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Hello Folks,

**W**ow! What a year of worry, with all the unpredictable world wide spread of the Covid 19 virus, as one wave seems worse than the last and with so many families losing loved ones. Politicians are at a loss as to what rules they should put forth. People blame them if they close down the neighbourhood, and others criticize if they don't. So it is no wonder that we all want to bid adieu to 2020 and look to a brighter future.

But should we get our hopes up yet? It doesn't look good, when in the first few days of 2021, we have people storming the US parliament, social media closing the door on half of the North American population, the virus mutating and spreading faster than ever, China rattling their sabers as their confidence grows that there will be no push back from the newly elected US government and Iran getting ready to accept more US cash for nuclear compliance. As well, Brexit has thrown the UK trade deals up in the air, and of course, Alberta is getting ready to try to survive without oil revenue since the new US government will not be able to endorse any new pipelines and with that, Canada will have to tighten its belt because the province that used to help balance our books will now need the help from the other provinces just to survive the next ten years. Oh! Sorry about that! That really wasn't a very positive tone to go into a new year, was it?

The truth is that I am not as

# Never ending hope for the future

by Tom Black

worried as that all sounded. People for the most part have always found a way to overcome the precarious situations that they find themselves in, throughout history. My eleven year old granddaughter who has been learning about the early migration of people to Canada, asked us at the dinner table, why would the first natives come to this continent. She could not fathom the idea of anyone leaving their family and homeland to venture into the great harsh environment that was North America at that time. We tried to explain that things may have been pretty bad at home and that they felt survival in nature's worst had better odds than sure death at home.

The question she brought forth started me to wondering when the first people arrived in Canada and where they came from? Well, it didn't take long before I was very confused about that answer. It seems that the experts have not been able to agree on most of the answers. However, a study and dig that was recorded in 2019 in B.C., at this point in time, seems to show people living there 20,000 years ago. It also concluded that 20% of their DNA matched the inhabitants of a village unearthed in Russia some 150 miles north of the Arctic Circle. That in itself seems to be enough reason to move to Vancouver in any year. Up until the last fifteen years or so, the assumption was that people walked across the land bridge from Russia to Alaska when sea levels were lower. However Dr. Thomas D. Dillehay found a site in Southern Chile called Monte Verde where people lived in

hide covered tents, eating seafood and potatoes, some 14,600 years ago. A similar site was found in Paisley Five Mile Point Caves in Oregon, also back about 14,600 years. Archeologist Michael Waters has found over 19,000 artifacts dating back more than 15,500 years along Buttermilk Creek in Texas.

Needless to say there is a lot of information out there on who and when people settled in the Americas and many reports and books have been written, and are being written, everyday with more new information coming to light.

But here is the reason for looking back at human history in this country. We in this modern age of technology, get a ringside seat on the history of the world as it happens, blow by blow in real time. We often know too much for our own good about evils of the world that we have no power to change, but are living in a constant ominous feeling of "what if?"

The fact is though, looking back in history, the human creature is a very enduring specimen that will weather the perils it faces and rebound from the ravages of disasters, famine, plagues, wars and aggression towards us and emerge to rebuild societies with new hope for the future.

# WHAT TO DO WHEN THEY COME FOR YOU

Updated version

- **Call** for support. Have an OLA contact list available
- **Be** polite, Be Assertive, Stand Your Ground.
- **Record** your visitors with phone, recorder, video, notes etc.
- **If police** with visitor, address them first: Why are you here? Under what authority?
- **If** the Police refer to “Keeping the Peace”, ask the question ... does that mean my Peace as well? Does this mean you intend to protect my rights as well?
- **Record name**, badge #, and headquarters. Get pictures of ID, license plates, vehicles etc. Request incident #.
- **If there is a Warrant** to Search, ask senior officer to read it allowed. Make sure that the Party who swore to the Warrant is present when the officer reads the Warrant. Assuming it is not the Police. For example, Conservation Authority has sword to the Warrant. It is important that everyone know and understand the limitations of the Warrant.
- **Ask** to see the Information to Obtain the warrant (**ITO**). If there is no ITO, make a verbal note to all that there is no ITO and you Protest the Execution of the Warrant. Do Not Interfere with the Warrant. Argue it later in court.
- Everything must be accurate; name, address, Signatures etc. If anything is wrong, tell the officer you protest the Warrant. That it is invalid for the following reasons. If the officer disagrees argue it in court. Verbal disagreement with the Warrant is not in itself, blocking or interfering with the Execution of the Warrant.
- **Only comply** with what is on the warrant, offer no extra information and verbally protest the extra search. Argue it in court.
- **If just an official;** bylaw etc, ask for 2 pieces govt. issued ID, proof of employment, employee # confirmation phone #( business cards don't count but keep one for later) They have NO authority without a warrant, ask them to leave. Ask them 3x then call 911. If they insist they have authority, make them show you. Remember Criminal code is Federal legislation and if no warrant they could be charged with trespass or mischief.
- **Ask** for insurance confirmation and sterile boots and clothing, You don't know where they've been. Follow bio-security measures.
- **If they are there on a complaint**, ask for the name and actual complaint as everyone is allowed to face their accuser. You might have to file a freedom of information request.

## ALWAYS REMEMBER:

- **Don't be intimidated** by a uniform!
- **Be firm.** If you don't stop them from walking on your property, it looks like implied consent.
- **Document everything** in writing when visit is over. Witness support would be an asset.
- **When in doubt** ... Verbally Protest the Warrant or the Uninvited Access to your land. Do Not Physically Interfere in a Warrant or Inspection. The court is the place to be. Motion to Quash the Warrant. If the Motion succeeds, then the evidence gathered is thrown out.
- **A Tort** may be the next step after a Warrant is Quashed or an uninvited inspection.
- **Record** All Events while anyone is on your land. Keep your camera handy and the battery charged. The same with a cell phone. Add an additional SD card as well. More storage capacity. Film in low resolution for longer filming.
- **Never** answer a question. Anything you say will be used against you. Especially with body Cameras being used. There is no law compelling you to answer question. However, You Can Ask All The Questions You Want. Ask Them on the record.

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<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>

**NEWS FROM QUEEN'S PARK**

**Supporting Beef Farmers And Protecting Food Supply Chains**

The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$5 million in immediate, emergency assistance to help the province's beef farmers manage costs associated with the impacts of COVID-19 and to help protect Ontario's food supply network.

Ontario beef farmers can apply for funding to help cover increased costs of feeding and setting aside market-ready cattle due to COVID-19 related processing delays. This funding flows from an agreement reached by the governments this spring to support these producers, in a timely manner, in the event that processing disruptions impacted the sector.

The Canada-Ontario COVID-19 Beef Emergency Feed Maintenance Initiative is being offered through AgriRecovery, under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. The provincial contributions are part of Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19 which will provide funding support for eligible farmers. Additional details on program mechanics will be released soon. Agricorp will deliver the programming and receive applications.

**Governments Helping Ontario Agri-food Businesses Increase Online Sales**

The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing over \$3.5 million to help more than 700 businesses in the Ontario agri-food sector establish or expand their online presence. This initiative will provide consumers with more local food choices when shopping from home during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, food producers, farmers markets, retailers, garden centres, greenhouses, nurseries, and agricultural associations are developing or expanding e-commerce ventures this year. By focussing more resources online, Ontario agri-food businesses are broadening their marketing channels, increasing online sales and providing consumers with greater access to a wide variety of food and agriculture products.

The Agri-Food Open for E-Business

initiative featured two streams of funding. The first stream provided grants of up to \$5,000 for eligible applicants to establish an online and marketing presence. The second stream allows eligible organizations, businesses and collaborations to apply for cost-share funding to implement high-impact e-business projects.

View the approved and contracted projects here:

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/cap/ebusiness-stream1.htm>

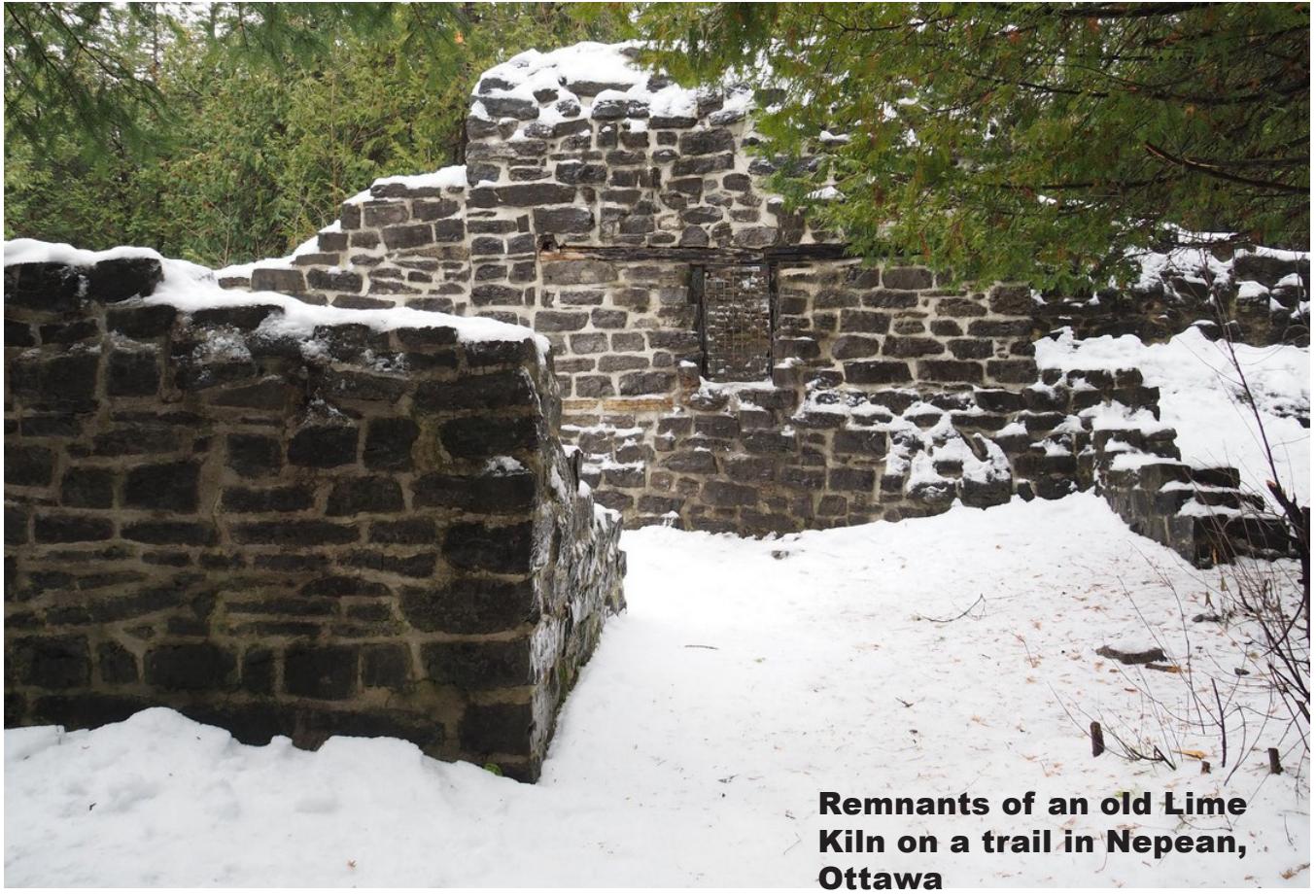
<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/cap/ebusiness-stream2.htm>

This funding is in addition to other programming launched recently to assist the agriculture industry in meeting COVID-19 challenges including:

1. \$25.5 million for the Agri-food Prevention and Control Innovation Program
2. \$26.6 million for Enhanced Agri-food Workplace Protection Program;
3. An additional \$50 million for the 200 Risk Management Program.

**OFFICE NOTICE:**  
**In an effort to contain the COVID-19 virus, our Constituency Office went virtual on March 16, 2020. Our location will remain closed until further notice. We are still open & working during regular office hours to answer your calls & emails. If you require assistance on any matter, please contact me at any time. It's why I'm here. Even if it's not a provincial issue, I'll make sure to connect you with the proper office.**

- Goldie  
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**Remnants of an old Lime Kiln on a trail in Nepean, Ottawa**

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# A Bill to Ban Great Apes and Elephants in Canada

**A** new piece of federal legislation has been introduced in the Senate which is about exotic animals but there are implications for all animals kept in captivity.

On Tuesday, November 17 Senator Murray Sinclair introduced BILL S-218 in the Senate to ban the keeping of elephants and great apes in Canada. The support of Jane Goodall has also been acquired. They use the term torture in reference to how these animals are kept. This is nonsense. Whether an elephant or a great ape, they enjoy a very good life in modern Canadian zoos with superb health care, nutrition and an enriched social environment.

The title of BILL S-218 is: “*An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (great apes, elephants and certain other animals)*”. The short title is “The Jane Goodall

Act”. The choice of the short title is good marketing because they know everyone loves Jane Goodall and is in support of her conservation work.

There are a number of things to be concerned about with this proposed legislation. This is the second step in efforts by some groups to ban keeping all animals in captivity.

First it was cetaceans, now elephants and great apes. The statement is made that “cetaceans, great apes, elephants and certain other non-domesticated animals ought not to be kept in captivity”. Reference is also made to “granting legal standing to captive cetaceans, great apes, elephants and certain other non-domesticated animals, thus enabling orders in their best interests by their own right”.

This is something animal rights groups such as **Animal Justice** have been campaigning for. They want animals to have legal rights as individuals. These animal rights groups want animals such as a pet dog or an exotic animal to be able to sue the owner in court if the animal is not being treated as it prefers. They would also represent the animal in court.

Other species of animals beyond cetaceans, elephants and great apes may be included in the Act following consultation with various groups.

In addition to identifying technical groups, the bill refers to consultation “with representatives of groups whose objects include the promotion of animal welfare”. This is concerning because it will allow animal rights groups like Animal Justice to further influence restrictions on keeping animals in captivity. Ultimately they want to end keeping any animals in captivity, including farm animals.

Along with Animal Justice, this Bill is being supported by Nathaniel Erskine-Smith. He is the Member of Parliament who sponsored the Private



Member's Bill C-246. The intention of that bill was to take “animal cruelty offences out of the section dealing with offences against “Certain Property” and move to the section of the Criminal Code dealing with offences against persons, suggesting the reason for the bill was to promote animal rights.

With C-246 a farmer would have been considered to have committed a criminal offence when an animal in their care came to harm, whether as a result of an accident, carelessness or incompetence. Thankfully C-246 was not passed. However, Bill S-218 is another step towards gaining legal rights for animals,

It will be important to make Members of Parliament aware of all aspects of this Bill and to help familiarize them with zoos, the care provided to animals and the important education and conservation work being carried out.

I have attached Bill S-218 which received first reading yesterday. Let me know if you wish any further information.



by Paul Stevens

Hello from the  
old Jackass

# Aylmer Divided



Howdy folks,

This year, 2020, will now go down in history as one of adversity and fear inspired courtesy of the deadly Covid-19 virus. On a lighter note, 2021 appears to give a glimmer of hope thanks to new vaccines developed and hopefully deployed successfully throughout the year.

The lovely town of Aylmer in East Elgin has become a veritable wrestling ring courtesy of conflicting views of Covid-19 restrictions implemented and officially sanctioned by provincial authorities.

Prior to the pandemic, Aylmer's notoriety included being home to the "Aylmer Express," one of Ontario's last privately owned weekly newspapers published by the respected Hueston family. Aylmer also boasts East Elgin Secondary School which educated many memorable students including yours truly and I'm sure my presence left a scar with many of the academics teaching there.

