

From: James Crane <[REDACTED]>
Date: January 11, 2025 at 2:08:53 PM EST
To: CAO <CAO@elgin.ca>, mayorgjones@southwold.ca
Subject: Tree Conservation

I am requesting that this email to be read at Elgin County Council and Southwold Township Council.

In last week's Aylmer Express I complimented Mayor/Warden Grant Jones on how important it is that he supports conservation. It appears that Warden Jones and myself have the same view on conservation.

My personal background on conservation is that my brother John and myself own a 18 acre conservation woodlot in Malahide Township. The property was purchased in 1930 by our great uncle, Dr. James W. Crane, with the intent to be planted into trees. Dr. Crane convinced our father, Arthur Crane, to plant the property into trees which happened between 1932-1934. Dr. Crane was years ahead of his time on conservation.

On the property where my wife and I live we had several hundred trees planted on the property about eighteen years ago. We also have a conservation pond at our home surrounded by trees, turtles, frogs, snakes and other wildlife species. My point being I truly do believe in conservation.

I am requesting once again that Warden Jones will support me on getting the issue rectified on the former Crane Conservation Woodlot in SouthWold Township.

On January 10, 2025 I was in conversation with CAO, Mark Peacock, LTVCA and he is still very willing to supply and plant 2500 trees on the former Crane Conservation property. Note, this will be of no cost to the present owner, [REDACTED]. I am willing to see the restrictive covenant removed from [REDACTED]'s new home and shop when he agrees to have these trees planted. The restricted covenant will still remain on the wooded area of the property.

Looking forward to your support.

Jim Crane