awards and the application process, please review the program website at [omafra.gov.on.ca](http://omafra.gov.on.ca).

### **Update of Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formulae & Implementation Guidelines**

Within rural lands and prime agricultural areas, the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014 (PPS) requires that new land uses, such as the creation of lots and new or expanding livestock facilities, comply with Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formulae. The MDS is used to determine a recommended separation distance between a livestock or permanent manure storage facility and another land use. The objective of the MDS is to prevent land use conflicts and minimize nuisance complaints from odour. MDS does not account for other nuisance issues such as noise, light, vibration, smoke, flies and dust.

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) is completing a 5-Year review of the MDS, as set out in the current MDS documentation. The purpose of the 5-Year review is to ensure that the MDS:

- reflects current land use planning principles and practices;
- reflects current technology and approaches in Ontario's livestock industry; and,
- continues to meet the needs of agriculture and rural communities across Ontario.

This proposal has been posted for a public review and comment period until May 20, 2015. For more information, visit [www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca).

### **Regulatory amendments to reduce the use of neonicotinoid insecticides**

The Government of Ontario aims to protect pollinators by addressing the four main stressors that pollinators face: pesticide exposure; loss of habitat and nutrition; climate change and weather; disease, pests and genetics.

As a first step, the Province is proposing a change in the pesticides regulation to address the impact that pesticide exposure is having on pollinator health.

The draft regulatory amendments are intended to reduce the number of acres planted with neonicotinoid insecticide treated corn and soybean seeds by 80 percent by 2017. The amendments to Ontario Regulation 63/09, under the Pesticides Act would establish:

- a new class of pesticides consisting of corn and soybean seeds treated with the neonicotinoids, imidacloprid, clothianidin or thiamethoxam
- rules for the sale and use of treated seeds
- timing and implementation of the regulatory requirements.

This proposal has been posted for a 45 day public review and comment period, ending May 7, 2015. For more information, visit [www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca).

### **Farm Management Canada agricultural student award**

Farm Management Canada (FMC) and the Canadian Association of Diploma in Agriculture Programs (CADAP) are once again partnering to offer the Excellence Award for Agricultural Students.

The Award encourages agricultural students to enhance their communication skills and raises awareness of the importance of farm business management. Each year, Farm Management Canada collects submissions from agricultural students across Canada and awards three deserving students with money towards their ag education. Awards will be issued in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place categories. 1st place stands to win \$1500!

For this year's competition, student must submit a multimedia presentation, a video, a Twitter chat, a blog or a Wiki, responding to the following question: How can the agricultural industry best support young farmers looking to succeed in an ever-competitive and complex global marketplace?

All applications must be received no later than May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. For more information, visit <http://www.fmc-gac.com/excellence-award>.

### **Transportation choices for rural seniors: two events in May**

**South Ottawa:** Manotick Arena, 5572 Doctor Leach Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Friday, May 1 from 12:45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Free refreshments. Presented by Rural Ottawa South Support Services (ROSSS) and The Council on Aging of Ottawa Seniors Transportation Committee (COA OSTC).

**East Ottawa:** Bearbrook Community Centre, 8720 Russell Road, Tuesday, May 5 from Noon to 2 p.m. Free lunch served noon – 1 p.m. Presented by Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre (EORC) and The Council on Aging of Ottawa Seniors Transportation Committee (COA OSTC).

Hear presentations by OC Transpo and community support agency transportation coordinators and visit the information booths. Registration is required. Register by phone: 613-741-6025, ext. 324 (leave a

message) or email [vbrousseau@eorc-creo.ca](mailto:vbrousseau@eorc-creo.ca). Transportation will be arranged for anyone needing it to attend - please indicate when registering.

## Ottawa Eco-Talent Network

Could your group use some targeted help to design, implement, promote or improve an environmental sustainability initiative that you are working to deliver? The Ottawa Eco-Talent Network (OETN) matches the needs of local organizations with locally available advisors to provide pro bono guidance, research, and/or other assistance to achieve successful community action on environmental sustainability. Visit <http://oetn.ca/> for more information or email [info@oetn.ca](mailto:info@oetn.ca).

