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Welcome to the Yorklands community update!

Yorklands Community Update, 18 June 2026

Yorklands thanks all those who participated in our Quarry Walk and Plein Air activities. We have a few updates for the next two weeks. Scroll down to learn more.

McQuillan's Bridge Update

City Council will be voting on the fate of McQuillan's Bridge on June 23. Read the information below and learn about how you can take action!

Board Member Position

Want to join the Yorklands team? Discover our open Board Member position and apply today.

Small Change Fund

Join us in protecting Yorklands. Our partnership with SCF supports our work in urban conservation, biodiversity, and reconciliation.

Thank you for your support,

The Yorklands Team



UPDATE

MCQUILLAN'S BRIDGE



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On June 23, Guelph City Council will vote on the fate of McQuillan's Bridge (built 1916). Although the Committee of the Whole approved and recommended the bridge's rehabilitation, Council still has the final say.

It is already a designated heritage feature and has suffered ongoing neglect by the City since the early 2000s.

We have already lost too many heritage bridges in this City. Let's save this one.

Write or call your local councillors. Email is councillorsandmayor@guelph.ca and cc the clerks@guelph.ca by Friday, June 19 at 10am.

Or, if you wish, you can delegate at the Council meeting as long as you register before 10am on Friday, June 19.

 **Please read the Guelph Today article for more information:** [Council gives early green light to saving McQuillan's Bridge](#)



🏠 Foodsters/Pollinator Power School-Based Programs Recap

We are so proud of our volunteer facilitators, Greg Stojanovski, Seana Dawon, Amy Ellard-Gray, Ramzi Al Halaby, and Meg Lewis, for delivering our school-based stewardship-focused programs, Foodsters and Pollinator Power. With fantastic guidance from our Environmental Education Advisory Committee (EEAC), this spring's programming was a great success.

Foodsters, originally developed by Norah Chaloner (our founding Chair) and later refined and formalized by Chloe Blair (former staff member), engages grade 3 students with hands-on activities to learn about growing food in an urban setting, the importance of soil composition, and how to maintain healthy soil. Foodsters was delivered to our Guelph schools and to a local homeschooling group.

Pollinator Power, developed by Chloe Blair with a grant from Pollination Guelph, was delivered to grade 5 students at six local schools. The programming focuses on pollinator insects, the components of flowers, and how pollination happens.

Overall, our facilitators reported high engagement among the approximately 300 student participants. Also, the number of schools participating increased from two to nine. Yorklands is looking forward to planning for our Fall programming, which will include our third program, Ten Tall Trees.



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Yorklands for future
generations. Don't miss
out and join today.

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Open Board Member Position

We are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to join our board.


As a Board Member, you will:

- Attend monthly meetings, review meeting materials and contribute strategic decisions for YGH.
- Join one of our committees, assist with organization fundraising and act as a Yorklands ambassador.

Who we're looking for:

- Community-minded individuals who enjoy working with others.
- Individuals committed to working towards protecting the site and/or general environmental issues.
- Marketing, fundraising, and/or finance experience.

How to get involved:

 If you're interested or have questions, please reach out to info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

 **Apply here:** <https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/volunteer-form/>.



Toxic Trivia

On July 9, at the [Red Chevron Club, 34 Elizabeth St. Guelph](#), 7:30-9:30pm, you can play [Toxic Trivia](#). Doors open at 7pm. **Please register for this event by using the QR code on the poster.**

Toxic Trivia has been created by [350.org](#) and the Small Change Fund. It's a fun and engaging way to challenge the misinformation that is part of Big Oil's propaganda machine.

Learn how to take local action to address climate degradation while enjoying the good company of others in our community. Snacks will be served. Door prizes will be won! The Red Chevron is licensed.

Admission is free!





National Indigenous History Month

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National Indigenous History Month

The Yorklands Green Hub wishes to honour the diverse, rich cultures of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. June is a month to recognize our shared past and celebrate ongoing Indigenous contributions, which continue to shape Canada to this day.

YGH is striving to work with our Indigenous partners toward integrating both the Indigenous heritage of the Yorklands (OR) property as well as the wise approaches of caring for the land into our programming and our narratives.

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Keep this green space open for everyone

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  Small Change Fund Partnership

We have joined forces with Small Change Fund on a fundraising campaign called [Revive the Yorklands: A Community Vision for Nature and Belonging](#).

We need to keep the momentum on advocating for the protection of this beautiful gem in our city and for building a generation of caring stewards.

A place where nature, learning, and community thrive for everyone.

Funds drive our efforts to keep the Ontario Reformatory lands protected as public greenspace. Your donations will also support year-round community programming focused on stewardship activities for both young and old. If you donate to our joint project, you will receive a tax receipt through the charitable organization, Small Change Fund.

Join us in bringing this vision to life — watch the video and visit our website to learn more!

 Website: [Revive the Yorklands: A Community Vision for Nature and Belonging](#)

 Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=o3CoEPyiREw>

For further information, please contact us at: info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

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☞ *Become a member today!* ☞



**Become a Member,
Make Yorklands a Place to Remember**

Join our community of members
dedicated to preserving Yorklands
and cultivating a **greener, more
sustainable future for all.**



Scan to Join!



Members are the heart of Yorklands. Their contributions fuel initiatives aimed at creating a more environmentally conscious community. These initiatives involve

advocating for the protection of the historic Yorklands site, connecting people to nature, upholding Indigenous collaboration, and championing environmental education.

We offer both monthly and annual memberships with several tiers of support. Members can select the tier that best fits their interests and capacity. As a token of appreciation, every membership tier comes with exclusive rewards.

Become a member. Help make Yorklands a place to remember!

Email Seana Dawson at yghmembershipsecretary@yorklandsgreenhub.ca, scan the QR code above, or click “become a member” below.

A special thank you to our sponsors at the Guelph Museums and The Neighbourhood Group for supporting our membership programs!



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