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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 undertaking 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 spring on several Tallgrass Prairie restoration areas adjacent to the Parkway corridor. Subject to appropriate weather conditions the burns will take place in the following locations:

- Chappus restoration area (numerous sites between Malden and Matchette Roads, north of Armanda Street)
- Gratiot restoration area (at former Gratiot and Huron Church Road intersection)
- Reddock restoration area (at former Reddock and Huron Church Road intersection)
- Oakwood Bush area (near South Windsor Arena)
- Todd Lane restoration area (north of Todd Lane off Tenth Street)
- St. Clair Street area (south of Highway 3, across from St. Clair College).

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 and 2013 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel Foster".

Joel Foster
Head, Environmental Section