

2024 INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH AND RURAL EXPO

October 1st to 5th, 2024

City of Kawartha Lakes, Lindsay, Ontario

INTRODUCTION

The 104th edition of the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) will proudly be held in Lindsay, the City of Kawartha Lakes, Ontario. A new prototype is being developed that will centre around the Tented City being located on the Lindsay Agricultural Society's Fairgrounds. Because of this change, the event dates have changed for 2024 (only) to Tuesday, October 1st to Saturday, October 5th.

The 2024 IPM will be a joint project of the "Local Committee" and the "Provincial Committee (OPA)". Bob Armstrong has agreed to be the Chair of the Local Committee and he is currently building a keen group of volunteer Directors. Many of the Committee Chairs that had stepped forward in 2020 (pre-covid) are now returning to be key Committee Chairs for IPM 2024. The Local Committee will work closely with the OPA Team led by President Floyd Wills, 1st Vice-President Sheila Marshall and 2nd Vice-President Rochelle Deslippe. They will be assisted by all members of the OPA Board of Directors, the OPA Advisory Councillors, Members of the Victoria County (2023) Plowmen's Association and OPA Staff.

PARTNERSHIP REQUESTS: IN-KIND

FENCING: While the IPM has a large supply of their own snow fence, assistance from Municipal employees in erecting the fence would be appreciated. As we will not need as much fence for IPM 2024 as usual, we anticipate that 100 **man-hours** would be needed to complete this project.

FIELD ENTRANCES AND CULVERTS: Some entrances to Farmers' Fields may require widening and thus additional culverts. It is estimated that a **maximum of 10** such culverts would be needed. Assistance in providing temporary 911 numbers may be needed.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING: We would ask for assistance in the supplying of re-cycling and additional garbage bins. We understand that a local company supplies these services but would ask that the tipping fees be waived by the Municipality. At the 2015 IPM held in Finch, there was 29.9 metric tons of garbage and 5.6 metric tons of re-cycling materials. At the 2016 IPM held in Minto (Harriston), there was 28.35 metric tons of garbage and 3.61 metric tons of re-cycling materials. Like all events, we continue to be frustrated with the unwillingness of people to sort garbage and recycling. We keep trying!

WATER: Waiving of costs for extra water usage in the Tented City and RV Park.

SEWAGE: We would also ask that the Municipality have the dumping fees for sewage (both grey water and black water) that is beyond the capacity of the Lindsay Exhibition Grounds waived. In the Tented City, Parking Fields and Plowing Fields we will be supplying approximately 135 portable toilets, including at least 15 accessible units. Hand wash stations are also provided for both the toilets as well as at any animal displays. Chantler's Environmental Services will be contracted for these services. In addition, we hope to contract Jeff Redmond Septic Services to supply approximately 40 toilets along with wash stations in the RV Park. They will also be contracted to provide a pump-out service to the approximately 600 RV units upon departure. We are

asking that the sewage dumping fees also be waived for the RV Park. We expect to exceed the average 90 cubic metres of grey and black wastewater generated daily during the Lindsay Exhibition. It is estimated that approximately 3000 gallons will be generated per day on average in the RV Park (with volumes increasing on Friday and Saturday as the RV units leave the park).

BUILDING PERMITS: In addition to all the buildings that will be used on the Exhibition Grounds, we know that a large number of tents will still be needed for our Exhibitors and Special Features. Many will be over 645 square feet and thus will require a building permit. In the past, vendors and committees have submitted individual Building Permit Application Forms but one large permit was issued. Premier Event Tent Rentals are our official supplier and as such provide engineered stamped drawings and inspection by their engineer. We would ask that the building permit fee(s) be waived.

VARIANCE FOR ANTIQUES BUILDING ON FAIRGROUNDS: We understand that the Antiques Club received a building permit for their building on the Fairgrounds on the condition that it only be used for storage. We are asking for a variance approval so that this building may be used for Antique Displays during the 2024 IPM.

TRANSIENT TRADER'S LICENSE: We would ask that the requirements for Transient Trader's License be waived. This is not something our Exhibitors have had to apply for/purchase in at least the last twenty years and we feel it could be detrimental in maximizing our exhibitor potential. We are not familiar with the Refreshment Vehicle License but would hope that an exception would be possible. As mentioned above, preference is always given to Local Exhibitors.

HEALTH UNIT: There will be Food Concessions throughout Tented City. We look forward to working with your Health Unit to guarantee safe food for all our visitors. We would ask that any fees for inspections be waived. We would like to discuss the opportunity of offering Food Handling workshops.

SECURITY: We will be hiring a private Security Company for regular services throughout the week. However, we would ask that paid duty officers be available for Opening Day and Closing Day (as an in-kind contribution). We wish to confirm our understanding that our event is not responsible for the costs of traffic control on the roads around our event.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: We have not yet met with Fire or Paramedic Services but at this time, we do not believe it is necessary to have these services on the Tented City site. We understand that the Fire and Paramedic Services are stationed quite close to the IPM Site. However, we do need the services of the Fire Department and Building Department for inspections to guarantee the safety of our visitors and participants.

SIGNAGE: We would request the waiving of any signage permit fees and also ask for assistance in placing directional signs throughout the Municipality to make it more welcoming to the visitors (and easier to find their destination).

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH: It would be very beneficial if any excess wood chips and mulch could be stored for use at the IPM. The wood chips would be used in case of weather issues and the mulch would be used for some landscaping within Tented City and the RV Park.

BUS TRANSPORTATION: To aid the residents of Kawartha Lakes, it would be beneficial to have a “Bus Stop” at the entrance to the Tented City. We would work with CKL to obtain sponsors to subsidize additional buses from throughout the Municipality.

PERSONNEL: Meetings and recommendations from various Departments. We do not believe it is necessary to assign staff full-time to any of the responsibilities related to the IPM. Councillors and Staff are always most welcome at any IPM Meetings and Events but we do not expect these to be ‘mandatory’.

PARTNERSHIP REQUEST: Financial

Investment: To be discussed.