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Dear Resident,

As part of the construction of the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), the Windsor Essex Mobility Group (WEMG) and Parkway Infrastructure Constructors (PIC) are working on ecological restoration in accordance with Permits received under the Endangered Species Act, 2007. This work includes prescribed burns as a management tool for Tallgrass Prairie. Wildfire Specialists Inc., a subcontractor of PIC, will conduct prescribed burns this fall on several Tallgrass Prairie restoration sites adjacent to the Parkway corridor. Subject to appropriate weather conditions the burns will take place by December 1, 2013 at:

- selected sites within the Chappus restoration area between Matchette Road and Malden Road
- the Todd Lane restoration area east of 10th Street
- a small site in the vicinity of the former Gratiot Street, west of Huron Church Road and south of the Grand Marais Drain
- a site in the Spring Garden Natural Area south of Fazio Drive
- a site south of Highway 3, north of St. Clair Avenue.

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. We have included a fact sheet on prescribed burns for your information. Photos and videos of the 2012 burns and before and after photos are posted on our Flickr (www.flickr.com/hgparkway) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/hgparkway) pages.

Notification on the day of the burn will be posted on www.hgparkway.ca and our Twitter feed (www.twitter.com/hgparkway). You are encouraged to join the Parkway email list to receive project information directly in your inbox by emailing detroit.river@ontario.ca. If you have any Parkway-related questions, please contact the WEMG Public Liaison Office at 1-877-937-5959, 2187 Huron Church Road Suite 340, or hgp-plo@wemg.ca.

Thank you,

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