



# International Plowing Match October 2024

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# Agenda

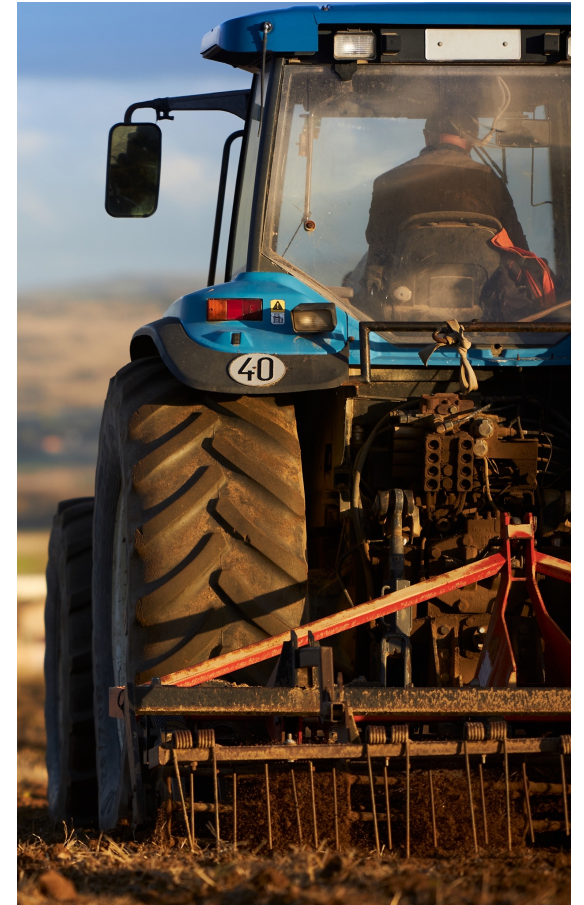
- What is International Plowing Match
- Mass Gathering Events
- OPHS Requirements being addressed
- HKPRDHU and IMS Response Structure
- HKPRDHU Role
- Question Period





# What is the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM)?

- It's the **largest event of its kind** in North America.
  - Attracting on average **70,000+** people from across Ontario, throughout Canada, the United States and beyond.
- IPM is a five-day celebration of agriculture and rural living.
- The 105<sup>th</sup> event will be held in Lindsay, Kawartha Lakes, from **October 1 to 5, 2024**







# What is the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM)?

- IPM is a collaborative effort of the Ontario Plowmen's Association and a Local Committee.
- Tourism industry estimates the economic impact of the IPM at about **\$25 million** annually.
- Profits generated by the IPM are donated to groups and organizations in the host communities.





# What is the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM)?

- Provincial Legislature traditionally shuts down so MPPs can attend Opening Day.
- The IPM is host to 8,000 to 12,000 students over the course of the five-day match.





# Mass Gathering Events

- Require collaboration and coordination within the Health Unit and with external stakeholders.
- Potential for increase in injuries and illnesses.
- Concentrated crowds place strain on public health infrastructure and increase demands for services such as infectious disease, food and water surveillance; and campsite safety.







# Mass Gathering Events

- Potential for a surge in demand on emergency medical services, the acute-care system, and public health protection activities.
- Potential for unplanned accidents, incidents or weather-related events, such as floods or acts of intentional harm, and can be associated with confrontations among and between protesters and police/security officials.







# OPHS Requirements

- The board of health is ready to respond to and recover from new and emerging events and/or emergencies with public health impacts.
- The board of health shall effectively prepare for emergencies to ensure 24/7 timely, integrated, safe, and effective response to, and recovery from emergencies with public health impacts, in accordance with ministry policy and guidelines.
- [Emergency Management Guideline, 2024 \(ontario.ca\)](#)



# Health Unit Role

- Participate on planning committees leading up to the event
- Ensure Food Safety
  - Approval of food vendors and provision of food handler training;
  - Dignitary dinner and other special meals (VIP breakfast, sponsors breakfast, lunches for plowman)
  - Inspection of food vendors;
- Drinking water
  - Monitoring water quality during the event





# Health Unit Role

- Infectious Disease monitoring
  - Suspect Food and or Water Borne Illness Response
- Animal Bite Response
- Enforcement of Smoke Free Ontario Act
- Sanitary disposal of solid and liquid waste
- Will be using Incident Management System as our response structure







# Questions





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