



April 27, 2018

RE: Prescribed Burn Notice, Holland Landing Prairie

Dear Adjacent Landowners, Local Stakeholders and Park Visitors;

We are planning to conduct prescribed burning on **one day between April 27 and May 31, 2018** in Holland Landing Prairie Provincial Nature Reserve. The burn is being planned and conducted by specially trained staff of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR). We are planning to burn up to 0.6 hectare (1.5 acres) of ground debris and vegetation in the tall-grass prairie northeast of Maple Street.

The timing of the prescribed burning depends on very specific weather conditions, which we track using an adjacent weather station. If we do not get the exact conditions we need we will not go ahead with the prescribed burn.

We are doing this work to restore the rare tall-grass prairie habitat that makes Holland Landing Prairie special. The trees that were planted in the park decades ago have changed the park's ecosystems. By burning and clearing portions of the plantations, we expect the native grassland habitat and rare plant species to recover.

This work is being done in accordance with the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act* and MNR policies and guidelines for prescribed burning. Undertaking prescribed burning is considered a Category A project under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves*. Category A projects have low potential for net negative environmental effects and are allowed to proceed without further public consultation, following the appropriate policies and guidelines.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about this work, or if you would like to receive email notification before we burn the site.

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