



YORKLANDS GREEN HUB
Opening green doors to the future.

Welcome to the Yorklands community update!

Yorklands Community Update: May 16, 2025

🌈 The long weekend is here! Before you settle in for a few days of planting, cottaging and relaxing - be sure to check out our upcoming events! 🌻 🏖️

📖 Summer Book Club Launch - May 20 - Reading, book signing and Q&A with Dr. Nadina Galle.

🚶 Stone Wall Walk - June 14 - Guided walk of the Yorklands site focused on the historic stone wall.

📄 Bill 5 Call-to-Action - The final Bill will be passed before the summer recess on June 9th.

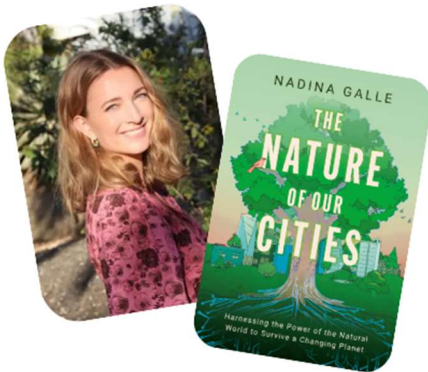
📌 Signs of Spring - Urban Park Guelph lawn signs are back!

🎧 Go Boy! Podcast Announcement

Happy Long Weekend!
The Yorklands Team

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

EVENT LAUNCH



In preparation for National Forest Week 2025, a city-wide book club will explore Dr. Nadina Galle's *The Nature of Our Cities*, a ground-breaking look at how urban ecology and technology can work together to shape greener, smarter cities. This initiative brings together Guelph-based organizations to foster dialogue, connection, and action around sustainability.

We'll come back together in late September to mark National Forest Week 2025 and discuss the book with Dr. Galle.

Book Club Event Launch
Reading, Q&A, Book Signing with Dr. Nadina Galle

Tuesday May 20, 7 - 8:30 PM | University of Guelph Arboretum

20
May

Register now at: <https://summerbookclubguelph.eventbrite.ca>



EXCITING NEWS! 🎉

🍀 We're partnering with a number of local organizations to bring some amazing events to your calendar this summer! Beginning next Tuesday May 20th we will be launching a city wide book-club! Our launch will feature a reading, Q&A and book signing with author, Dr. Nadina Galle! We'll be organizing events throughout the summer and wrapping up our book club on National Forest Week in September 2025.

Join us at our launch event and commit to a summer of reading and learning.

Register now: <https://summerbookclubguelph.eventbrite.ca>

#guelphgreenreads

ALONG A STONE WALL

a guided walk of the Yorklands site
Presented by Greg Stojanovski

SATURDAY

June 14, 2025

1:00 - 2:30 PM

785 York Road, Guelph
(#4 bus drops you right
at our front gates)

Rain Date: Sunday June 15



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👤 Join presenter Greg Stojanovski for a walk "Along a Stone Wall" to learn more about one of the most beautiful and storied features of the Yorklands site!

Register now: <https://alongastonewall.eventbrite.ca>

We've decided National Volunteer Week is too short to celebrate all the wonderful people that make our work possible. Every week we'll be introducing you to some exceptional YGH volunteers in each bi-weekly e-blast, beginning with our new Board Members! This week we're pleased to introduce you to our new Board Member, Eva!

Eva Kuczynski brings over 15 years of experience in various capacities with environmental, conservation, and Indigenous nonprofits across Canada and the US to her role on the Yorklands Green Hub board. With a BSc in Ecology from the University of Guelph and an MSc in Ecology from the University of Alberta, Eva is passionate about conserving the site to expand accessible green space for all Guelph residents.

#volunteersmakewaves 





CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Join our team and make a difference in our community!

 We're Looking for Volunteers!

Want to get more involved with Yorklands Green Hub? We're currently seeking volunteers to support our numerous events, as well as help behind the scenes as our Volunteer Coordinator or E-blast Coordinator. Whether you love connecting with the community or organizing communications or events, we'd love to hear from you!

Interested? Email us at info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca to learn more or apply here: <https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/volunteer-form/>.



CALL TO ACTION

Breaking News - Ontario Announces Bill 5, the “Protect Ontario By Unleashing Our Economy Act

The Ford government introduced perhaps its most horrific bill yet, the Protect Ontario By Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025. This draconian new legislation will give the provincial government sweeping powers to designate special zones where existing laws and environmental protections can be overridden with little due process to enable immediate development.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The bill is deliberately complex, designed to both overwhelm and confuse the general public. BUT we can all speak out against the bill and this is how you can do it:

- 1. Telephone Premier Ford and ask him to amend the omnibus bill including the special economic zones act, retaining the endangered species act Doug Ford. Office 416-325-1941 (you can leave a message 24/7) Cell: 647-612-3673**

2. Go online and comment on the Environmental Registry of Ontario - there are several ERO postings that we have until 11:59pm on May 17th to comment:

Special Economic Zones Act, 2025:

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/025-0391>

Specific to Ontario Place and amendments to the Rebuilding Ontario Place Act - specifically removing public notice and public consultation requirements:

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/025-0416>

Specific to Bill 5 Amendments the Ontario

Heritage Act:

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/025-0418>

Specific to Electricity, Mining, and Energy Board:

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/025-0409>

Signs of Spring



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Lost your Urban Park Guelph lawn sign over the winter? Yard looking vacant with no election signs? Want to show your support for a National Urban Park in Guelph?

We have a solution for you. Check out our web site for free replacement lawn signs or to purchase a new sign at our cost of \$5.

<https://www.urbanparkguelph.com/lawn-signs>



It's time to Go Boy! In addition to your summer reading, make sure to check out the new podcast, *Go Boy!* The podcast explores the life of Roger Caron, who was sentenced to the Ontario Reformatory in Guelph in 1954, at 16 years of age.

<https://pod.link/1806049970>

"In the mid-century, Canada was home to some of the most inhumane prisons in the world. In order to survive, prisoners had to be tough as rocks. They needed to suffer through terrible living conditions, violent beatings, and ritual humiliation. At just 16 years old, Roger Caron begins his long career in (and out) of the Canadian Penal system. His story is one of daring prison escapes, risky bank robberies, and swift police arrests. The only thing that breaks Roger's cycle of self-destruction is writing. With the publication of his first book, Roger Caron is a free man and best-selling author. He becomes the most sought-after speaker, doing press events and lectures across the country. Roger thrives in the limelight, but what happens when his 15 minutes are up? Go-Boy! is a series about self-worth and self-sabotage, and one man's journey to find the former despite the latter."

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To be clear it's not an actual *ship*...it's better!
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[HTTPS://YORKLANDSGREENHUB.CA/
BECOME-MEMBER/](https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/become-member/)



By now you've heard about the launch of our new membership model, designed to offer enhanced benefits and flexibility to our valued members!

As we continue our mission to promote environmental sustainability and community engagement, we believe that this new model will better serve the diverse needs and interests of our members. As current memberships expire, we will be gradually transitioning all members to the new membership model. Rest assured, we will provide ample communication and support throughout this process to ensure a seamless transition for all members.

We invite you to explore our new membership tiers and consider renewing your membership at your preferred level. Your continued support enables us to drive positive change in our community and beyond.

For more information about the new membership model or to renew your membership, contact Kim Wakeford at yghmembershipsecretary@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

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