Recently Aylmer has received national acclaim courtesy of the defiance of Covid restrictions by Church of God Pastor Henry Hildebrandt.

Pastor Hildebrandt has not taken kindly to provincial mandates and restrictions and has publicly defied and protested such orders as wearing a protective face covering.

Hildebrandt has a large following of disciples consisting mainly of church brethren and members of the Mennonite community now residing in Aylmer and surrounding East Elgin communities.

Ironically, during the sixties and seventies, the old Aylmer Arena hosted many travelling wrestling matches but nothing has created such an adrenaline rush and division than the current sparring between the pro and anti mask factions.

Several protests have been openly held and drawn as many as 2000 supporters avidly denouncing provincial restrictions. Pastor Hildebrandt and his many disciples openly insist Covid restrictions are impeding and blatantly violating their Charter of Rights.

Young children have actively marched in protests brandishing placards openly stating such revelations as "Your ignorance is their power" and "Peace/Freedom don't ever expect both."

Not to be left out of the controversy the Pastor's son, 37 year old Herbert, was recently charged with assault on an 84 year old senior allegedly pushed to the ground over a "Be Kind, Wear a Mask" sign placed near the infamous Church of God. The senior is currently recovering from the bout with several cracked ribs.

The father son duo have amassed a stack of court summons but still remain adamant Covid restrictions are violating their Charter rights.

I can recall no past events that have divided a community so severely as the beliefs and actions being endorsed by Pastor Hildebrandt and his flock.

The old Jackass has usually shown support for the under dog but in this instance I will gladly tag team with Premiere Ford and his wise decrees to abolish the virus.

I wish the Hildebrandts the best in the judicial ring but I believe they are fighting an invincible opponent.

Covid-19 is a deadly virus and my own father, not far from Aylmer in an old age home, has also contracted the virus. Telephone reports state his fever has resided and he is eating well.

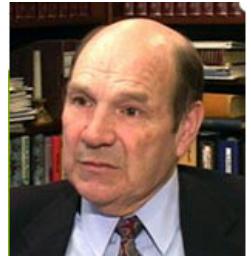
The virus is in essence real and can be fatal and its total eradication efforts are nothing to protest. To all Landowners, I wish the best in 2021 and for God's sake, wear a mask!

Sincerely,

The  
Old Jackass



# The First in A Series of Simplified Explanations of the Corrupted and Falsified Science of Human Caused Global Warming.



by Dr. Tim Ball

This is the first of a series of articles in which I will provide basic facts about climate and climate change, so the public will understand how much they have been misled by those with a political agenda. The most common comment after I make a public presentation is, "Why haven't I heard any of this before?" The reply is simple, ask yourself the same question.

The series will provide you with basic facts so that when you are silenced by people I call eco-bullies, you will have some simple facts to push back. People who take the moral high ground because they care about the planet and the grandchildren and you don't. Ontarians have been forced into a failed energy system that was based on the deliberately falsified science that claims human CO<sub>2</sub> is causing global warming using this technique.

It hit home early in Ontario because Maurice Strong was the architect of the false science and applied his false science as Chairman of Ontario Hydro. Ontarians are bullied into acquiescence by a government that claims they had to do it to save the planet. If Ontarians want to get something out of the heavy price they are paying they can explain to the world what happens when your energy policy is based on deliberately corrupted and falsified science of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Derek Bok said, "If you think education is expensive – try ignorance." He was right, and we can put a cost of at least \$1 trillion on one example. The world was deliberately deceived by the claim that human-produced CO<sub>2</sub> was causing global warming. It happened because the people who created the false claim that global warming was due to humans knew that some 85 percent of the public would not understand even the most basic facts. They also knew that most of the remaining 15 percent would accept without question the Reports of the IPCC. They knew people believed two things, 1. That a small group of people could not fool the world and 2. That any scientist would be involved in corruption.

Yale University Department of Education carried out a test of public knowledge in their "Bridging Science and Society" series titled, Americans' Knowledge of Climate Change." They created a multiple-choice high school test to examine,

*what Americans understand about how the climate system works, and the causes, impacts, and potential solutions to global warming.*

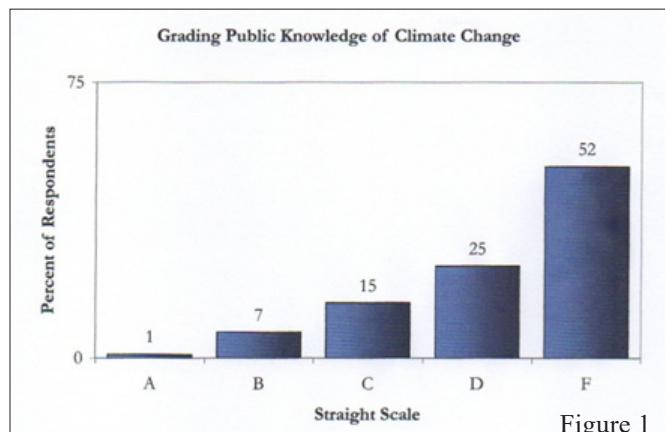


Figure 1

The results were a disaster as Figure 1 illustrates.

A full 77 percent failed the test. The authors then demonstrate the bias that underlies most climate research because they note,

*The study also found important gaps in knowledge and common misconceptions about climate change and the earth system. These misconceptions lead some people to doubt that global warming is happening or that human activities are a major contributor; to misunderstand the causes and therefore the solutions, and to be unaware of the risks.*

No! These misconceptions explain how the public are vulnerable to misinformation deliberately created by those who use global warming as a vehicle for a political agenda. The researchers then show their ignorance and bias further by assuming the claim that humans are causing global warming.

*However, many Americans do understand that emissions from cars and trucks and the burning of fossil fuels contribute to global warming, and that a transition to renewable energy sources is an important solution.*

Again, they demonstrate bias and misunderstanding when they explain why the deception was so effective.

Anthropologist Margaret Mead said about the first public disbelief that, .....

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”*

The Yale authors then substantiated our second point about public misbelief when they wrote,

*In addition, despite the recent controversies over “climategate” and the 2007 IPCC report, this study finds that Americans trust scientists and scientific organizations far more than any other source of information about global warming.*

Notice the authors downplay *climategate*, by not capitalizing it. In November 2009 the first 1000 of 6000 emails were leaked from Climatic Research Unit (CRU), the major centre of IPCC science. Mosher and Fuller, on the back cover of their book *Climategate: The Crutape Letters*, provide a detailed analysis that shows it is well beyond a controversy;

*The Team, led by Phil Jones and Michael Mann, in attempts to shape the debate and influence public policy:*

- *Actively worked to evade (Steve) McIntyre’s Freedom of Information requests, deleting emails, documents, and even climate data*
- *Tried to corrupt the peer-review principles that are the mainstay of modern science, reviewing each other’s work, sabotaging efforts of opponents trying to publish their own work, and threatening editors of journals who didn’t bow to their demands*
- *Changed the shape of their own data in materials shown to politicians charged with changing the shape of our world, ‘hiding the decline’ that showed their data could not be trusted.*

The first set of 1000 emails was leaked just prior to political approval of the Kyoto Protocol set for Copenhagen in December. This was a political protocol based on the claim that wealthy industrialized (developed) nations, led by the US, did so by burning fossil fuels. The by-product of their actions and avarice produced CO<sub>2</sub> that was causing runaway global warming. They had to pay for this sin by transferring wealth to developing nations whose lives and economies were negatively affected. It was a massive socialist transferral of wealth but also a move to a one-world government. Maurice Strong was the chief architect of the plan. After spending five days with him at the UN, Elaine Dewar concluded,

*Strong was using the U.N. as a platform to sell a global environment crisis and the Global Governance Agenda.*

The major thing most people find they “never heard before” was why CO<sub>2</sub> became the focus. When they learn just a few facts about CO<sub>2</sub>, they understand how the science

was corrupted to achieve Strong’s political agenda. The few facts are:

There are three so-called greenhouse gases that act like one-way valves allowing sunlight to enter the atmosphere and heat the Earth’s surface. That heat is radiated back to space but is delayed in its escape by the same gases. They are, as a percentage by volume.

1. Water Vapor (H<sub>2</sub>O) - 95%
2. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) – 4%
3. Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) – 0.36%

Now compare that with the results of the Yale Study.

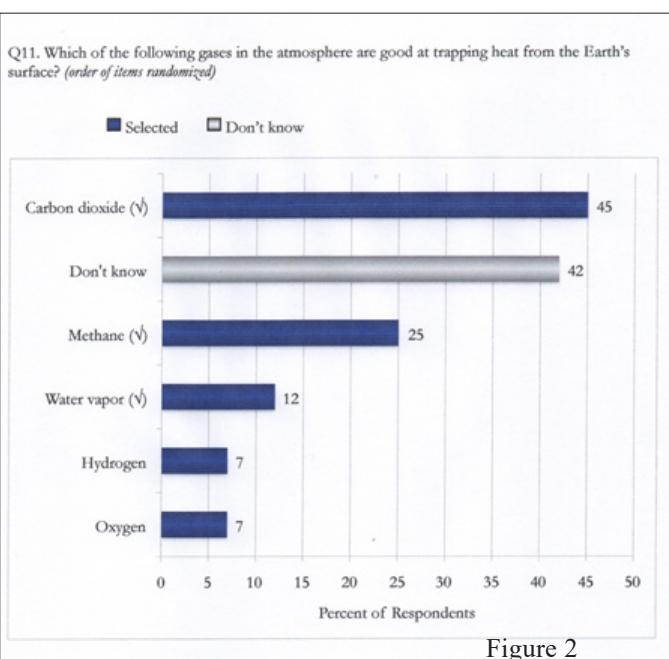


Figure 2

These results are not surprising considering this quote from [NASA’s “Climate Kids” web page](#).

*Besides CO<sub>2</sub> there are other greenhouse gases. These include water vapor, methane, nitrous oxide, and ozone. Without any greenhouse gases, Earth would be an icy wasteland. Greenhouse gases keep our planet livable by holding onto some of Earth’s heat energy so that it doesn’t all escape into space. This heat trapping is known as the greenhouse effect.*

The opening phrase implies CO<sub>2</sub> is the most important and abundant. Nowhere does the site mention that those honours fall to water vapor. The entire page is given over to claiming CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature are increasing because of human activity. It says,

*Putting so much new CO<sub>2</sub> into the air has made Earth warmer.*

The only evidence for this claim are the outputs of computer models of the IPCC. The models are programmed so that a CO<sub>2</sub> increase causes a temperature increase. The problem is that in every record from any time in the history of the Earth the temperature increases before the CO<sub>2</sub>. This

explains why every climate forecast the IPCC ever made was wrong. Unfortunately, most people don't even know that. Figure 3 is a graph Professor John Christy used in his testimony before the US Senate.

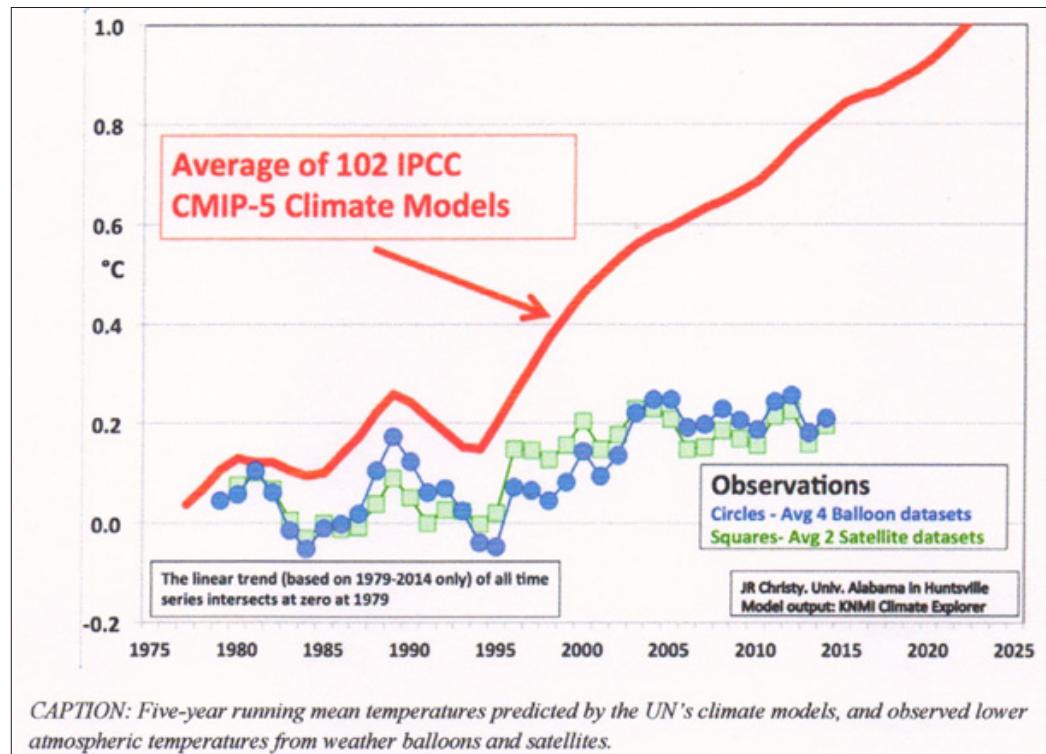


Figure 3

It is impossible to imagine any other agency or job where you can be so consistently wrong yet claim to the world your prediction of global warming is so certain. Now if we plot the same range of IPCC projections against their measures

of CO<sub>2</sub> increases you can see why they are so wrong (Figure 4). It proves CO<sub>2</sub>, let alone the human portion, is not causing global warming.

