

## Township of King – Phragmites Control 2022

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# PHRAGMITES CANADA'S WORST INVASIVE SPECIES

## CONTROLLING PHRAGMITES IN THE DUFFERIN MARSH

The Township of King is working in partnership with the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection to identify, monitor and implement control measures to manage phragmites growing in the Dufferin Marsh and prevent the invasive vegetation from spreading. This year we noticed a new patch growing on the north side of Cooper Drive that required immediate action. The Township of King successfully received funding through the Green Shovels Invasive Phragmites Control Fund to manage the existing and new patches growing throughout the Dufferin Marsh.

During October, Environmental Stewardship & park staff suited up in hip waders to manually remove the invasive vegetation growing throughout the wetland. The patches were concentrated which made it easier for staff to conduct manual removal using cane cutters.

The goal is to eliminate the phragmites and ensure it doesn't spread. The Dufferin Marsh is an ecologically diverse ecosystem that provides habitat for a variety of flora and fauna. Invasive vegetation has the ability to negatively impact native vegetation and wildlife and completely alter an ecosystem. With our ongoing efforts to manage the phragmites we are optimistic that we can eliminate it from the Dufferin Marsh. We expect that we will need to do more removal next season however, we are optimistic that the patch sizes will be significantly reduced.

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