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Facts about International Plowing Match and Rural EXPO

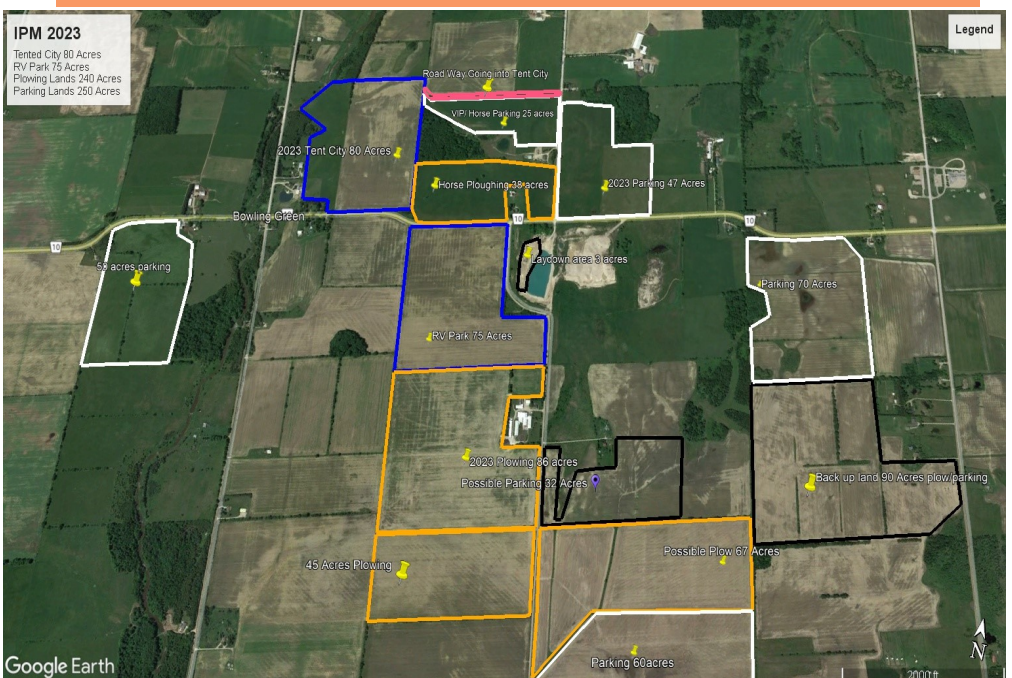
The Ontario Plowmen’s Association, the parent host of the IPM, bills it as the largest show of its kind in North America, which travels to different sites across the province. It’s expected to bring 60,000

people to the municipality over five days, and involve more than 500 volunteers.

It’s a celebration of excellence in agriculture and all facets of rural living. It provides everything from plowing competitions, vendors, educational opportunities for students and adults alike to learn about agriculture, food, historical displays, rodeo shows and live entertainment, and much more.

- The tented city is just that — a community with streets and roads — featuring dozens of big white tents for exhibitors, vendors, entertainment and more. In fact, approximately 250 hydro poles and 10 kilometres of wire will be installed on the site to provide power.
- This will be the first time ever to have such an event in Dufferin County
- Township of Amaranth and Grand Valley were enthusiastic and early supporters of this event , other municipalities are being asked to support where appropriate and the County of Dufferin are supporting the event as well.
- We have some 800 plus acres of land secured for this event
- Board of directors and other committees have been hard at work and are well on their way to getting organized for this event

International Plowing Match and Rural Expo Site Bowling Green, Ontario



- Will create a large opportunity for people to get involved in this historic community event
- Will have a very positive impact on the public as to where and how our food is grown and supplied to the general public, something that is badly needed in order to assist and maintain a positive view and knowledge of our county's largest employer, AGRICULTURE.
- Profits generated of IPM each year are donated to Charities and Not-for-Profits in the host community.
- This event is not just synonymous with plowing, but with rural living as well. You can come here and talk to active farmers who are producing food right here and now for families across the country.
- Will include 75 acres, up to 1,100 site RV Campground with majority serviced sites. A large entertainment tent will also be part of the RV Park
- 80 acres Tent City There will be many different events and activities including entertainment, games for kids, local food vendors, artists, and much more
- Tented City will have over 500 vendors and exhibitors including agricultural, antique & historical displays. Visitors will enjoying new farming exhibits and shows with something fun and engaging for kids of all ages.
- It is estimated that this event will have an economic impact of 25 million dollars into our local communities in Dufferin County
- Providing beneficial economic impact on businesses in local communities

We are actively recruiting volunteers to become involved in this community event. There are over sixty committees being formed to plan, organize and implement the various components of the IPM and Rural Expo.

Please share the opportunities with family and friends. Interested individuals are asked to complete the enclosed form and return to Cindysabo@xplornet.ca.