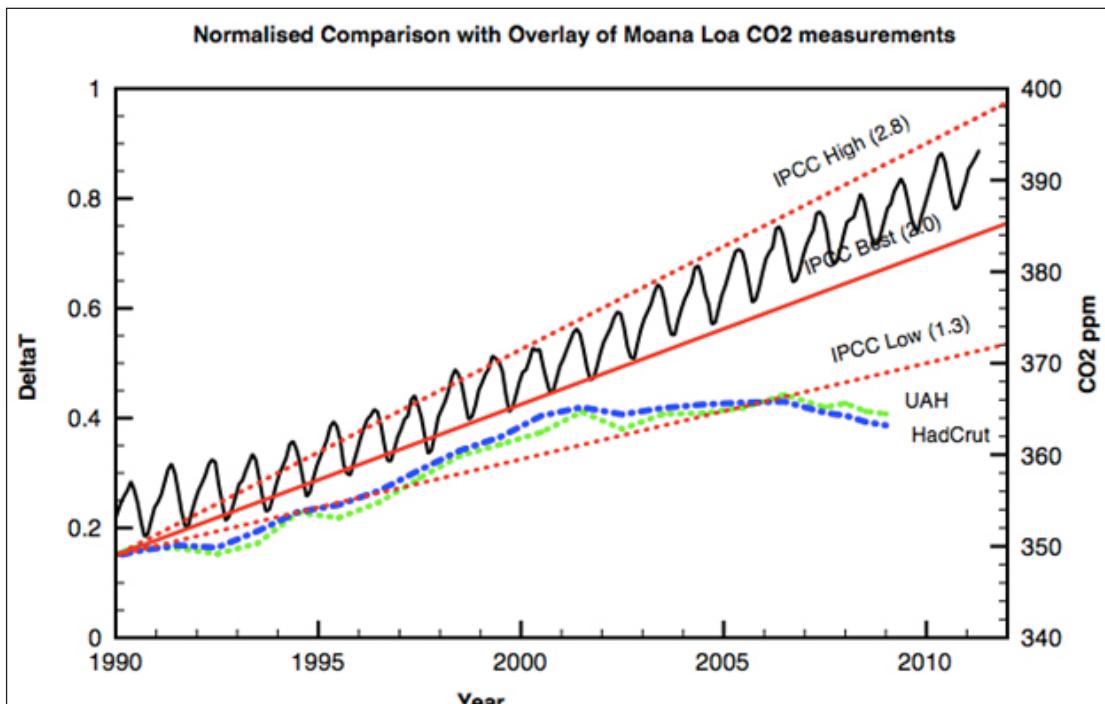


Figure 4



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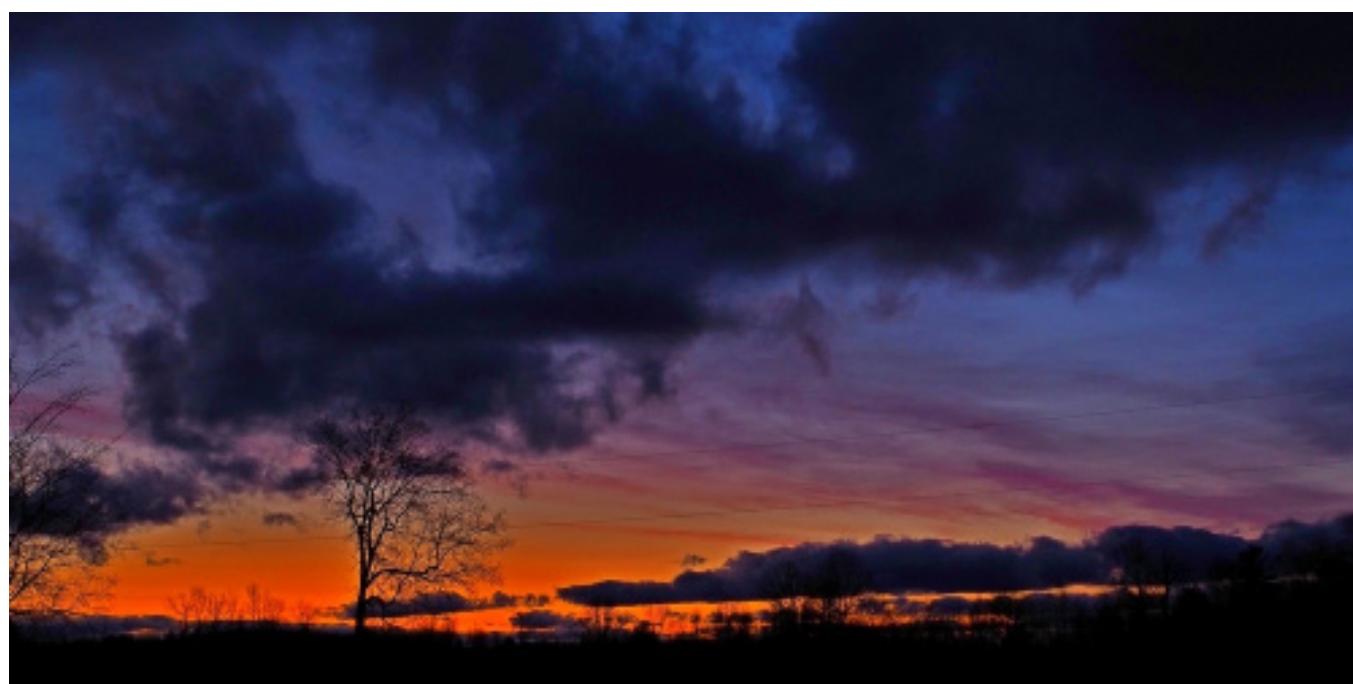
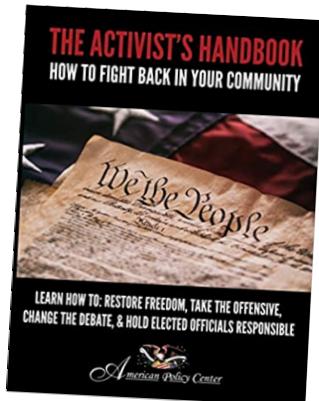
**T**here is a determined force in the world dedicated to an agenda designed to “reorganize human society.” To achieve that agenda they are on a drive to change our American economic system, abolish private property, and change our system of representative government.

Most importantly, they have focused on making those changes primarily through control of government on the local and state levels. They have trained a cadre of activists to present and promote legislative programs that are backed by various funding programs to entice local representatives to enact their agenda. That's why it's at the local and

state levels where we must make our stand to stop them.

The goal is to take a stand to promote and defend the three main principles of freedom including free enterprise, private property, and limited government intrusion in our lives. Specifically taking direct action in your own community, thereby establishing it as a pocket of freedom or a “Freedom Pod.” This becomes a shining example to then pass to the next community, and the next, creating a freedom movement. This manual is designed to provide the tools and training necessary to accomplish that goal.

<https://americanpolicy.org/handbook>





# Thank you for your service

by Ian Cumming  
Agricultural Journalist

**Thank You For Your Service**

Douglas O'Connor  
US AIR FORCE  
12/1960 -12/1964

Jeremiah O'Connor  
US NAVY 1962 - 1964

Joseph Iavaroni  
US AIR FORCE 1951-1955

Michael O'Connor  
US ARMY 7/1970 - 11/1970

Clark O'Connor  
US NAVY 11/1971 - 11/1975

John O'Connor  
US AIR FORCE 1985-2005

Anna Marie O'Connor  
US AIR FORCE 1985-1990

Ross Hunter  
US ARMY 1943-1945

Benjamin Smith  
US ARMY  
06/2000 PRESENT

Sheridan O'Connor  
US MARINE CORPS  
1995 - 1999

Robert O'Connor  
US ARMY 10/68-10/70

General Petraeus and Britney O'Connor Smith  
Department of Defense Officer 2006 PRESENT

Warren O'Connor  
US MARINE CORPS  
06/2004 - PRESENT

James O'Connor  
US AIR FORCE 1991-PRESENT

This display of 14 brave American soldiers, all from the same Irish farming clan, is hanging on the living room wall, in a double wide on a simple farm, on the south side of Highway 11, near the Canadian border in Franklin county, New York.

A real classy lady, Elaine O'Connor, hung them on her wall, in this home where she raised her eight children. Proudly displaying her husband, sons, daughter, brother in laws, son in law, nephew, niece, and a couple of the generation that came before her.

A person I showed this display of photos to, made the remark that, "the military was a means for many families to get out of poverty."

Nothing could be further from the truth, in this case. Even though they live their lives without glitter and flash.

A house Elaine's clan owned just north of her farm had the back door in Quebec and the front door in New York. And there was enough "old money" collected and solid investments made with that opportunity, as there was when JFK's daddy was in the same sort of cross border business, building that Irish family fortune.

The O'Connor clan, just up the way, prospered milking 90 cows in the 1960's, and also specialized in import / export at night.

Less than a decade ago Elaine's husband Bob sat at a public auction and bought a couple of hundred acre farm

near him, not having to borrow to do it. Do you know anyone who raised eight successful kids and can buy a couple of hundred acres of prime farmland down the road without borrowing?

Plus she and her husband live in Florida during the winter, staying there until late spring this year. Having the golf course to themselves every day, living a normal public life, while many other panicked folks fled for home, or burrowed.

The genders are equal these days (that's a great thing) but there is something special about a mother / daughter relationship.

But it's different, isn't it, when your daughter is in that special section of the military, so that you, the parent, have to sign an oath with the government that you will never publicly raise her name, because she doesn't exist, if she ever happens to be captured in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. And she can never tell you what she's done, or doing.

But you know deep down, as a mother, that your girl did, and is doing, something special and brave, don't you, when the top general in the western world is personally shaking her hand.

There are a lot of amazing farming people in the world, including rural America. And only the appallingly ignorant, - our media, universities and politicians are the worst – who have never met, talked to them, or understood their history, their souls, or their beliefs, proclaim their vile scorn for what they perceive they represent.

These older brothers in this display are in a hunting camp near the Canadian border, with enough booze for their annual Irish party and enough weaponry to lay siege to nearby Montreal, let alone the white tailed bucks.

There are spots where you can still "slip across" border farmland undetected. Do so, go and drink with them and unleash your thoughts. I mean, they're old, you're safe. For opening discussion purposes, tell them you preferred Biden in the election, and why.

Perhaps ask yourself why that is, people willing to die for freedom without hesitation or reservation, balking when the nanny state takes freedom away?

But, on the other hand, if you know history, rural reality and have a sense of decency and dignity, know why our great country with its freedom and valuable resources, remains safe in our lifetime. Because the evil in the world know courageous people, like these 14 from this farming family just across the border, are our sworn friends.

They have, will, and do, protect us.

*Ian Cumming  
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# A Christmas Miracle

by Lyle Dillabough

(Kept going ‘in and out of it’ so don’t recall)

Eventually (after surgery at the Civic) was moved to where I am currently, at the Rehab Center adjacent to the General.

For about two weeks straight my sister Lois was determined to track down that bag.

She pretty much organized an entire friggin’ army from her home in Napanee, persuading personnel from each hospital and the paramedic head office, to find that bag. Eventually she relented as I said to her, “Give it up Lois: it was stolen.”

Well not so fast..

Tonight (Dec. 19th) I received a call from Sue at the Carleton Place Hospital. Seems it was a quiet night for a change.

She got bored and began looking around and found herself in a room where ‘Lost & Found’ items are stored. She was amazed at the stuff which was in there and marvelled how folks don’t go back to pick up coats, pants and an array of other ‘stuff.’

Then, underneath some coats, she discovered a cabinet and while checking out a drawer,.FOUND my bag! EVERYTHING was in order. Including my wallet with bank cards, OHIP card, identification and the whole bit.

Including \$35.00, (which I told Sue she could have if she wanted. She declined)

Turns out: the bag; considering all that happened, could not have been in a “better place” when you consider all that happened, and was happening, that night. It was stored away safely and quietly waiting for me you could say.

And I would.

So “thanks” Sue. “Thanks God.” (Looked out for and taken care of again). This is my second “Christmas Miracle.”

First was the success and rapid (so far) recovery from the ‘tricky’ and possible life ending surgery. If I wasn’t already: You made a “believer” out of me Sis!”

Hope you had a ”MERRY CHRISTMAS!” everyone and all the best in 2021..

Yours.

as always

Lyle



## Season's Greeting and Merry Christmas

During the past few months, the members of the Canadian Justice Review Board (CJRB), and Canadians, have seen many changes coming from the Federal, Provincial and Municipal law makers. Some of these changes have been good, whereas some have been extremely egregious.

Throughout the past year we have seen the affects of a virus on Canadians and the Canadian economy. We have, also, seen Canadians rise to this and other challenges.

The CJRB seeks to promote high standards of practice by all members of the legal profession by identifying those who behave in questionable ways or in ways which are publicly perceived to cast the administration of justice into disrepute. The CJRB provides a public forum in which its members and supporters can express their views and concerns.

As the year draws to an end, we, at the CJRB, are continuing to work for the betterment of the justice system throughout Canada. We also strive to ensure we have updated information that may be of interest to our supporters, as well as everyone, who wishes to visit our web-site and/or facebook pages.

As Chairperson, I would like to personally thank all of the Directors, past and present, as well as past Chairpersons, and specifically our Administrator for their efforts and work. They work tirelessly in an effort to inform, educate and assist in their own way, all Canadians.

On a final note, I would like to extend, on behalf of the Canadian Justice Review Board, our sincerest best wishes of the Season to your and yours. To you all, Season's Greetings, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous 2021!

*Elizabeth F. Marshall, Chairperson  
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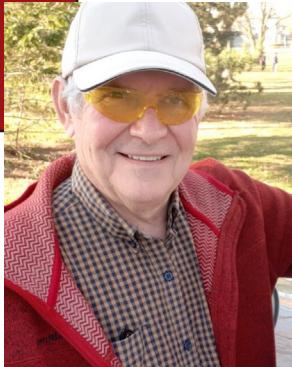
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## DON'S THOUGHTS - 2021 AND THE "GREAT RESET"

by Don Johnson

### 2021 - Who would have believed it has come so fast -

It is strange how each year seems shorter than the year before - yet reliable sources tell me that, other than leap year, when we actually get an extra day, we have exactly the same number of minutes as every year before - so what is it that makes it seem to fly by so fast ? I like to think, it is because we are so busy that we can't focus on the moment, but there must be more than that, and perhaps we should consider adding stress as a part of the equation .

Uncertainty breeds stress and it is safe to say, we have certainly had the uncertainties of the pandemic to deal with. Our critical life support systems, comprised of our family, friends, work, neighbours and even just a friendly head nod from a stranger as we shop, has been curtailed and even removed from our lives. Yes I know we zoom, talk on phones, use Amazon to buy online and even sometimes cheat and have small gatherings - but the social norms are a-kilter, the thrill of watching Netflix has faded, laughter has dissipated and we have become isolated.

Increasing levels of uncertainty definitely increases stress. Stress that can consume our rationality, focus our minds into dealing with the stress, flooding our bodies with elevated stress hormones and our life slides into auto drive with a bad GPS system which gets us nowhere.

But what is the source of this uncertainty and stress? Is it Covid - or is it something else? Covid is definitely not to be underestimated, but, in fairness, the statistics and medical observations indicate if you are under 65 or even if you are 80 in good health your chances of survival are 97+%. Normal life is full of stress; dealing with bills, weather, jobs, children, parents, and a thousand other things, all are part of our normal activities, yet, they don't normally overwhelm us.

So what has changed in our lives, what is it that is becoming a tipping point event? When we deal with life we are creatures of patterns and routine. When these patterns are disturbed or altered we must reach new equilibriums to deal with the new realities. Statistics are clear that stress levels are considerably higher now than last year, mental disorders, drug and alcohol use, suicides, domestic violence and other indicators all are way up.

So, is Covid the culprit or is there something else? I would suggest it is not Covid that is causing the stress, but that it is the way we are dealing with Covid, that is the culprit. Which then leads to the question "if it's how we are dealing with Covid then what is problem with how we have dealt with Covid?", and more, so how do we fix it?"

I would suggest we need to consider the uncertainty created by the Federal and Provincial governments as being a major culprit in elevating the uncertainty and causing stress levels to rise. In their panic and need to be seen in control - the Federal Government adapted the concept "any action is better than none". Perception over substance! The results, 400 billion dollars of deficit which highlights the incompetence and unpreparedness of this federal government . Perhaps the discussion should be about Political correctness combined with the consuming need by the press, to generate sensationalism. The mix is most definitely a bad combination.

Of course the other levels of government piled on and things degenerated even more so with seniors still dying but the economy being dealt a mortal blow as well. Stress levels definitely elevated.

We then come to another problem from our elected leaders. Brainwashed by too much "Star Trek" as children, our Prime minister and his cronies have embraced the fantasy concept of a utopian world in which mankind will ascend. A world where there is no pollution, the weather is controlled, everyone has plentiful food generated from thin air, all live in modern clean homes, energy is unlimited and nature abounds everywhere. A world under a central world government where all are equal. For me I will embrace Covid on any day over the fantasy world our Prime Minister is living in.

The world is not a friendly place and the sooner our politicians understand this, the better the chances our country of Canada will survive the 21st century.

The 21st century should be the time of Canada's great emergence as a world economic powerhouse, a country that can use its great natural resource base and ensure every Canadian has food, shelter, education, security and the opportunity to enjoy a life better than any our ancestors had.

But where is the vision, where is the leadership, where is the desire to achieve greatness? Indeed, where is the fortitude of our leadership to look at reality and do what is needed so that our country may achieve greatness - not just engage in political patronage and passing the cost down to the still unborn.