## 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**

2900 Carp Road <a href="#">D07-12-15-0030</a>	Site Plan Control	Comment Period has Ended/Issue Resolution	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
150 Salisbury Street 170 Salisbury Street <a href="#">D07-12-13-0224</a>	Site Plan Control	Application Reactivated	Mar 2, 2015
3981 Farmview Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0133</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Notice of Public Meeting Sent	Jan 28, 2015
4025 Highway 17 <a href="#">D02-02-14-0127</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Comment Period has Ended/Issue Resolution	Dec 4, 2014
3119 Carp Road <a href="#">D07-16-14-0020</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application on Hold	Nov 20, 2014

### **Ward 19 - Cumberland**

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	Draft Report Sent to Councillor and Applicant for Response	Mar 26, 2015
3455 Milton Road <a href="#">D07-16-14-0019</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Public Meeting Held	Mar 23, 2015
2405 Mer Bleue Road 2496 Tenth Line Road <a href="#">D07-16-14-0011</a>	Plan of Subdivision	In Appeal Period	Mar 11, 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="#">D02-02-14-0124</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Comment Period has Ended/Issue Resolution	Dec 29, 2014
5341 Boundary Road <a href="#">D07-16-14-0024</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Comment Period has Ended/Issue Resolution	Dec 29, 2014
3230 Sarsfield Road <a href="#">D07-16-13-0022</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application Reactivated	Dec 18, 2014
3455 Milton Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0108</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Application on Hold	Oct 15, 2014
2405 Mer Bleue Road 2496 Tenth Line Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0046</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Application on Hold	Oct 8, 2014
5001 Herbert Drive <a href="#">D07-12-13-0252</a>	Site Plan Control	Application on Hold	Sep 4, 2014

**Ward 20 – Osgoode**

6945 Mckeown Drive <a href="#">D07-12-15-0047</a>	Site Plan Control	Comment Period in Progress	Mar 27, 2015
3150 Rideau Road <a href="#">D07-12-15-0014</a>	Site Plan Control	Comment Period in Progress	Mar 25, 2015
4837 Albion Road <a href="#">D02-02-15-0018</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Comment Period in Progress	Mar 10, 2015
1000 Vista Barrett Private 1121 Stagecoach Road <a href="#">D02-02-15-0012</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Comment Period in Progress	Mar 6, 2015
1670 John Quinn Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0145</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Comment Period has Ended/Issue Resolution	Mar 2, 2015
1705 Old Prescott Road <a href="#">D07-16-14-0030</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application on Hold	Jan 30, 2015
1705 Old Prescott Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0139</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Application on Hold	Jan 30, 2015
8153 Springhill Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0132</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Comment Period has Ended/Issue Resolution	Jan 29, 2015
2245 Yorks Corners Road <a href="#">D02-02-14-0140</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Comment Period in Progress	Jan 5, 2015
1626 Old Prescott Road <a href="#">D07-16-14-0025</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application on Hold	Dec 17, 2014
1240 Old Prescott Road <a href="#">D07-16-13-0032</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application Reactivated	Dec 2, 2014
1420 Earl Armstrong Road <a href="#">D07-12-14-0067</a>	Site Plan Control	Application on Hold	Oct 14, 2014

**Ward 21 – Rideau-Goulbourn**

471 Sangeet Place 6452 Ottawa Street <a href="#">D07-16-09-0022</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Applicant Concurs	Mar 25, 2015
103 Walgreen Road <a href="#">D07-12-15-0056</a>	Site Plan Control	Comment Period in Progress	Mar 25, 2015
7315 Fernbank Road <a href="#">D02-02-12-0093</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Application Reactivated	Mar 10, 2015
1353 Scharfgate Drive <a href="#">D02-02-14-0137</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Application on Hold	Mar 9, 2015
1353 Scharfgate Drive <a href="#">D07-16-14-0028</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application on Hold	Mar 9, 2015
324 Trestle Street <a href="#">D07-16-14-0015</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Draft Approved	Mar 6, 2015
324 Trestle Street <a href="#">D02-02-14-0089</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Application Recommended to Council for Approval	Mar 5, 2015
3872 Greenbank Road <a href="#">D07-16-12-0018</a>	Plan of Subdivision	Application Draft Approved	Feb 24, 2015
1129 Clapp Lane <a href="#">D02-02-14-0138</a>	Zoning By-law Amendment	Application on Hold	Feb 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	Plan of Subdivision	Applicant Concurs	Dec 7, 2014



6420 Ottawa Street 6431 Ottawa Street <a href="#">D07-16-13-0011</a>			
3552 Barnsdale Road 3680 Barnsdale Road 3806 Barnsdale Road 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>	Zoning By-law Amendment	OMB Package Sent	Nov 19, 2014
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