

## WINDSOR-ESSEX PARKWAY PRESCRIBED BURNS OF TALLGRASS PRAIRIE CHAPPUS STREET AND OAKWOOD BUSH

Permits received under the *Endangered Species Act 2007* for the Windsor-Essex Parkway include protection and restoration requirements for plant and animal species at risk, their habitat and the Tallgrass Prairie ecosystem native to 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.

Between March 1 and April 10, 2012, Parkway Infrastructure Constructors, on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation, will conduct prescribed burns of Tallgrass Prairie areas in the vicinity of Chappus Street between Matchette Road and Malden Road and the Oakwood Bush.

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.



The locations of the prescribed burns (above) are natural restoration sites of suitable Tallgrass Prairie habitat and contain plants that are all at the appropriate stage for burning.

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-WE-PKWAY (1-877-937-5929) or via e-mail at [wep-plo@wemg.ca](mailto:wep-plo@wemg.ca). For project inquiries, please visit [www.weparkway.ca](http://www.weparkway.ca) or contact:

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