The great change - the “great reset” that Trudeau and his Trekkie generation are so striving to bring about, under the cover of their own induced Covid emergency, is a false and dangerous illusion. The Prime ministers great transition is not based on the concept, “government is to serve and protect the citizens of our country”; it is based on the concept “citizens are serfs of the state and should subordinate their independence and freedoms to an illusionary concept of world government”. We should all embrace becoming a great socialistic utopia.

Of course history shows that some Canadians foolishly immigrated to the great Socialist utopia of Russia in 1924 and discovered that was not a good idea in hindsight. But that doesn’t matter, all we need to do is trust our Prime Minister and follow his clarion call orchestrated to another engineered global catastrophic event, climate change, and we need simply to destroy our overindulgent standards of living, transfer our wealth to less fortunate abroad, migrate our populations into even larger more compressed cities to save the countryside and we can become world citizens not Canadians.

Trudeau’s great revolution and pursuit of green energy at massive loss of economic treasure, based on the evidence, is ill founded. Indeed the concept of a carbon tax, as a way to reduce consumption, is idiotic in several ways. Firstly energy consumption in economic terms is largely inelastic. If you need energy you may try to cut back in use, but at a point, you must still acquire and use a certain amount, no matter the cost. Want an example - after hurricane Katrina, gas jumped from under a dollar to 1.40/ltr in Ontario, yet total consumption hardly changed.

So who benefits from doubling the cost of low cost energy? Well, here’s a hint; the money goes into the general coffers of the government. Note, the carbon tax money isn’t going to subsidize companies to implement new technology but some is to be paid in rebates to families. (income redistribution) So we end up with massive price inflation destroying the savings of the citizens and driving more families into destitution and reliance on government handouts. The concept that “money is wealth” is pervasive in government thinking, however “money is not wealth”, it is a medium of exchange which allows us to escape the barter system.

When the government prints up more money to hand out to foreign and domestic consumers, but doesn’t increase the amount of goods and services available to consumers, it is simply creating a devaluation of our currency (otherwise known as inflation) which is similar to adding more tax

to our cost of living. This does nothing to improve our life prospects. It does however have the side effect that it requires that we work longer and harder to stay even and of course, we then have to pay more taxes.

Think about it, the cost of a detached home in 1980 was 70 thousand dollars, today 40 years later, it is 950 thousand. Just think, prices increased by more than 13 times, for the same house, and that is why we have more multimillionaires than anytime in history, but our standard of living continues to decline.

I wonder if the German people in 1933 welcomed the government printing press money that ended up making their currency worthless?

So let’s make a resolution because resolutions are not just for New Years. Let’s us all resolve to challenge and hold all government levels accountable for their actions.

Forget waiting for an election, what we need to do is flood the media with our letters and have them recognize that change is needed. Write letters to our MPs, MPPs and council members. Instigate petitions getting them signed by thousands of voters and attend council meetings where you can speak up. Step forward and speak truth loudly to those who have become the problem, not the solution!

As a business man I used to have a sign on the wall across from my desk that I read a dozen times a day. It was appropriate and I want to share its wisdom with you the readers of this column. “When you are up to your ass in alligators, it is hard to remember your objective was to drain the swamp!”

So grab your shovel and together let’s work to drain this political swamp and reduce the stress levels for all of us.

*Don Johnson,  
President Hamilton-Halton Landowner Association.*

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# A Depression Tale



by Dale Dawson

Allow me to take you back to a dark snowy February day in the nineteen-thirties. The tall man trudged along a deserted back road, his eyes mere slits against the driven snow. The storm had worsened since he'd left his farm in the early morning



to visit a bank in town. It was a thirty mile return trek and he guessed that he still had five miles to go to reach home. In spite of his fatigue and the chill that seeped into his bones, his mind drifted back to better times. He remembered the bright spring day when he'd moved his wife and children to the farm where they still lived – the farm he was trying desperately to save. It was a happy time and the future looked rosy. He wiped the snow from his eyes and mumbled something about the years passing too quickly.

He thought back to winter days when he would make the trip to town in fine style in a fancy cutter pulled by a prancing black horse. The prancing black horse was his no more. He'd sold most of his assets which included large parcels of land for a fraction of their pre-depression value in an attempt to hold onto the farm and some acreage. It could be worse though – at least folks in the country could grow food to sustain themselves.

They could also when things got tough poach the odd deer to feed hungry mouths, something poor individuals in the city couldn't do. Country folks could also keep warm with the abundance of firewood in the nearby forest.

The snow was deepening and night was coming on. He got to thinking of his friends and how they had responded to adversity – and how resilient they were. The men and women got up early each morning and did what they could to get their families through another day. The exception was one old bachelor who said, "This depression isn't affecting me. I didn't have a freaking thing before the crash, so I haven't lost anything."

It was amazing how most people had adapted to new challenges. He could smell woodsmoke from a once abandoned farmhouse and he thought of the newlyweds squatting on the property. They were from well off families in the city that had lost everything when the stock market tanked. Theirs had been a life of money, servants, parties and parents catering to their every whim. How their lives had changed, but the young couple seemed happy enough. Oh, they were still somewhat helpless, but they were learning. He remembered when they first appeared at his door and told him their story. What a sad tale it was – they had no tools, money or any knowledge about surviving in the country. With the help of his wife and family, he had settled the young couple into a nearby abandoned farmhouse. It wasn't hard to supply them with blankets

and a bit of furniture and a spare box stove. The young people weren't lazy, they happily showed up at the farm everyday where they helped with the farm chores. It wasn't long before they became like members of the family. It had been quite an education for them. Before the crash they had believed that all food had magically appeared at the corner store. Learning how to grow and cook food had not been easy and they could often be found at the family table at meal time. They had happily been eating venison for a year before they caught on to what it was.

The man was growing tired, but home was near; he could see the glow of a coal oil lamp in the kitchen window. He wasn't young anymore and he knew that he didn't have enough years left to gain back what he had lost. When he left this earth, he wanted all of his bills paid, which was why he'd made the long trek to town on the exact day that the note was due.

The warmth of the kitchen felt good. There was a pleasant aroma from the stew simmering on the stove. The room was silent with all eyes on him. His wife finally asked how things went at the bank. He told her that he walked into the manager's office and told him that he didn't have the money that was due and that he was sorry. The bank manager said that a thirty mile walk in the snow not to pay a bill was unusual, but it was commendable. He announced to the family that he'd been given a one month extension and he had better have the money next month.

This depression story has been repeated in our family over the years. He was my grandfather, Art Dawson.

Dale Dawson



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*Combat Gardening*



by Judith Cox

*Gardening is time sensitive so I have included several of Judith's articles on planting your garden.*



*Greetings fellow gardeners,*

**I**t is a very quiet morning. The newly fallen snow muffles the traffic sounds and covers the sad greyness of November. I have my new inexpensive Christmas lights on a timer so when it comes on in the early morning it is so cheery

Speaking of Christmas lights, I heard that the newer light sets have a soy-based covering on the wires and that is super tasty to squirrels! I have been trying to research this online through Snopes.com and so forth, but if it is true, it explains what happened to all my new lights. I am still dealing with squirrels as they swing like acrobats on my feeders or try to eat the suet out of its metal cage.

I received another seed catalogue in the mail, W. H. Perron 2021. This catalogue took over from Dominion Seed House and it is what I would call a dessert catalogue. They have accessories that are fascinating and expensive and some seeds that you cannot get readily. You can't order online from W.H. Perron, only from the catalogue. You can order a catalogue at <https://www.dominion-seed-house.com/en/>. I was able to get the peanut seeds that I had been searching for from this catalogue and I enjoyed daydreaming about all the garden projects I could do with their accessories. It is free and a fun read.

William Dam Seeds has a catalogue that is favoured by a number of my fellow gardeners. You can order a catalogue at <https://www.damseeds.com/>. What I like most about this company is its untreated seeds. As I continue to strive for a more organic garden, untreated seed makes a big difference. I will send an order from this catalogue to my friend so that we can share the shipping. Gardening is a great group activity in so many ways!

Today I popped in to see my neighbour and to pick up some hay to keep my chickens warm. I recycle this hay into my compost as it becomes too dirty. Hay is great as compost, but I try to let it get rid of its weed seeds first. Once it has cycled through, it makes a wonderful addition to the garden. After I changed the chickens' bedding, I stood back to look at my chicken compound. Last year I thought about how ideal it would be as a climbing aid for my runner beans. This is the time of year that I try to write down these ideas to use as spring comes around the corner. Think about what you would like to add to your garden this year.

I hope that you are starting to make your seed lists. Go BIG. Write down everything you want and what you imagine you would love. Then take an evening to go over it to make it reasonable. I suggest you try seeds this year. Last year so many nurseries ran out of stock. The one vegetable (fruit)

that I will always grow from seed is tomatoes. I find so many times that purchased tomato seedlings end up with blight. I keep my tomato seedlings clean right from the beginning and blight is rare.

My Christmas cactus (*Schlumbergera*) is blooming well. I used to have a glorious pot which consisted of a Thanksgiving cactus, a Christmas cactus and an Easter cactus, and the blooms were lovely colours all sorts of times. You can tell which one is which by the shapes of the leaves.

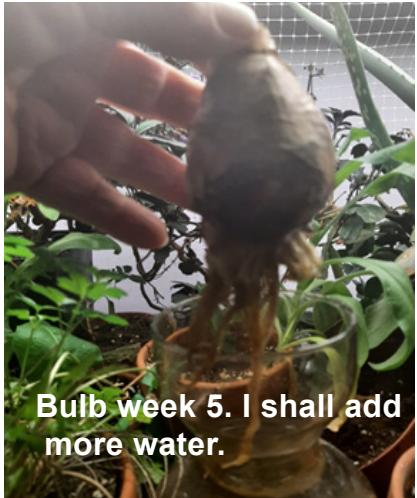


<https://worldofsucculents.com/thanksgiving-christmas-easter-cactus/>

I recently discovered how easy it is to propagate your cactus. Twist a non-flowering branch, then place it directly in soil in good light. I should try that! If you look closely at the picture of my Christmas cactus you will see my thumb pointing right at that joint.



My Christmas  
Cactus



**Bulb week 5. I shall add more water.**

I just looked out the window and it is getting dark again. As soon as we finish with December 21st then the days will start to get longer, and I will be waiting eagerly for all those seeds. Enjoy your week and think of new vegetables as you bustle through the holiday season. Judith (Email: lapisdragonarts@gmail.com) All Veggie Bites are available at

the SGHS website: (<https://sites.google.com/site/sghortsoc/>)

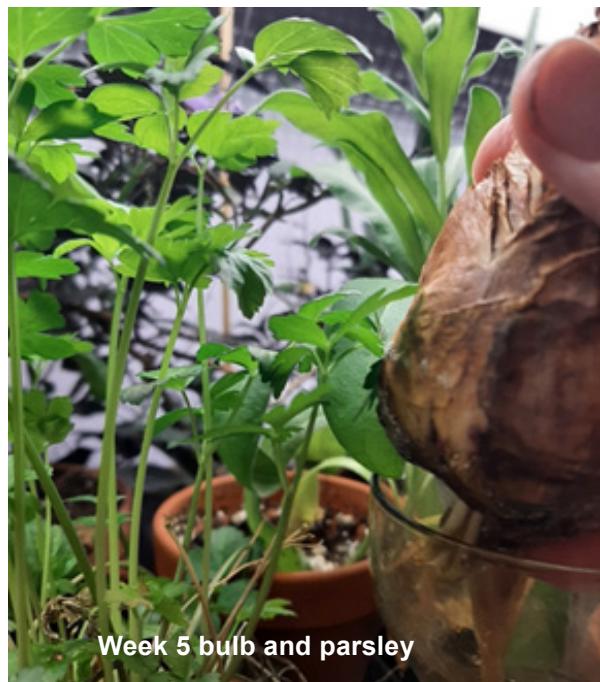
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Soon, the Winter Solstice will be upon us and we will experience the shortest day of the year. I love the Solstice on December 21 as it means that the next day, December 22, is a little bit longer and closer to spring.

It is very cold this morning, and the too-many cats are looking longingly at the woodstove. I guess I need to poke through the embers of last night's fire and get some warmth into this room. Because my home is so draughty, and the woodstove is so hot, it makes it difficult to grow most plants.

I am able to grow my scented geraniums, but they were able to survive in the icy parlors of the Victorians, so that is no surprise. I have even decorated my scented geraniums for Christmas. Other plants, like orchids and violets, do not do well in these conditions. I am lucky that I am able to have a plant stand with lights so that I can grow different things.

While I have been baking a few cookies for Christmas, I am very excited at how well my calendula oil turned out. I used grapeseed oil as my carrier oil this time, and I had a lot of blossoms. I should have more than enough to share.



## Veggie Bites Cont'd

I find myself taking my time when I walk back to feed the chickens. The ground is hard and uneven, so it is not a good idea to rush. This gives me an opportunity to survey my surroundings. The hügelkultur is continuing to grow with each offering of kitchen waste, and a pair of ravens has started to visit. The sedum seed heads are bobbing in the wind, and bits of hay are blowing about.

At the very back of my property is a tiny tree. When my mother died in 2011, I dug up a small seedling from her favourite pine tree. It is a sweet Christmas tree shape now and about four feet tall. Seeing it makes me very happy. Being in my garden at this time of year helps to keep me in touch with my plans for the summer. I stand in the grey light and think of where I could open another vegetable garden. The darkness of winter is the perfect time to dream.

I checked on my bulb this morning and it is not happy. I am going to change the water and give it one more week to shape up! You will notice, however, that the flat-leaved Italian parsley is doing very well. I shall be able to harvest that to use for my Christmas dinner. In the coming weeks, I would like to explore growing more vegetables inside. Having fresh produce in deep winter is such a treat.

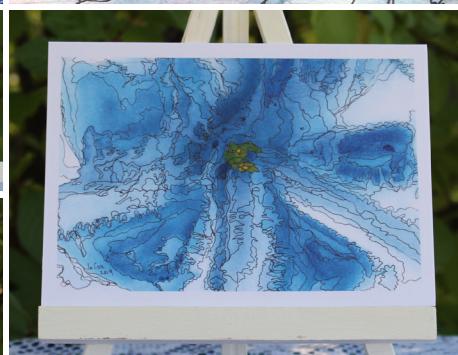
I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas! Judith (Email: [lapisdragonarts@gmail.com](mailto:lapisdragonarts@gmail.com)) All Veggie Bites are available at the SGHS website: (<https://sites.google.com/site/sghortsoc/>)



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## SYLVESTER PUSSYCAT

by Mel Fisher



All of you over age 50 remember TV cartoon character Sylvester Pussycat, and most of you under 30 have probably never heard of him. That's because he spent most of his time trying to catch and eat Tweety Bird. That was judged too much violence for your tender ears, and the show was removed from circulation. Apparently the regulators are not aware that some animals are carnivores, and they do not have a sanitized abattoir where their prey can be killed painlessly, to the strains of Kum Bayah; wild animals just catch and eat other wild animals.

Sylvester and Tweety belonged to Granny. Grannies car was a marvel, a hundred year old electric car, still going, only needing an occasional drop of oil here and there for maintenance. The battery was the real marvel. Ordinary car batteries make electricity between lead and lead oxide plates; Grannies battery made electricity between iron and nickel plates. No acid, no corrosion, nickel and iron are much stronger than lead and especially lead oxide, and the battery could last forever.

Nickel-iron batteries were patented by Thomas Edison in 1903, and used in electric cars for a decade or so, and still manufactured by Edison's factory until the 70's. Exide, the largest maker of batteries at the time, bought the plant and shut it down so nickel-iron batteries are no longer made in the US. They are still imported for high end applications where reliability is paramount, such as in space. They are quite commonly used in Australia for residential solar-electric systems.

