

RT. HON. HERB GRAY PARKWAY PRESCRIBED BURNS OF TALLGRASS PRAIRIE

Permits received under the *Endangered Species Act 2007* for the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway include protection and restoration requirements for plant and animal species at risk and their habitat, the Tallgrass Prairie ecosystem found in Windsor and Essex County. Prescribed burns – deliberately set, carefully controlled and closely monitored fires – are the most effective management tool for Tallgrass Prairie maintenance, conservation and restoration.

Prescribed burns are carried out on a regular basis on prairie areas throughout Windsor and Essex County. This is a regular maintenance activity for the Parkway in the spring and fall. The spring 2015 Parkway prescribed burns are expected to be completed by April 17, 2015. Parkway Infrastructure Constructors has retained Wildfire Specialists Inc. to conduct prescribed burns in the following locations:

- Chappus restoration area (numerous sites between Malden and Matchette Roads, north of Armanda Road)
- on the south side of Highway 3 (LaSalle) between the Grand Marais Drain and Todd Lane.

A map of locations is available on www.hgparkway.ca.

Prescribed burns will be undertaken and monitored by trained professionals with extensive experience, under very specific controlled and safe conditions taking into consideration wind speed and direction as critical factors. The burn period for each site is of limited duration.

We appreciate your cooperation during this time. Signs will be placed at the burn site locations indicating when a controlled burn is in progress. Should you have questions or concerns please contact the Windsor Essex Mobility Group Public Liaison Office at 1-877-937-5929 or via e-mail at hgp-plo@wemg.ca.

