



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: January 16, 2017
REPORT TO: Mayor Bridge and Members of Council
FROM: Brian Hansen, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Minto Green Legacy Days

STRATEGIC PLAN:

9.8 Continue support for energy conservation through programs like Green Legacy, Communities in Bloom, Energy Conservation Plans and similar

BACKGROUND:

As in the past years; the County of Wellington Planning and Development Department has reserved 35,000 trees of various species to be distributed equally to each local municipality. Local businesses and the public donate towards the local food banks and other charitable organizations.

In the last six years 30,000 trees have been planted in Minto on private lands through this program. In 2016 Trees for Minto planted an additional 4,100 trees

In the spring the County of Wellington will be advertising their Green Legacy Days on the County's Web Page and also in the Wellington Advertiser.

COMMENTS:

Again this year the Minto Public Works Department will need volunteers from Council and Staff to help in distribute trees to the public at the Minto Public Works Operation Centre located on Highway 89, on Saturday April 29, 2017 from 8 am to 10 am. The trees will be delivered by the County and stored inside the Operations Centre on Friday April 28, 2017.

Trees perform an important role reducing carbon in the air and improving air quality by "absorbing" carbon dioxide and converting it to oxygen through the chlorophyll in a tree's leaves. Planting trees helps with windbreaks along roadways and helps keep oxygen levels at a constant safe level in areas where there are exhaust emissions from cars.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This is on a volunteer basis only there will be no financial impact for this event.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the Public Works Directors' February 3, 2016 report regarding Minto Green Legacy Days to be held April 29th, 2017 from 8-10 am.

Brian Hansen
Public Works Director