What brought all this to mind was my new cordless whipper-snipper, it puts out at least 4 times as much energy as my 15 year old one did, shows how much better the lithium-based batteries in our cordless stuff have become. Their downfall still is that, as you have probably noticed, lithium batteries do not last forever, in fact they begin losing capacity the day they are first charged up.

So the question that popped into my mind was, if Grannies battery was so good and lasted forever, why is modern technology fiddling around with lithium batteries in cars? One reason might be that Grannies battery was expensive, although not really if it lasts forever. Also it is heavy compared to lithium batteries, a disadvantage for portable applications. But that raises an even tougher question, why is Tesla using lithium technology for their new power-wall batteries for residential solar systems? Nobody cares how heavy a battery is if it just sits there connected to your house. And the Australians have already shown the way. Why do we go to such lengths to avoid this technology?

Maybe the answer to that question can be found in the adventures of my old friend Alvin Snaper (well, OK,

friend is an exaggeration, but I did have a conversation with him once). Alvin is probably the most prolific and eclectic inventor of our time, with something over 600 patents. His inventions ran from Tang (synthetic orange juice) to the IBM dancing ball typewriter, a mechanical marvel from before computers. He invented making foamed metal, much like blue Styrofoam, but metal like titanium or aluminum instead of plastic; a hugely important development in aircraft and spacecraft as it saves a lot of weight and expensive metal.

Alvin retired about 20 years ago, but found retirement boring, so he and some cronies set up a lab to do research to help the world. First question, what does the world need? That's easy, a better battery. O.K., let's look at applying foamed metal technology to batteries. So they did – first they came up with a lead-acid battery with foamed metal plates, clearly better, lighter, longer-lasting, and potentially cheaper than regular batteries. Then they set to work on a foamed nickel –iron battery, which might change the world. It could be as light and as cheap as lithium batteries, but would last much longer if not forever. At last, the battery of the future, and a practical electric car.

They ran into the most unbelievable business, legal and political road blocks at every stage, the negative reaction of the establishment was truly astonishing. Now all this work appears to be permanently tied up in lawsuits and red tape; clearly the powers that be do not want a better battery.

Maybe the problem lies with the electric car. A truly practical, long-lived electric car? No engines wearing out, making the car obsolete after a few years? Hardly any maintenance? No fuel to tax? That looks like an economic disaster, no new cars to make! The car factories all obsolete! All those jobs gone! No more auto exhaust whipping boy for the environmental lobby! A bit of freedom for the masses from the big government/big business yoke! Something must be done, Alvin must be stopped!

Perhaps Alvin's troubles could be foreseen in Exide shutting down Edison's better battery plant. Or in Chevy destroying all of their wildly successful EV1 experimental electric cars, in defiance of all common sense. The political agenda was already showing, no truly practical electric cars will be allowed.

Anyway, my new whipper-snipper does work really well, at least until its battery gets old.

# A Wellers Bay Resident Tells his Story

This is the story of one family's experience with Quinte Conservation Authority (QCA) and the Peterborough office of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) regarding their private property shoreline restoration project and its permitting. The location is Wellers Bay in Prince Edward County. The story starts in 2016 and stretches until today.

The story is presented in four parts:

- I. Introduction and Permitting Issues
- II. Trial and Legal Issues
- III. Court Order Issues
- IV Conclusions

## Part I. Introduction and Permitting Issues

In the early seventies, a young couple purchased a residential waterfront property on Wellers Bay in Prince Edward County. With their own hands and later with the help of their two sons, they built a home and planted hundreds of trees. For almost 50 years they have cared for and enjoyed the property and the bay.

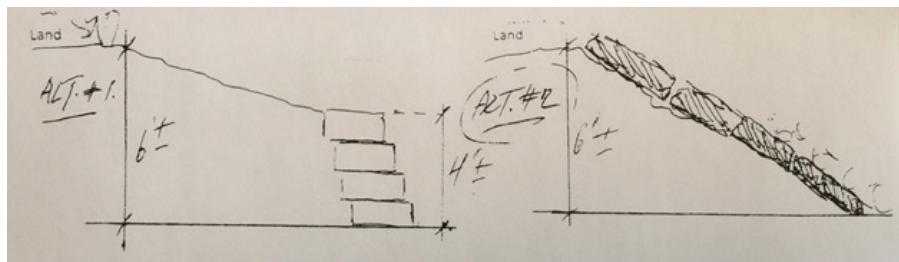
Wellers Bay is an inlet bay connected via a channel to Lake Ontario, so its water level is dictated by Lake Ontario and fluctuates seasonally. The property has 100 m of shoreline facing southwest and is exposed to high winds often exceeding 80 km/h and erosive wave action that happen several times a year. The shoreline structure is made of stones, stone slabs and boulders, and this is similar to virtually all waterfront properties around the bay. However, over the years the shoreline had eroded and needed repair.

In 2016, the owner applied to QCA for a shoreline repair permit and submitted two alternative project proposals. QCA

studied both alternatives and decided to issue a permit allowing the second proposal (Alt. #2), a fully stone-clad shore bank from the bottom toe of the bank up to the land. The first alternative consisting of step back solid stone blocks was not allowed, even though QCA has permitted this type of structure at several other locations around the bay.

The QCA permit called for the "re-grading" and "re-positioning" of existing shoreline stones and boulders but also imposed a change of shore slope

complete the rest of the shoreline at this slope. He bought some additional rocks at the time – but still only a fraction of what would have been required to fully protect the remaining shoreline. Although the permit did not allow for new material, he thought at the time he could reason with QCA, given the gentler slope and the common goal being to prevent shoreline erosion and washing soil into the bay. Also, such material is commonly used for shoreline protection and was similar in nature to the existing rocks and stones.



**The two proposals submitted to QCA who permitted 'Alt. #2'**

to 4:1 from the original approximately 2:1. This gentler slope meant an elongation of the shore bank and about 400 square meters of additional surface area, yet QCA did not permit any extra material to cover this area.

When the owner asked for an explanation on what seemed like an illogical constraint, the QCA permitting agent's only reply was "Not Allowed", and to this day no further explanation has been provided.

So, the owner hoped that he would be able to cover the extra surface by straightening out the existing stones and rocks, many of which were buried in the shore bank. He was able to complete about half of the shoreline at the 4:1 slope, but it became clear that new material would be required to

But to his surprise, instead of pursuing a reasonable approach to resolve this permit dilemma, QCA then drew him into a protracted dispute and ultimately arranged for the MNRF to charge him with *dredging and filling Shore Lands without an MNRF permit*, contrary to the QCA permitting agent's advice that *no other permits were required*. The QCA permit clearly referred to work on the entire shore slope (Alt. #2), but they suddenly claimed the area of work was not under their jurisdiction and was *Shore Lands* under the Public Lands Act.

*Shore lands* is defined as lands covered or seasonally inundated by the water of a lake, river, stream, or pond. This means that during the permitting process, QCA had ruled on something that they later claimed was not under their authority and

that the owner overstepped the permit. To the owner it was QCA who overstepped their jurisdiction, and they should have resolved the matter internally with the MNRF.

The MNRF *charges of dredging and filling Shore Lands without an MNRF permit* were available charges they could make fit the situation. The MNRF conveniently re-interpreted the actions under the QCA permit, replacing *re-grading with dredging*, and *re-positioning with filling*. Then, over a year after the shoreline work had started, they introduced the concept of “high water mark” (HWM) – something never mentioned by QCA. High water mark *is a term that does not exist in the Public Lands Act*. This manipulation effectively transferred work below the HWM to MNRF jurisdiction – even though the QCA permit approved work that extends all the way down to the toe of the shore bank! And again, this all happened after the QCA permitting agent originally advising the owner that *he did not require additional permits!*

During 2017 and 2018, about 15 people from QCA, MNRF and Department of Fishery and Oceans (DFO) offices visited the owner’s

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The QCA is subject to the Conservation Authority Act and regulations.

The Minister responsible for the act was the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry. The Public Lands Act and regulations are under the authority of the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry. QCA and MNRF Peterborough office employees were under the authority of the same Minister.

For years, the QCA has very publicly purported itself as a coordinating agency, stating that they work closely with the other agencies and can advise people through the permitting process. For example, the Environminute Podcast on the QCA website called “You may need a permit” clearly describes how they can advise you on all your permitting needs. Listen to it at:

<http://www.filedropper.com/qcayoumayneedapermit>.

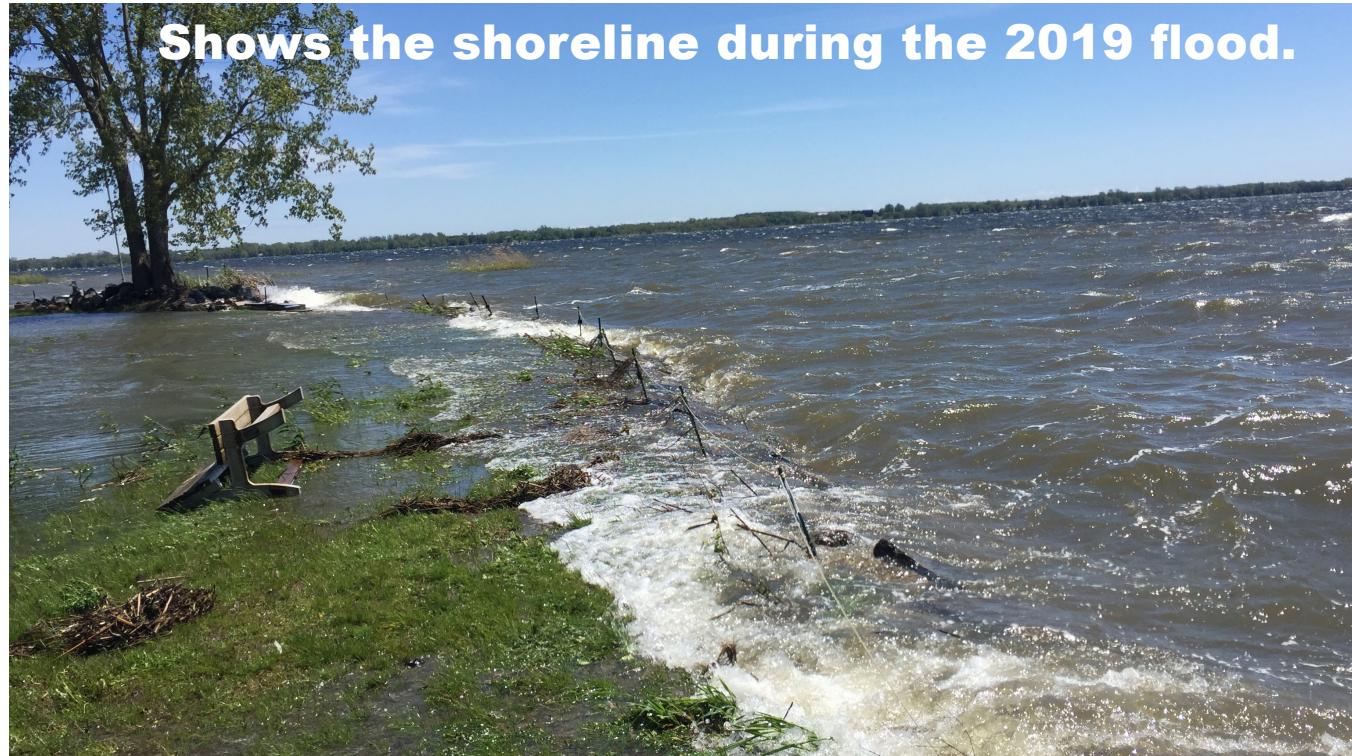
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property on different occasions – three of them bearing firearms. These visits were arranged by QCA. None of the visitors presented or appeared to have appropriate coastal engineering qualifications. . Why did so many agents, some coming from as far away as 250km, have to visit the property?

In 2017 several requests were made by the owner to re-work the QCA permit. A DFO agent had suggested this in writing to QCA and the owner as he recognized that the QCA permit was unworkable. Instead of trying to

come to an amicable resolution the QCA permitting agent doubled down with more disproportionate and illogical demands such as removing a large portion of the materials that were re-positioned in accordance with the QCA permit. Moreover, he wanted stone slabs removed that the owner temporarily laid down during the last week of December 2016 only to protect a then-barren section of the shoreline from the upcoming Spring’s rising waters and storms. Had these demands been followed, the shoreline would have experienced extensive

## Show the shoreline during the 2019 flood.



erosion under any year but especially due to the flooding in 2017 and again in 2019. The video below shows the wave action that occurs at this location.

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The owner and his family can only speculate on QCA's motive to have the MNRF lay charges. It appears to them as a possible self-promoting exercise by the QCA permitting agent.

How ugly did things get? To the owner's great dismay, he was informed by a couple of people with a direct link to QCA that had he not yelled at the permitting officer, no charges would have been laid. This was repeated later to him by other Wellers Bay dwellers. He swears on the bible that no yelling at all ever occurred on his part – this is completely outside his character and would have been counterproductive to the whole process as the owner is not blind to who is wielding the authority.

If we examine this information, the implication is he was charged because of yelling? Then this implies the charges were bogus – full stop! As all the owner's discourse with authorities was civil, he can only view this as an attack on his character, and a warning of the extent QCA was willing to go to cover up a baseless case. Is this how agents of QCA follow their mandate of "*protecting people and properties from flooding and other natural hazards*"?

By information obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, during the subsequent years of 2017 and 2018 QCA issued 14 permits to other waterfront dwellers around Wellers Bay, for the same category of shoreline restoration work as the owner's permit. Some of these projects were much larger in scope and nearly all of them involved work on Shore Lands. However, *none* of them required or received an MNRF permit. Then to-date an additional 16 or more QCA permits have been issued along Wellers Bay. Of all these 30 or more QCA permits, the only permit requiring a change of slope was the

owner's permit. The only permit not allowing additional material was the owner's permit. All the other permits allowed the original shore slope and new protective stone material.

Thus, adding to QCA's illogical demands and their vicious attempts to smear the owner's character, they have also discriminated against him in their permitting decisions. Again, what does all of this have to do with fulfilling their mandate of "*protecting people and properties from flooding and other natural hazards*"?

## Part II.

### Trial and Legal Issues

In June 2017, the owner was charged with the following offences:

- a. Between December 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, unlawfully dredge Shore Lands without a work permit contrary to s. 2(1) paragraph 3 of O.Reg 239/13 of the *Public Lands Act* ("Count 1"), and
- b. Between December 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, unlawfully fill Shore Lands without a work permit contrary to s. 2(1) paragraph 4 of O.Reg 239/13 of the *Public Lands Act* ("Count 2").

During a drawn-out 5-day trial in an Ontario Court of Justice in Picton, the owner chose to represent himself, along with the assistance of one of his sons, as he sincerely believed that based on the facts, justice and truth would prevail, and because of his financial constraints as a pensioner. In hindsight, this was a mistake, but of the kind that many people believing in our justice system could make.

Despite presenting scientific proof that no filling or dredging occurred as alleged, and having a clear case about the jurisdictional and permitting dilemma between QCA and the MNRF, the owner was confronted by a coordinated echoing of fabricated

evidence, and an aggressive prosecutive approach seeking his conviction rather than seeking the truth. The prosecution actively fought to limit the submission of exculpatory evidence by the owner and to push through a late-minute MNRF Shoreline Restoration Plan that was later put into the court order. Despite Dunn v. Brown rules, the owner was never permitted to cross-examine the author of this plan, an MNRF biologist with no apparent technical experience in designing shoreline structures.

