



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Haldimand County has initiated a new “Living Snow Fence” program in an effort to reduce the risks associated with winter driving conditions on County rural roads in an environmentally green and sustainable approach. The local Conservation Authorities are working with the County Economic Development and Tourism Division and the Roads Operations Division on locating sites and working with landowners to make this program possible.

### What is a living Snow Fence?

A living snow fence is a barrier created from plants, shrubs and trees planted in open areas and adjacent to roads that is intended to reduce blowing and drifting snow across roadways. Living snow fences can provide efficiencies in winter road maintenance, decrease de-icing materials, as well as increase the safety of roadways during the winter season. The environmental benefits from the trees serve both the land-owner and the community. The local Conservation Authority will create a customized plan for the living snow fence with input from the landowner.

### Benefits of Living Snow Fences:

- Haldimand County in cooperation with the local Conservation Authority, purchase the trees and shrubs and implement the planting work at no cost to the landowner
- Landowner gets year-round beautification and the plants help screen the property from the road.
- Improves road conditions in the winter season
- Some trees & shrubs can provide erosion control, water conservation and moderation of soil and air temperatures.

The County offers an incentive to the landowner in recognition of the area taken out of agricultural production. Program funding in support of the “Living Snow Fence” program is limited and therefore applications of interest will be considered and approved on an individual basis.

### Qualifying for a living snow fence:

You may qualify for a living snow fence if:

- Your property is adjacent to a roadway where prevailing winds can potentially carry snow towards the roadway.
- Your land consists of at least 30 metres of set back from the right of way, and a minimum of a 100 metre wide lot.
- Applications of interest must be submitted by the property owner.



For further information regarding this program, and registering your location for a review for qualification, please contact Judy Brown, Operations Technologist, Roads Operations Division at 905-318-5932 ext. 6281 or email [jbrown@haldimandcounty.on.ca](mailto:jbrown@haldimandcounty.on.ca).