

**TOWN OF MINTO****DATE:** February 2, 2018**REPORT TO:** Deputy Mayor Faulkner and Members of Council**FROM:** Mike McIsaac, Public Works**SUBJECT:** Minto Green Legacy Days

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**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 Wellington County Planning and Development Department reserves 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 return for obtaining free trees to plant on their property.

In the last seven years 35,000 trees have been planted in Minto on private lands through this program. In 2017 Trees for Minto planted an additional 2,725 trees and sold additional 300 fruit trees to resident in recognition of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>.

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 May 5, 2018 from 8 am to 10 am.

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 February 2, 2018 report regarding Minto Green Legacy Days to be held May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 8-10 am.

Mike McIsaac, Public Works