A few interesting facts from the trial are:

- The prosecution "mistakenly" omitted Alternative #2 in their Disclosure documents. Although caught by the owner, it was never inserted into their Disclosure.
- The MNRF enforcement officer who issued the charges admitted that he never studied the QCA permitting package prior to having the charges laid, and so was unaware of the jurisdictional conflict created by the permit, among other important facts.
- The QCA permitting agent contradicted himself under oath on the advice he gave the owner.
- The QCA permitting agent displayed a lack of judgement concerning certain technical matters, such as the approximate slope of the shore.
- Both the QCA permitting agent and MNRF officer claimed that the entire shoreline property was expanded 2-3 meters into the bay. Their evidence was only a set of pictures and was not based on any measurements, soil samples or surveys. Nor did they produce any evidence of the estimated 40 to 50 triaxle dump truck loads and heavy equipment that it would have taken to achieve this expansion.
- The owner proved, with a study by a coastal engineering company and with reputable before/after Google map images, that no such expansion occurred. He proved that in fact the shoreline was slightly



A 'BEFORE' picture

pulled back because of the re-grading work. Approximately 80 square meters of water area in the bay was gained not lost!

But the court decided to believe their anecdotal evidence and not the real science, and consequently, the owner was:

a. Found guilty and handed a \$3,000 fine for each dredging and filling charge, plus other fees;

b. Given a probation order against any work on the shoreline, and;

c. Ordered to redo his waterfront into a “naturalized shoreline” according to the new plan from the MNRF/QCA. This plan was created nearly two years after the original permit work and contradicts the fact that the shoreline has never existed in such a naturalized state since the owner acquired the property. There is no precedence for such plan and thus it is experimental and wholly unsuitable for the location.

The MNRF/QCA Shoreline Restoration Plan was presented to the owner in May 2018 and was authored by an MNRF biologist in consultation with QCA staff. It is confusing in that it implies work to be done on the Shore Lands when it strictly refers only to the shoreline – two very distinct areas that border but do not overlap each other. The author of this plan visited the property only once during the winter when the bay

was frozen and partially snow covered and did not consult with any coastal engineers nor did seek input from the owner, a professional engineer with over 40 years of experience with the location’s water levels, wind, wave, ice, and weather patterns. As a biologist, what were the qualifications in professionally designing a protective shoreline structure?

During the trial, the MNRF enforcement officer referred to the so-called high water mark but failed to identify the following:

- a. What is an HWM?
- b. The legislative authority defining HWM;

The “high water mark” was addressed in Ontario courts in the case of *Parker v. Elliot* (1852), 1 U.C.C.P. 470.

a. . . . the majority of the Court held that in the case of inland waters, a grant having a river or lake boundary extends to the water and that the law of foreshore as it is applied in England with respect to tidal waters is not properly of application in the inland waters of the Province of Ontario, and that the distinction of high and low water marks will not hold, save where the tide exists . . . any Crown patent which indicates that one of the boundaries of the lands granted is to be a boundary of water, then establishes that boundary as at the water’s edge [lower water mark] and not upon any bank or high water mark unless, of course, the grant clearly reserves by description or otherwise a space between the lands granted and the water boundary or unless the boundaries of the lot can be so clearly delineated by reference to an original plan of survey as to clearly except or reserve to the Crown a space between the lands granted and the water’s edge.”

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b. The Walker et al. and Attorney-General for Ontario case was reaffirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada ruling.

Supreme Court of Canada  
Attorney General of Ontario v. Walker, [1975] 2 S.C.R. 78  
Date: 1974-01-22

This case raises significant issues of law and administration of justice that are historical and essential to the public interest, so much so, that it affects every person and family in Ontario who owns property on waterfront and determines how the administration of justice is applied in cases such as this. This case demonstrates a failure by the trial and appeal courts to recognize and rule against the overreaching, unjust and discriminatory conduct of QCA and the MNRF Peterborough office.

Their conduct:

1. Disregarded their own jurisdictional boundaries and defined terms;
2. Disregarded resolving their own internal regulatory ambiguities;
3. Placed the burden on the layperson to figure things out and deal with the consequences;
4. Coordinated fabricated evidence for the trial to support the charges;
5. Contradicted some of their own testimonies under oath, and;
6. Discriminated against a property owner by dealing with him in an entirely different and punitive manner versus other property owners.

It further demonstrates the courts' failure to consider motive in their rulings, where in this case, it was about lack of motive by the owner to knowingly defy the alleged permit requirement.

The owner's health has suffered from this experience, and he is out of pocket nearly \$70,000 to-date. All court cases result in losses of thousands of dollars from legal fees and staff time. The Crown agencies have undoubtedly spent a great amount of taxpayer's money (in the owner's estimate over \$500,000 in this case alone).

## **Part III. Court Order Issues**

The owner was ordered by the court to comply with the MNRF/QCA Shoreline Restoration Plan. While the plan states it is a guidance, and thereby is open to

interpretation and debate, the MNRF/QCA have been reluctant to seek an amicable resolution to the matter, and instead have continuously flaunted the plan instead of reconciling with it not being sound and fair.

The MNRF/QCA plan is based on inaccurate data and insufficient onsite observations and measurements. It is ambiguous and confusing. Several engineering and construction experts in shoreline protection and restoration, who have reviewed the plan, are unwilling or unable to complete the MNRF/QCA plan as written. Their general opinion is that the plan will have the opposite effect and cause further erosion and damage.

Also, as a result of QCA not permitting the owner to properly protect his shoreline in 2016, his shoreline suffered erosion during the 2017 flood. In April 2019, as early high-water levels indicated a possible repeat of flooding, he applied for a QCA permit to repair the previous shoreline erosion. The estimated cost of repairs was around \$2,500 plus the QCA permit fee of \$720. QCA staff never visited the property and refused to issue a permit for the work. Additional damages from the 2019 flooding have now raised the estimate to repair the shoreline to \$20,000.

To meet the objective of the Shoreline Restoration Plan and the court order the owner hired Expert Consulting Engineering of Toronto and their plan was submitted to the MNRF-Peterborough office and to QCA in April 2020. The plan has been specifically designed to achieve the objective of protecting the shoreline, property, and adjacent environment.

The owner once more applied in April 2020 for a QCA permit and paid the permit fee of \$342, however QCA insisted that the MNRF must issue their permit first. So, the owner applied immediately for the MNRF permit and again requested a site visit by QCA and the MNRF.

Despite several communications with

the MNRF Peterborough office and QCA, the required permit to repair the shoreline has still not been issued. Meanwhile, QCA has issued 16 or more permits for similar shoreline protection including Step Back Stone Block Walls, the type that the owner was not allowed, and even for Vertical Reinforced Concrete Walls.

The window of opportunity during the 2020 fall season, the preferred time for the owner to perform the work, has once again elapsed.

## **Part IV Conclusions**

1. It would seem that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks currently lack established engineering standards for shoreline erosion control. The responsibility is placed upon the property owner to retain engineering firms to create plans that are then submitted for review by these ministerial organizations. This is not an acceptable procedure since without a set of professional standards these organizations can accept or reject plans randomly without reason and discriminate against applicants as has happened in this case.

2. The need for establishing engineering standards has been strongly reinforced by the 2017 and 2019 floods in Lake Ontario and its inlet lakes that have had serious negative impact on the shoreline properties. There is an urgent need for transparency and consistency in permitting shore land and shoreline maintenance and upgrade projects. The financial burden upon the citizen to redo the plans is unacceptable and can leave their property open to further damage.

3. If the province is going to expect engineered plans to be submitted, then the province must develop/update Provincial shoreline protection technical standards, designed and approved by Coastal and/or Civil Engineers. Standards should address

**Shows shoreline  
erosion by the  
2017 flood, which  
owner was denied  
permission to repair**



issues of materials, slope gradients, etc. that are specific to the long-term integrity of residential shorelines along the Great Lakes and their inlet lakes.

4. Once the standards are created, then the regulatory officer has a format to follow that will be consistent throughout the province, training can be standardized and thus the gathering and production of evidence for court will meet the burden of proof required by the Crown for a fair and balanced trial where the law will be enforced fairly.

5. The Conservation Authority Act - QCA Regulation 319/09 should be amended:

a) To remove the residential 1-in-100-year flood plains around bodies of water such as Wellers Bay that are directly connected to the Great Lakes;

b) To allow waterfront property owners on such inlet lakes to raise their property shoreline structure and infill to the new 2019 flood water level mark to prevent flooding in the future; and

c) To remove the jurisdiction of the QCA over residential waterfront properties in their territory on such inlet bays and lakes and place them under the jurisdiction of local municipal engineering departments.

If overreaching, unjust and discriminatory conduct is not exposed, and if reform and standardization is not pursued, then such conduct may continue at an ever-greater burden to the public.

We encourage this topic to be incorporated into the ongoing amendments and improvements of the Conservation Authority Act of Ontario.

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# Letters from our Readers



## GREENBELT THOUGHTS

The original (draft) Greenbelt was modified after a month of “consultations,” which probably means lobbying from friends of the McGuinty government who owned Greenbelt land they wanted to sell to housing developers.

There is a “Whitebelt” around the GTHA that is intended for housing etc developments; it includes many decent farms. It should have been included in the Greenbelt, but wasn’t. The GTHA need not grow larger.

Another area that wasn’t included by the former Liberal government was the area around Kirby, just west of Hwy 115 and a few miles north of Hwy 401. If you google-map Kirby you will notice that it consists of about a dozen houses, sheds, barns and farms. Former Transport Minister Del Duca (now leader of the Ontario Liberal party) wanted a Go station there that his planning committee said was not feasible because of lack of need. He ordered them to add the Go station, at a taxpayer cost of several hundred \$millions. Del Duca also ensured that Hwy 407 ends at Kirby or just beyond at Hwy 115. I asked repeatedly if any Liberals have land options to buy there, but I got no response from the Liberals.

The Greenbelt was created as a large sponge to feed the rivers that feed Lake Ontario and the GTHA water system. I notice that large cities grow only on large bodies of water; that is because there are limited water supplies in the hinterlands. Orangeville, for example, the nearest town to me, is limited officially in population by its water and sewage capacities. It has twice been fined for overflowing sewage into Island Lake, a manmade body of water created to increase the available water supply, that is the headwater of the Credit River. The town has drilled several wells outside its boundaries in Amaranth Township. It has twice funded “studies” that (of course) recommended that the town seize more surrounding land from the rural townships; it lost the “triple county vote” it needed both times.

The Greenbelt extends about a kilometer beyond my farm, and includes it. I don’t mind, as I planted 25,000 trees here and hope my children and grandchildren will keep them, but I smell something nasty in Queen’s Park.

*Charlesn Hooker*

## AMENDMENTS TO THE “CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT”

As a property owner affected by Conservation Authority (CA) interferences, I have a good knowledge of the Conservation Authorities Act and issues concerning CA’s. I have participated actively in the MECP public meetings and MECP meetings with various sectors, which includes the 37 CA’s in the Province plus numerous environmental groups and other interest groups.

In every meeting, everyone agrees “protecting the environment was important”. The interesting part was that even the CA’s were saying they were not completing their own mandated watershed management responsibilities and that many were focused on non mandated activities which were recreational in nature. Many also stated they did not have expertise in their organizations to do the watershed management studies or projects and that they relied on hiring outside expertise from other CA’s.

The nightmare of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) and its development permitting was clear to all and the fact the NPCA defied the minister on grounds they said he had no authority, is now clearly put to bed.

Forcing the CA’s to now be more accountable to taxpayers for their spending is a good thing.

So too is the right to appeal to the government when a high level balanced decision, which affects environment, the needs of society and rights of property owners, is needed.

If one takes the time to read the old act, read the background reports and studies re the problems CA’s have caused, then studied the changes being made, you will come to the realization these changes do not result in less protection of the environment, they result in more CA accountability to the taxpayers and citizens.

The Ford Government and minister Clark should be congratulated on the changes they have made. The changes do not result in less protection of the environment!

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# A Crisis of Convenience



**By Cheryl Gallant, M.P.**

*Barring an election call, Private Member's legislation standing in my name, Bill C-222, An Act to amend the Expropriation Act (protection of private property), (1) has been scheduled for a 2nd hour of debate in Parliament on February 16th.*

Bill C-222, which amends the Expropriation Act, is intended to provide some protections from government taking people's property without compensation. Given the absence of property rights in the Canadian Constitution, landowners must look to expropriation legislation to protect their rights.

One of the biggest problems with the current government is the lack of transparency in how decisions are made. It is not clear that the federal government looks at, or takes into consideration robust science. The concerns of everyday Canadians are dismissed by this government.

Conservatives are committed to showing science in a transparent way, to ensure we are looking at all the relevant facts. There is a responsibility in a democracy, to ensure make things available in a way that is easy to understand for Canadians, who are affected by the decisions of faceless bureaucrats and government insiders. When government makes decisions, it should provide the reasons behind the decisions. That is what transparency looks like.

With the lack of transparency from the Prime Minister regarding his government's plan to fast track "The Great Reset", the need for more property rights protections has become increasingly urgent.

While there are jurisdictional limits with matters dealing with expropriations and property rights, this has not prevented the current federal government from expanding its interference in local planning through "legislative creep".

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On August 28, 2019, a new federal Impact Assessment Act came into force. (You will recall this was after Parliament recessed for the summer, but before the 2019 election was called.)

The change in name to "impact" assessment from "environmental" assessment, in addition to broadening the re-named Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012, was done to reduce transparency on the legislation's true intent. Of concern to landowners, it will increase the legal and regulatory burden on Canadians, who happen to own property.

The new legislation is administered by the Minister of the Environment, and the newly created Impact Agency of Canada (IAAC). This legislation provides for an increased role for federal government involvement in municipal planning/land use plans.

The new Impact Assessment Act makes any regional official plan, which could include any municipal official plan, a required consideration of federal impact assessment. The Act's preamble refers to "regional assessments," (while not defining regional in the legislation). What this is doing is using the provincial requirement for all municipalities to establish "official plans" to govern land use, and using this requirement to interfere in local planning. This has been put into law by the current federal government even though constitutionally, the federal government has no jurisdiction over municipalities.

For landowners, this is a bad development. In a recent article in the Financial Post, former Liberal MP and party insider Dan McTeague refers to his old party as a "climate cult." Trudeau and his government's "irrational obsession" with the climate have resulted in much bad legislation, like the Impact Assessment Act and the new bureaucracy of enforcers, the Impact Agency of Canada, created along with the legislative changes.

So where does the Great Reset fit into this picture? Member of the Danish Parliament, Ida Auken, dreams of the Great Reset in these terms:

"Here's how life could change in my city by the year 2030"

*"Welcome to the year 2030. Welcome to my city - or should I say, "our city". I don't own anything. I don't own a car. I don't own a house. I don't own any appliances or any clothes..."*

My biggest concern is all the people who do not live in our city. Those we lost on the way. Those who decided that it became too much, all this technology. Those who felt obsolete and useless when robots and AI (artificial intelligence/robots) took over big parts of our jobs. Those who got upset with the political system and turned against it. They live different kind of lives outside of the city. Some have formed little self-supplying communities. Others just stayed in the empty and abandoned houses in small 19th century villages.

Once in awhile I get annoyed about the fact that I have no real privacy. No where I can go and not be registered. I know that, somewhere, everything I do, think and dream of is recorded. I just hope that nobody will use it against me." <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/11/how-life-could-change-2030/>

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2020 was a disaster. Friends and relatives lost their jobs. Small business has been decimated. Millions of Canadians are out of work. At a time when we all need to be working together, the Trudeau government is making things worse by pushing its "Great Reset" hidden agenda, while Canadians are distracted by the COVID pandemic. Property rights are under attack by the federal government. I encourage all landowners to urge their Member of Parliament to support Bill C-222. \*\*



# THE CLIMATE CHANGE BELIEF SYSTEM

by Roger Graves

A couple of hundred years ago and more, the commonly accepted cure for a multitude of ailments was bloodletting. The doctor opened one of your veins and drained a pint or so of blood out of you. If you at the time had the temerity to suggest that bloodletting had no therapeutic value whatsoever, and indeed was more likely to be harmful than not, you would have been dismissed as an ignoramus or a dangerous crank. Medical science, such as it was at that time, firmly supported the practice of bloodletting.

