



## Media Advisory

### **20,000 Trees and Counting: Township of McNab/Braeside and Arnprior Rotary Saving the Environment, One Tree at a Time**

[Arnprior, ON, April 25, 2022] – Thousands of white spruce and red pine are being planted on municipal land owned by the Township of McNab/Braeside, just outside Arnprior, on April 25, 2022. Working with the Township, Arnprior Rotary helped to secure funding from Forests Ontario for these significant tree planting operations under Forests Ontario's 50 million tree program.

A ceremony to mark the occasion is taking place at 11 a.m.

Arnprior is one of the fastest-growing small towns in Ontario and Highway 417 expansion is in the works from just outside Arnprior through to Renfrew. To counteract the loss of trees due to real estate development, expanding road construction (the planned widening of Highway 417 will result in a reduction of 39 hectares or 99 acres of forest cover), the removal of agricultural windrows and tree mortality from insects, the Township of McNab/Braeside and Arnprior Rotary have joined forces to plant thousands of trees — 22,840 over two years to be exact — with the help of Forest Ontario.

It's an environmentally progressive step compared to the loss of trees at the Experimental Farm as part of phase 2 of the new Civic Hospital campus development.

Date: April 25, 2022

Time: 11:00 a.m. for ceremony (tree planting crew will be planting all day)

Location: 2473 Russett Drive (at Calabogie Road/Highway 417 intersection), Arnprior, ON

Note: The 240 black walnut and black willow seedlings will be planted at Clay Bank on April 30 at 11 a.m., with the help of volunteers.

### Notes for Media

The following people will be available to the media after the event:

- Mayor Tom Peckett
- Rod Smith, Chair, Environmental Committee, Rotary Club of Arnprior
- Kevin Hakojarvi, Manager, Forest Carbon Alliance Inc.

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