

RCMC Newsletter
October 2023

October 12th, 2023 "LIVE MEETING"

Dr. Brian Stevens: Feral Pigs and the Numerous Dangers

### **Presentation:**

Presentation Details not available at time of publishing

#### Bio:

Dr. Brian Stevens graduate from the Ontario Veterinary College in 2007 and after working for three years as a small animal veterinarian in Brantford, returned to complete a degree in veterinary pathology, graduating in 2015. Dr. Stevens worked at the New Hampshire Veterinary Diagnostic Lab after graduation where he worked on projects investigating winter tick of moose, die-offs of Northern gannets, and disease in Canada lynx. Dr. Stevens returned to Guelph in 2018 to work as the wildlife pathologist for the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative Ontario/Nunavut region.



### October 26th. 2023 "LIVE MEETING"

**David Beaton: State of Guelph Stewardship** 

### Presentation / Bio:

Presentation details not available at time of publishing

### Bio:

Dave Beaton is Guelph's Program Manager of Forestry and Sustainable Landscapes within the Parks department. Dave Beaton will provide a State of Guelph's Stewardship and highlight community and park staff efforts and accomplishments. Dave's teams and community partners are making real progress to meet Guelph's canopy targets, improve biodiversity in our natural areas and streetscapes, thwart invasive plants, engage residents in restoration through a new Park Stewards Program and support community efforts for food security through community gardens. Dave will provide a synopsis of where we are now and ask for community support to carry these efforts further into the future.

A graduate of Guelph's Environmental Sciences program, Dave's culminating research examined community support for restoration and naturalization efforts in Guelph along the Speed River that he would later be hired to lead.

Dave spent a 17 year career at Credit Valley Conservation, managing CVC's Community Outreach, volunteer programs, awards program, initiating urban, rural, and farming programs, Conservation Youth Corps, and initiating efforts for the 100 km Credit Valley Trail.

Dave continues to live in Guelph and is a longtime volunteer who for 25 years has led the efforts to protect the 600 acre Hanlon Creek Conservation Area, (aka Preservation Park) through boardwalk construction, other trail improvements, and ecological restoration. These efforts continue to the present day with fall workdays coordinated with the University of Guelph's Project Serve and community volunteers maintaining more than 1 km of boardwalks.

In 2017, Dave joined the City of Guelph as Supervisor of Trails and Natural Areas working to connect people with the nature in their neighbourhood, establishing stewardship programs, and supporting community restoration efforts. In 2021, Dave was appointed as Program Manager of Forestry and Sustainable Landscapes leading Forestry, Horticulture, Natural Areas Stewardship, and GIS for the Parks department. Dave is proud to work with a talented group of professionals as well as many dedicated community leaders devoted to making a difference in the city we love. 10am. To be followed by Live Questions.

# Messages: Future Meetings Meetings For November

November 9th. Doug Davidson: WW2-Highland Light Infantry-Guelph Connection

November 23rd. T.B.A.: T.B.A.

# Coffee/Breakfast 10:am

Oct. 5th. and Oct. 19th.

RCMC Live Coffee at the following location:

The Boathouse – 9:30am

116 Gordon St. Guelph

## Activities & Events

October 13th.
Canadian Warplane Museum
9280 Airport Road
Mount Hope, ON LOR 1WO
October 21st.
Evita - Hamilton Family Theater Cambridge
December 7th.
Royal City Men's Club

Annual Christmas Luncheon

See activities desk for more details

Refer to the website often

### Other News

There is a new What's New section on the Home page of our website. This will give you quick links to any new information which has been posted on the website. f you have any new content for the website, please send to Ritchie Zelk at edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca

## Membership

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Members are encouraged to invite male friends and acquaintances to our meetings.