Bloodletting was based on a belief system about the causes of disease. We now know that bloodletting is quite useless as a medical procedure, yet its practice persisted for hundreds of years. Like most belief systems, this one was self-perpetuating. Doctors performed bloodletting, so everyone assumed it must be effective, so medical students were taught it and later practiced it in turn. It was only when scientists such as Louis Pasteur discovered the germ theory of disease that its practice went into abeyance.

Belief systems don't have to be verifiable. As far as I know, no doctor in days gone by ever tried comparing two groups of patients, ones who were bled and ones who were not. It was just assumed that bloodletting worked, so there was no need to put it to the test.

Today we have another belief system, called climate change. Almost every politician and journalist assures us that climate change is real and we must all make sacrifices to combat it. Most of the rest of us assume they must know what they are talking about, so there is a great clamour for the government to do something about it. But like bloodletting, the fact that almost everyone believes it to be true doesn't necessarily make it so. Let's

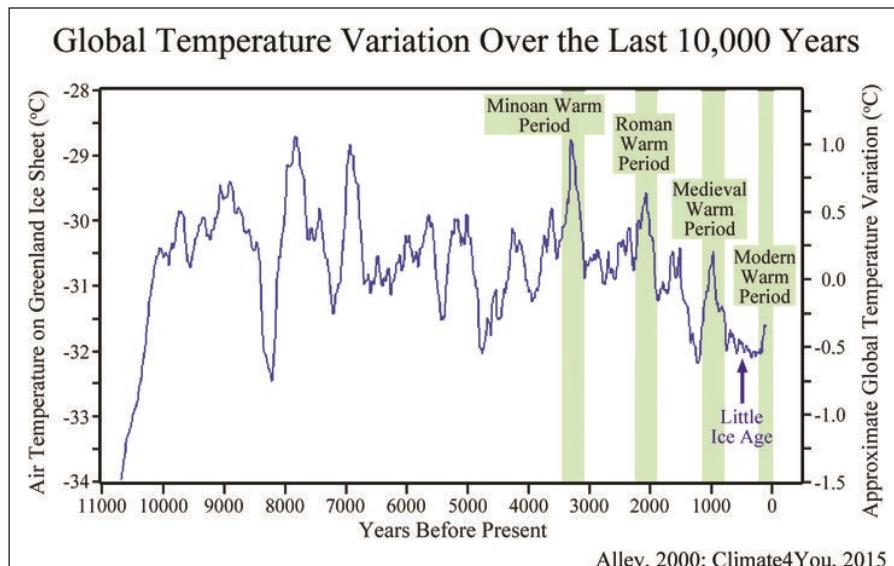
have a look at some facts.

The linchpin of climate change theory is that carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), which is produced by burning fossil fuels such as oil and gas, is a dangerous pollutant which is causing the world to heat up. If average temperatures increase by more than about 2 degrees Celsius, the world will become virtually uninhabitable.

First, CO<sub>2</sub> is not, never was, and never can be, a pollutant. It is the basis of life on Earth. Growing plants need water, sunlight and CO<sub>2</sub>. Take away

amount. Computer-based climate models which predict massive heating do so by postulating other effects resulting from CO<sub>2</sub>-induced warming, none of which have ever been proven to occur in the real world.

Fourth, the Earth has been a lot warmer in the recent past than it is now, and in every case such periods have encompassed a flowering of civilization. The warmer the better, apparently. The Medieval Warm Period and the Roman Warm Period before it were both historical eras in



any one of these and plants will not grow. Without CO<sub>2</sub> our planet would be a lifeless ball of rock and water.

Second, we live in a CO<sub>2</sub>-impoverished atmosphere. We don't have enough CO<sub>2</sub>, not by a long shot. If you don't believe me, just ask any commercial greenhouse operator. Commercial greenhouses are run at two to three times atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels, because plants grow stronger and faster, and with greater yields, under such conditions.

Third, we know how much a given increase in CO<sub>2</sub> will cause the world to heat up, and it is quite a small

which great civilizations flourished, while the Minoan Warm Period a little over three thousand years ago saw the birth of the early Mediterranean civilizations. In contrast, wars, starvation and disease are more likely in cold periods such as the Little Ice Age.

Fifth, when most people talk about climate change, what they are really referring to is weather, not climate. Weather is the day to day and year to year variation in environmental conditions, whereas climate is the long-term average of those conditions over many years.

Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get. Describing the 2019 flooding in Eastern Ontario as a result of climate change reveals a complete misunderstanding of the nature of climate. There has been flooding in the past, there will be flooding in the future. Some years there is flooding, other years there is not. Merely because something is unpleasant does not make it climate change.

So why is everyone so frightened of climate change? The answer appears to be that it is a belief system that has been skilfully engineered to take hold of people's minds, and is telling them that unless we stop using fossil fuels the world will come to an end in various unpleasant ways. But as we can see, this is complete nonsense. How did we get here?

To begin with, how does a belief system start? The three most important things in getting a belief system going are repetition, repetition and repetition. If all you hear, all day and every day, is how climate change is threatening us, then sooner or later most people will believe what they are told because no other viewpoints are ever put forward.

The climate change belief system is reinforced by blaming climate change every time something unpleasant happens. No evidence is required, just a blanket assurance that it's climate change. Floods, tornados, plagues of frogs – must be due to climate change! The rule is quite simple: if it's nice it's natural variation, if it's nasty it's climate change.

And as always, cui bono? Who benefits by the climate change belief system? Let's follow the money.

To begin with, there is the green energy industry. Since the beginning of this century, more than three trillion dollars has been spent worldwide on green energy, mainly wind and solar. Furthermore, if calls to replace all our existing power generation with wind and solar are acted upon, we are

looking at ten to a hundred times this amount. We're talking serious money here. Ally yourself to expenditures of this magnitude and you can be rich beyond dreams of avarice. Now ask yourself how much of this tsunami of money would ever be spent if the concept of climate change did not exist, and you can see one very good reason for encouraging the climate change belief system.

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Next there are the politicians who inform us with great earnestness that the world is doomed – doomed! – unless we mend our ways, and only by electing them can policies be put in place to save the world. This does make a rather effective campaign slogan: vote for us, or the world is doomed. Encouraging a fervent belief in human-caused climate change is their path to power.

Then there are the academics and civil servants for whom research into climate change and administration of various climate change-related measures have enabled them to create little, and sometimes not so little, empires. For them, climate change means a comfortable sinecure with generous funding and access to lots of perks, such as travel to international conferences. Disavowing climate

change would mean being cast out into the cold.

Last but not least are the environmental non-governmental organizations (ENGOs) for whom doom-laden scenarios are central to their money-raising efforts. For many of them, wholeheartedly embracing the climate change belief system has converted them into multi-billion dollar organizations with the ear of governments around the world.

Climate change, whatever its merits, has been sold to us in a very skilful manner. It tugs at our heartstrings with images of the imminent demise of cuddly little animals with big brown eyes, while all the time representing climate related policies such as wind power as opportunities rather than burdens. (Remember all those 'green' jobs which never seem to materialise?) However, climate change comes with a good cop/bad cop routine. The bad cop part is that if you disagree with it in any way you will be made to feel as if you were tramping through a church in muddy boots. Terms such as 'denier' will be hurled at you, and you will be told that you are jeopardizing your grandchildren's future. And yet, one has to wonder, if climate change and all its desolate scenarios are so self-evident, why the need to sanction dissenters in this way? Could it be that the high priests of climate change are afraid of dissent?

Fear of dissent is usually a sign that the belief system is on shaky grounds. Just remember this the next time you are asked to pay higher taxes because of climate change.

*Roger Graves*

# **Wins for Private Property Owners in Ontario**

## **Support for Legal Gun Owners**

On May 1st, 2020, the Trudeau government banned 1,500 firearms by an Order in Council (OIC). They continue to add more guns to this list. This very wrong-headed and ineffective remedy to gun crime has garnered huge support for legal gun owners, including:

- Six legal challenges to the OIC. In one of the challenges, Toronto lawyer Arkadi Bouchelev represents a group of ten public interest litigants in their judicial review. The case is supported by the Ontario Landowners Association by a Go Fund Me Page.

- The Canadian Coalition for Firearms held an Integrity March in September 2020 where a reported 5,000 citizens (including Landowners) from across Canada turned up to show support for hunters and sport shooters.

- Did you know that two of the parliamentary petitions against Trudeau's May 1 gun ban closed with the highest number of signatures in Canadian history? That's right! Canadians are opposing the gun ban in records numbers. A petition by MP Micelle Rempel Garner closed on September 2, 2020 with 230,905 signatures, the highest in Canadian history. Earlier in the year, a petition by MP Glen Motz closed with 175,310 signatures, the second highest in Canadian history.

- In November, the National Police Federation, representing 20,000 RCMP members, said the Liberal government's firearms ban is unlikely to curb gun violence in Canada, and is calling on Ottawa to instead introduce "evidence-based" measures to ensure public safety.

As of November 2020, the federal government had so far failed to secure a private-sector contractor to design a federal buyback program, in which Ottawa will reimburse owners for the firearms that it deemed prohibited. Explicitly named companies that it hoped might offer a bid on the contract, including accountancy firms Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP and Ernst & Young LLP have shown no interest in the \$78 million contract.

## **Trespass Bill Strengthened for Farm Properties**

In June 2020, Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020 received Royal Assent. This Bill protects farm animals, the food supply, farmers and others from risks that are created when trespassers enter places where farm animals are kept or when persons engage in unauthorized interactions with farm animals. The risks include the risk of exposing farm animals to disease and stress, as well as the risk of introducing contaminants into the food supply.

## **Eastern Ontario Wins**

In June 2020, Christina Suffel and her family run afoul of a North Dundas bylaw prohibiting the keeping of livestock — including chickens — on residential property.

The municipality ordered Suffel to remove her eight rabbits, two miniature donkeys, two horses and "large number" of poultry and waterfowl from her three-acre Inkerman Road yard by June 12. With the help of the Carleton Landowners Association, Suffel persuaded North Dundas to review this new bylaw and for now, she is keeping her animals.

In the Town of Carleton Place, a proposed power of entry bylaw was unanimously defeated by council on November 24. According to InsideOttawaValley.com "If passed, the bylaw would have allowed municipal bylaw officers to enter land (outdoor private property, grounds, yards or vacant lots) at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out an inspection, ensuring bylaws, directions, orders and conditions of a licence were being complied with ... The will of the people was heard loud and clear ... this bylaw is not something the community wants," (Councillor) Fritz said."

## **Reversal of Official Plan "Deer Feeding Areas" Restrictions in Renfrew County**

Renfrew County's New Official Plan contained new mapping for "deer wintering areas" which upset many residents of the County because of the restrictions on development. Following conversations with MPP John Yakabuski, county officials, and the provincial government, these areas were removed from the county's Official Plan.

## **Land Titles Information Available for Free, Online**

All Land Registry Offices closed their doors to the public on October 13th, 2020. Many landowners (and genealogists) rely on the old microfilm records to do title searches back to the original crown land grant. The good news is that these records are readily available online and free of charge. Instructions on how to access these historical books is available on the OLA Website at <https://ontariolandowners.ca/news/land-registry-offices-closing-to-the-public-by-shirley-dolan/>.

## **Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act**

On November 5, 2020, the Ontario Government introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020. This omnibus bill was tabled by the Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance.

Schedule 6 of the Bill addresses amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act with the intention of returning the CAs to their original mandate.

This Bill received, which received Royal Assent on December 8, 2020, contains many changes which are welcome news to property owners and to the agriculture sector.

Some highlights:

- Returns the Conservation Authorities (CAs) to their core mandate
- Removes the authority of the CAs to expropriate lands
- Requires participating municipalities to appoint municipal councillors as conservation authorities' members and that these members generally act on behalf of their municipalities.
- Enables the minister to appoint a member to the conservation authority from the agriculture sector.

These changes were brought about in great part by the efforts of the OLA Executive, County Groups, our Researcher Elizabeth Marshall and everyone who has ever contacted the OLA for assistance because of a CA encroaching on their right to use, enjoy, and profit from their private property.

## **Resolution of the Freedom of Information Request for Farm Businesses**

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs stirred a wave of anger in the farm community when it disclosed it would release the names of Farm Business Register (FBR) members in response to a request made under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. It followed passage of a law tightening trespass laws on Ontario farms.

Good news! Farmers across Ontario with FBR numbers will not have their names released to an anonymous party. The Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) of Ontario informed Keith Currie, OFA President, on Nov. 12 that the request has been withdrawn.

## **East Gwillimbury**

In East Gwillimbury, property "lockdowns" caused by the two-year appeal process brought on by the Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority (LSRCA) was stressful to say the least, especially for those who had plans in those two years or who may have lost out on home sales or equity. This was a major battle and a bittersweet victory.

The East Gwillimbury Landowners Association (EGLA) fought hard to stop these regulations and together they were successful. They no longer have the proposed Environmental

Protection zones on 25,000 (accumulative) acres of their property, and the appeal is now officially dropped by the LSRCA. Landowners who were targeted by the strict regulations are now able to enjoy their original land use zones from the 1997 bylaw.

## **The OLA Marches On**

The COVID-19 restrictions on meetings have been difficult for the Ontario Landowners and county groups. The OLA had no choice but to cancel both the Spring Directors Meeting in the Spring 2020 and our Annual General Meeting this Fall. We have stepped up other forms of communication to fill the gap of face-to-face meetings. The OLA and some county groups are using ZOOM, a video conferencing application, to keep in touch. We continue to provide the latest in landowner news on our Facebook page, and through the OLA ENews. In September-October 2019, we introduced our first edition of the Landowner Voices, a magazine by landowners for landowners and everyone interested in property rights and rural life. In Eastern Ontario, recognizing that not everyone is connected to the internet, four county groups got together to join administrative resources and did a mail out to all members.

## **Congratulations**

OLA President Jeff Bogaerts was selected for the 2020 Outstanding Graduate Human Services award by Career Colleges Ontario. Jeff completed the 12-month Paralegal program at the Algonquin Careers Academy (Ottawa Campus) in just 9 months. According to the Algonquin Careers Academy website: Jeff is one of those paralegals who is driven by his personal values and need to take action. Since receiving his Paralegal license, he has proven over and over again how his skills, experience and drive can make real changes for good, not only for the people of his community, but of his province.

Elizabeth Marshall has been elected to the position of Chair of the Canadian Justice Review Board. Liz Marshall has been a long-time member of the OLA as a board member, speaker, author, political candidate, and a tenacious advocate for Property Rights. She is currently the Director of Research for the OLA and has written numerous articles and reports on Property Rights. Liz was interviewed on the Daniel Smith Show about the Gun Ban introduced in May and has been invited to speak at the 2020 Ontario Libertarian Party annual general meeting.

# A Step back in Time

*Greetings from my house to yours,*

*Not too much different has happened in the Black household since I last wrote. We had a very nice small Christmas gathering of our family bubble - Tom searched out and found some more hay to get his cattle through the winter and life goes on. I thought I'd submit an article that I wrote many years ago about the rural urban differences that I encountered in my marriage to a farmer and my move to a farm.*

**A**re rural people bound by the same expectations that are placed on their urban cousins?

From a very young age, I somehow knew that I wouldn't fit into the suburban mold. Perhaps it was a bit of laziness on my part or just that stubborn streak that I had but I knew, if I lived in the city, there would be complaints about my unkept yard or long grass or perhaps the chipped paint on my house...who knows. I just knew that I would never be able to keep up with the Jones so I opted out. I married a farmer and we live back off the road and we do what we can, mow the grass when we get to it and paint when we see the windows are down to bare wood, water the flowers when they are looking dead, etc. It is not a good quality that I have by any stretch of the imagination.

