



City of Sarnia

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Facilities

Due to adverse wind and weather conditions, up to three more daytime closures of the Suncor Nature Way will occur over the next two weeks. Signage will be posted on-site 24 hours in advance of these closures. The Suncor Nature Way will remain open after 4:00 pm and over the weekend.

The closures are part of the City's plan to eradicate phragmites in the municipal storm water management facilities. During closures, the entire storm water facilities will be inaccessible to the public.

These areas have a high concentration of phragmites, an invasive perennial grass, which has been causing damage to storm water management facilities.

Members of the public are asked to keep out of these areas for their safety. A spotter will be on sight for protection of pedestrians who inadvertently enter the trail near the work zone.

Eradication involves spraying the affected areas with pesticide. Following eradication of the phragmites, a suitable seed mix will be applied to allow native species to return to the area and limit the opportunity for invasive species to re-invade. City Staff will consult with Lambton Wildlife Committee and the Sarnia Environmental Advisory Committee to select an appropriate seed mix for the area.

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