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Immediate Release

Lambton County Regional Trails Committee Receives \$1000 Centennial Community Grant from Union Gas

Funds to purchase GPS units for area trails groups

SARNIA, ON – Lambton County Regional Trails Committee is "*catching-in*" thanks to a \$1,000 grant from Union Gas to support the Lambton County Trail Awareness through Geocaching Program.

"The Awareness through Geocaching Program is about exploring a trail or green space near you," said Kelley Elliott, Health Promoter with the County of Lambton Community Health Services Department. "Geocaching is essentially a high-tech scavenger hunt that lets residents search for one of hundreds of "caches" that have been hidden throughout Lambton County."

Cache locations can be downloaded at <http://www.geocaching.com/> (free membership) and the Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) unit used to find the cache.

"Not only is "geocaching a great way to spend time with family and friends, it's a great way to connect with nature, get active, reduce stress and have fun all at the same time," added Elliott.

GPS units can be borrowed (for **FREE**) for a one week at one of several trail partner locations. Photo identification is required to book a GPS unit.

GPS units are available for loan at the following locations:

- Lambton Shores Nature Trails Volunteer Committee - Northville Municipal Office, 9575 Port Franks Rd., RR#1 Thedford, 519 243-1400
- Oil Springs Garden and Trail Committee - Oil Springs Municipal Office, 4591 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs, 519 834-2939
- Plympton-Wyoming Trails Group - 546 Niagara St., Wyoming, 519 845-3939
- St. Clair River Trail - Moore Sports Complex, 1166 Emily St., Mooretown, 519 867-2651
- Bluewater Trails (Sarnia) - via Community Health Services Department, 150 Christina St., N., 2nd Floor, 519 344-2062 ext. 2111, toll free 1-800-387-2882

Union Gas is celebrating 100 years of delivering safe, reliable and affordable service to customers and communities across Ontario. The grant is one of 100 Centennial Community Grants of \$1,000 each that Union Gas has awarded to support charitable projects focused on the environment, community safety and education across the province.

"Our success as one of North America's premier natural gas storage, transmission and distribution companies is shared with the communities we serve," said Shawn Khoshaien, Union Gas District Manager for Sarnia/London. "A passionate commitment to stewardship, safety and high performance is central to our business culture and operations. We couldn't think of a better way to mark this occasion than by giving back to a community program that so closely aligns with these business values."

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To learn more about geocaching visit <http://www.geocaching.com/>. For information on Lambton County trails visit www.lambtongis.ca/lambtontrails. Contact Kelley Elliott at kelly.elliott@county-lambton.on.ca, call 519 344-2062 ext. 2346, toll free 1-800-387-2882 or visit www.lambtonhealth.on.ca for more information the GPS lending program.

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