IPM 2023 Souvenirs are available at the Amaranth Township office, Manax Plumbing in Shelburne and the Dufferin Board of Trade. There will be representatives of the IPM 2023 at the East Central Farm Show in Lindsay, London and Ottawa. There will be representatives at the Lions Home Show in Orangeville at the beginning of April..

Update from Related Events Director – Liz and Charlie Bryan.

Queen of the Furrow planning is well underway! Right now there will be 16 Queen of the Furrow vying for the Ontario Queen of the Furrow position!

The Celebration of Excellence Gala will be held at the Orangeville Fairgrounds on Friday September 22, 2023. This is an evening to celebrate and award the plowmen and women, and to crown the new 2023/2024 Ontario Queen of the Furrow. It is evening for all to enjoy. Tickets will be for sale ahead of the event!

Beautification Committee has been hard at work putting together a plan to beautify Dufferin for the IPM and Rural Expo. There will be competitions to visually demonstrate your community spirit by creating outdoor displays that incorporate our theme (Breathe In Dufferin - Ontario's Heartland), colours (rust, cream and blue) our flowers (Hydrangeas and Fall Mums). There will also be a barn quilt competition! A workshop is being organized for those interested in building one.

The Parking committee is working hard to make for sure the 250 acres of parking fields are ready for our visitors, this will include Accessible parking, VIP parking, Bus and General parking. We need lots of volunteers to help make our visitors get parked and into the event seamlessly.

Our Traffic committee has been working diligently with the county and local municipalities to make for sure we have all the proper signage and entrances in place, as well as mapping roadways to assure smooth and orderly traffic flow.

Greeters and Steppers is a committee that will make sure you get safely on and off the wagons which will take you to and from the Tented City and Plowing Fields.

Our Wagon Tours committee is working hard arranging tractors, wagons, people movers and tractor drivers. They are in need of volunteers to drive tractors.

Our Worship Service Committee has established date, time and location. The service will be held on Sunday, September 17th 2023 at 2:00pm at the Entertainment Tent in the RV park. We are excited to have the RV campers as well as the community come out to gather together to kick off the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo.

Quilts of Dufferin

You, your friends, and family are encouraged to participate in the Quilts of Dufferin display at the 2023 International Plowing Match & Rural Expo.

We invite County residents to supply quilts, preferably created in Dufferin County, in order to create the display. Community members are encouraged to participate.

There are two categories:

- Bed Quilts - 60" x 80" or larger (maximum 96" x 96")
- Lap/Cuddle Quilt - between 36" x 40" & 60" x 80"

We ask that only one entry be submitted per person due to tent size constraints. Quilt entry forms (enclosed) will be accepted in the order they are received until the available tent space is filled. **Forms are due by Monday, May 1, 2023.**

Quilts of Dufferin will be on display in the Quilt Tent at IPM 2023 in Bowling Green, Ontario - September 19 to 23. This initiative is being organized by the Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild and the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo. Please contact Lynda Moore, IPM 2023 Quilt Committee members, with any questions. 519-942-4088 .

Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health

The Public Health team is an active partner in the planning and implementation of the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo. Members of their team presented to the “All Chairs “ Meeting on Sat. Feb. 11th. They will be supporting the delivery of a safe, compliant and successful 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo through: Planning and Communication, (internal and external), Inspection, Monitoring and Support

A number of their team were involved in the 2016 Harriston IPM and were able to share some statistics. They discussed things that went well and lessons learned. They will be sharing this experience with our relevant committees.

Public Health will be actively involved in:

1) Food Safety

- a. Food Vendors Requirements Package
- b. WDGPH webpage dedicated to IPM 2023
- c. Approval of Food Vendors and Other Food Providers
- d. Review of all on-site and off-site Preparation Kitchens
- e. Food Safety Training & Education (free courses and workshops for volunteers)

2) Water Quality

- a. Work with licensed water operators to ensure safe water is provided starting with the water source, storage, distribution, treatment and monitoring
- b. Approve on-site treatment method, sampling and monitoring procedures
- c. Provide drinking water number for laboratory sampling
- d. Identify any areas of concern or potential contamination to the water system

3) Infection Control and Communicable Diseases

- a. Advise on placement and location of hand washing and hand sanitizing stations
- b. Provide hand washing signage and animal exhibitions requirements
- c. Follow-up investigations on complaints and suspect food-borne illnesses
- d. Provide infection control support for child interaction areas

4) Animal Bites/Rabies Control

- a. Follow up investigations on animal bites

5) Sewage/Solid and Liquid Waste Disposal

- a. Outline responsibilities of OPA and IPM for grey water, garbage, solid waste, sewage and manure

6) Tobacco Control

- a. Provide “no smoking and no vaping” signs
- b. Provide support, education and recommendations
- c. Enforcement in case of non compliance

7) Emergency Response

- a. Public Health will be integrated into emergency planning process and meetings

Members of the Public Health Team will be involved in planning, training and collaboration over the next six months. There will be a Public Health Trailer on site and a team of Public Health Inspectors.

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