



## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2:00 P.M.**

**Room #304, City Hall**

### AGENDA

1. Disclosures of Interest
2. Confirmation of Minutes : September 20, 2018
3. New Business
  - a) Fish Survey
  - b) 2019 Budget Priorities
4. Correspondence
  - a) All-Terrain Vehicle - Dave Collins **Page 2**
5. Unfinished Business
  - (a) Implementation: Environmental Tasks
  - (b) Purple Loosestrife in Lake Margaret
  - (c) Parkside Water Taking
6. Adjournment
7. Next Meeting : November 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room #304

Mayor Heather Jackson

Chair

Environmental Stewardship Committee

For inclusion in the New Business Section of the October 11, 2018 meeting

Dear Committee,

It is abundantly clear that Lake Margaret is not on the St. Thomas Police Department regular patrol schedule. Since ownership changed hands there has not been a sighting of patrolling officers. If Officers are called to attend to a situation they park on a city street closest to the area of infraction and walk to the sight. Many times, the perpetrators have left the scene before Officers arrive.

Now that the trail is completed and travels completely around the lake the Police are prevented from getting a cruiser to various locations as there are stationary bollards at entry locations to prevent vehicles from accessing the trail.

Since this committee has \$60,000 to spent, it is suggested that you earmark funds to provide an All-Terrain Vehicle for Police use. The ATV can be at the Pinafore Park Office. Police can access this vehicle to quickly get to any location around the lake. The Police could then set up regular patrols of the trails and adjoining lands around the lake.

Under the Council approved and adhered to Lake Margaret Environmental Management Plan, which does not permit Watercraft, Fishing nor Swimming, the Police would now be able to access their own ATV to patrol and enforce the rules as established by City By Law. I am sure the Police Officers would be grateful to the committee for this purchase.

A Kubota RTV400CI-A 16HP- Gas CVT ROPS sells for \$10,417 (without City discount).



This is a small price to pay to allow our Police Department to protect the lake, enforce the bylaws and provincial laws, keep walkers, joggers and cyclists safe and prevent damage to private and public property.

Additionally, when will the approved signage be installed around the lake to advise No fishing, No Watercraft, No Swimming and desperately needed signs to tell bicyclists to SLOW DOWN!

*Barbara Collins*  
David and Barbara Collins