It's actually a hindrance and every so often, I decide to clean up my act, find a place for everything and try, once again, to be consistent, to get a bit of routine in my life. But it never works. If I start to clean out a bunch of letters, it's not long before I am re-reading them all again, being transported back in time to when I was younger and sometimes I have to try really hard to remember who the people were that were writing to me...but you get the

point. I get sidetracked. I like to call it flexibility but really it means that I don't push myself and I don't plan well so that when something comes up, its no big deal to change directions. It ties in with the rural way of life that I sometimes talk about and how, people drop in and you stop what you're doing and visit but the real reason that worked out well for me was, that I wasn't usually doing anything that crucial anyways. I guess I'm not very proactive. I am reactive. I react to my environment and that determines what I do. It's also called not planning and not thinking ahead. I possess both of those qualities and I do them well.

I could tie this ramble into New Years Eve and my resolutions to work harder at being organized and a better housekeeper and so on..but the truth is, the real reality is that those things don't matter all that much to me. I'm always looking at the bigger picture. For instance, if the walls need painting, I may say, "you know, I'm really lucky to have a house, some people in Africa live with mud walls" and this attitude can prevent me from painting. It also gives you a bit of patience because when you're married to a farmer like mine, you often need those qualities. If I insisted that something get fixed/painted/repaired immediately, it just wouldn't work. It's a different story if a fence needs fixing because putting that off could mean that the cattle get on the road. I know that household jobs will get done eventually but I just never know when? So whenever I blame this farming way of life with preventing me from having a clean, organized house, I have to stop and remember the way I was when I was younger.

I was a bit of a dreamer and as a young girl living in the city, I found



by Marlene Black

my passion in horses and all my family suffered. I had discovered in the yellow pages, a place called "Triple L Ranch". It was a horse farm where kids could spend a Saturday, riding on the trails through their property, always with a guide. They would pick kids up at the local shopping centre and take them for a days adventure in the country returning them back, hours later, dirty and smelling like a barn. It was great. Years later my brothers still talk about having to endure the aroma that seemed to follow me through those years of being fascinated with barns and horses..but those outings plus my love of books about ranch life, gave me a glimpse into a world that was not part of my reality but I knew, was out there. A world were you weren't bound so much by protocol, surrounded by acres of fields and forests, where you could wear jeans and no one noticed, mow the lawn or not, ride horses, play with the many animals and your hair could have that wind blown look year round and no one would care.

When I married a farmer, I had finally come home and found a place where I could be me.





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**Minister Yurek,**

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The Ontario Landowners Association agrees with and endorses the proposed changes to the *Conservation Authority Act* as indicated in Bill 229 Schedule 6.

The OLA views these changes as the beginning to re-establish the inherent rights that belong to Private Property owners and the use of their property since Magna Carta.

The OLA makes a distinction when referring to owners of Private Property. The first category, is the property owner who owns land of any size, with or without a house, cottage, hunting and fishing camps, campgrounds, family farms, small business proprietor and any location a person calls their home, be it Northern Ontario or downtown Toronto.

Other categories of property owners are corporations, NGO's, and government. These landowners have specific projects in mind. Land developers buy, develop, and sell the results of their projects such as sub-divisions, mall development, pipelines, manufacturing plants, distribution centres, office towers etc. NGO's such as Ducks Unlimited buy areas of wetland for waterfowl habitat to expand their business for hunting. Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments are involved in construction projects for parks, hydro dams, nuclear generating stations, wind and solar farms, highways, airports, shipping ports and canals.

Private Landowners have their investment in the land. Some buy a home on a small lot to enjoy their retirement. Some have hundreds of acres as a working farm making their living from the land and raising their children. Some have a cottage on a lake to live for a few days in peace, quiet, and enjoyment of nature. Regardless of the reasons for owning land, all respect the land. There is a guarantee that eventually every landowner will leave their land. When that time comes, the land will have been cared for and have the best value possible. Value comes in many formats, not just monetary. If there is anyone who has the most investment in the land, it is the Private Landowner. Why then do they have the least authority to say how it may be used?

My comments are directed to the Private Landowner in the first category. The interference by CA's in this category is unacceptable. There are Ontario farming families that can trace their roots back eight generations on the same farm homestead. To have the CA show up and dictate how the farm is to be managed under CA rules is wrong. These farms are successful going back into the 1800's because of limited government interference. Their farming success is a result of adapting to ongoing changes, education and development in farm practice, not what

CA's demand of the farming community. CA's are an interference and a danger to food production. They must stop interfering immediately.

Building a tool shed, backyard deck, garage, barn etc. are issues of the Building Code and not that of CA's. Landowners do not need to apply for additional permits and seek permission when already adhering to the Building Code.

Property owners who have water frontage, are stuck between the CA's, *Public Lands Act*, Riparian Rights and Building Code. The ancient right to protect your property from flooding and erosion goes beyond government to the sanctity of home and hearth. Allowing a landowner to use sandbags during a flood and then demanding that they be removed after, but not allow a permanent berm in place for the next flood, is not acceptable.

The Ontario Court and the Supreme Court of Canada have established, as far back as the mid 1800's, that the low water mark is the boundary line between private property and the waters edge. Past governments have ignored these rulings and established the boundary line to be defined as "seasonally inundated land", or in plain language, the highwater mark. This translates into the taking and control of private land without compensation, the creation of a false system of permits with required payment and direct interference of the private landowner to protect their property from flooding and erosion.

Ontario has established drainage systems dating back to the 1800's to control water for numerous reasons, farming and homesteading are examples. We know these drainage systems today as Municipal Drains. I am aware of one drain that was built in 1910, and the last cleanout was 1997. As in all things when maintenance is not done, things fall apart, and a drain is no different. This drain, without maintenance, caused damage to the foundation of a private home from excessive water that was not present when the house was built in the 1980's. The land was farmed in the past and now is too wet for farming. CA's are now demanding permits and environmental studies from Municipalities before Drains can be cleaned out.

Of the articles I have read about Bill 229 Schedule 6, they speak of the damage the changes to the CA Act will have on the Environment and the ability of the CA's to do their job. These articles focus on the environment and loss of management and control, not on the lives and property of the people who live in the environment. It appears that people are not the highest concern in CA plans.

The construction of the *Conservation Authority Act* began in the Ontario Legislature during the 1930's and 40's. A lot of water has passed under the bridge since then. I have yet to see a published collection of the work accomplished specifically and directly by the CA's over the past 70 years.

What I have seen is the expansion of CA's into ownership of a ski hill and golf course, consulting on golf courses, sale of flowers, trees and bushes typically done by landscaping companies, Spring sugar bush camps, horse trails, nature trails, parks and camping.

Where is the equivalent work done by the CA's in flood control, construction of dams, erosion control of shorelines, cleanout of streams, creeks and rivers, removal of beaver dams, cleanout of Drains? Perhaps this work is too difficult and must be transferred to Ministries with staff capable of doing the work.

When land has been declared a wetland or flood plain, years after homes have been constructed, there is no compensation by the CA's for property value loss and increases in insurance premiums. Why not?

For years, I heard comments that Private Property ownership and Crown Land Patent Grants allow property owners to do whatever they want with their land. This is a false statement and wrong on every level. Private property ownership comes with great responsibilities, one of which is the ancient rule to "*do no harm to your neighbour*". This rule resides in the core of the Ontario Landowners Association.

Private Landowners who hold this ancient rule to be true, would not willingly or knowingly place their property in harm's way, risk damage to their land, loss of value, income nor harm to that of their neighbour.

The OLA applauds the current changes to the Act, and we look forward to additional changes that remove CA's from interfering in private property that does not belong to them. Private property ownership accounts for only 13% of the total land ownership in Ontario. Why are private property owners front and centre to the scrutiny of CA's? Why would a 100-acre land development project for homes, roads, sewers, infrastructure etc., not be more of a concern to CA's than the building of a garage in the backyard or the protection of a private shoreline from washing into the Great Lakes?

The CA's and Municipalities in Ontario represent no property owners, other than the property that they themselves own. Neither of these two organizations are eligible to vote in any election for any level of government. The taxes that they pay, if any, are minuscule.

Yet, for the 10's of thousands of landowners in Ontario, that pay millions of dollars in taxes, vote in every election at every level of government, have the least amount of input, control and decision making for their Private Land. The legislation and regulations controlling land, not owned by government, is wrong and it must stop.

Minister Yurek, the Ontario Landowners Association agrees with the direction your Ministry is taking. We look forward to working with you, your Ministry, and the Government of Ontario to find the balance between the Private Landowner, the environment, and the people of Ontario.

The Ontario Landowners Association appreciates your effort and the good work you are doing.

Thank-you for your ongoing commitment to work "for the people".

Sincerely,



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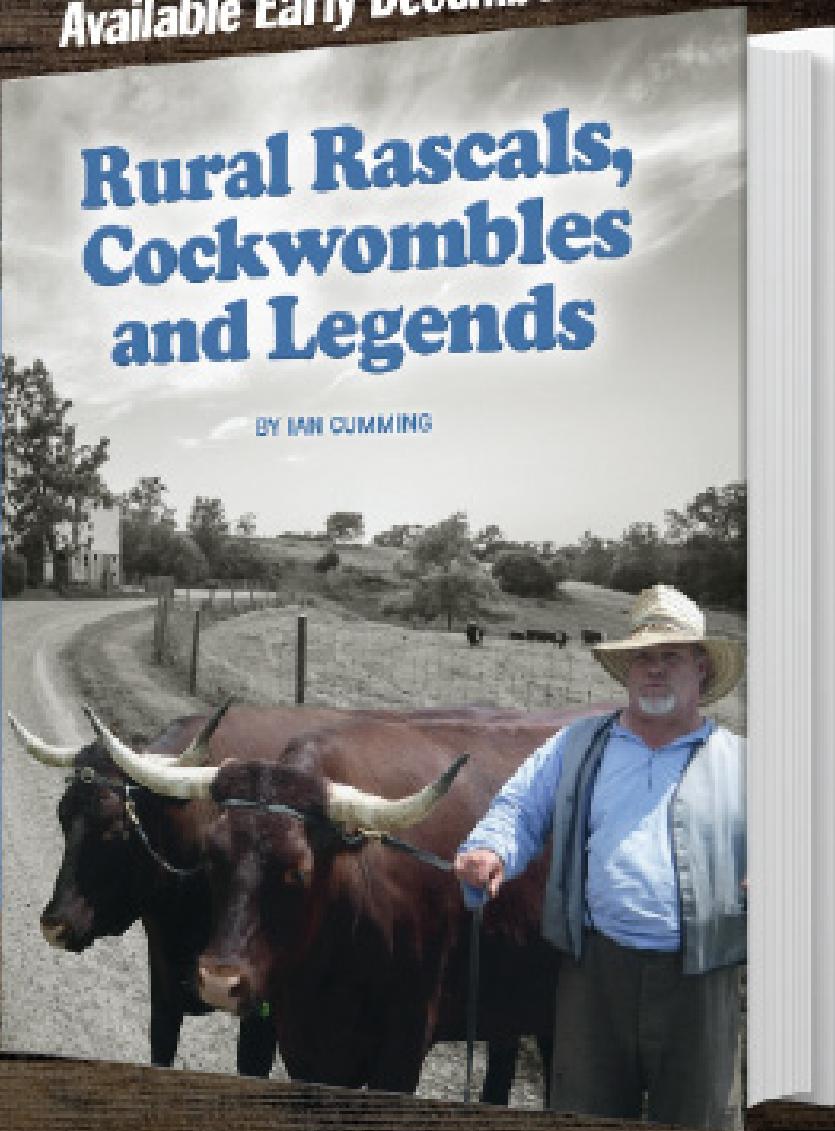
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# CORONA VIRUS = A RESET WORLD?

by Charles W. Conn

**T**he corona virus doesn't kill people or even make them sick. The corona virus attacks the protecting antibodies of a person's pulmonary immune system. If the virus prevails over the antibodies, the person can get a cold, or the flu, or pneumonia, or worsened asthma, or other pulmonary disease. A person's immune system is more vulnerable when they are elderly; an occupant of a high rise office or apartment tower or user of mass transit in a major urban centre; or an occupant of a long term care warehouse anywhere. In fact those are the features of virtually every case so far.

But "Cases" are the wrong measure of the situation. As of October 10, 2020, of the 9.6 million Canadians tested since March 2020, less than 2% (180,000) had the virus. Thus, more than 98% of the testeds' immune systems either repelled the virus or were not exposed. The vast majority of that 2% did not become sick - the virus simply joined the zillions of other viruses and microbes that enjoy living in and on our bodies. Of the few who did get sick, the vast majority were treated and cured at home, and 0.1% of the testeds, or 9,600 people, died. **In no possible way does this compare to historic pandemics and should never have been called one.**

For years , cold, flu and pneumonia seasons have lasted from October to May. Instead of continuing to accumulate corona virus statistics to make things appear to be becoming ever more calamitous, **officials should have started reporting a new 2020-2021 season's stats starting in October 2020.** In recent seasons, prior to the advent of the corona virus, the "normal" death toll from pulmonary diseases has been 8,000 to 10,000 Canadians per season. In the 2019-2020 season, the death toll "attributed"

to the corona virus was 9,600 persons. The death toll from flu was reported to have been almost negligible. What happened? Is it possible that Officials attributed what was a death rate at the high end of a "normal" season's to the corona virus in order to aid and abet the panic and sway ignorant politicians into imposing their drastic economy-and people-killing lockouts?

On November 22, 2020, Johns Hopkins University published a study confirming the fact that Covid-19 had had no effect on total deaths in the U.S. Detailed scrutiny of deaths from all causes in the last six years confirmed that deaths attributed to Covid-19 were offset by declines from all other causes. JHU deleted the report on November 26 - it didn't support the proper narrative. Who could have the power to force a hugely prestigious institution like Johns Hopkins to delete the report of a research study whose data and conclusions they knew were accurate?

See: <http://conservativesjournal.com/johns-hopkins-study-saying-covid-19-has-relatively-no-effect-on-deaths-in-u-s-deleted-after-publication>

**The Panic has proven to be an incredibly successful test of population control.** And taking control of a nation's health care system was the first in the Comintern's list of eight tactics for turning a country into a single party, socialist dictatorship. If people are afraid for their lives they will do anything official authorities order them to do.

The mockingbird puppets in mainstream and social media are already chirping that those who detect manipulators behind the corona virus panic are delirious whackadoos, or some other dismissive term, who should be ignored, and are being censored.

But, more and more authoritative

voices in some mainstream and social media and respected think tank and medical publications are coming forward with soundly reasoned and supported denunciations of the entire range of responses by governments. Basically, they are pointing out that the actual numbers don't support the claims of mass destruction. (See above). And forecasts of even greater disaster in the future are based on models - all of which prove to be drastically too high when their due dates arrive. (Models are just computer speculations made from biased, incomplete or inaccurate inputs.) They are also questioning who/what is driving the hysterical responses of the politicians and officials who are destroying the lives of so many millions of their people.

Let's look at what is already in the public domain.

\* In the early days of the Panic, some notables including Henry Kissinger and Bill Gates declared that the "crisis" offered an excellent opportunity to install a "New World Order". In the summer of 2020, the terms **Reset** and **Great Reset** replaced "New World Order" (It smacked too much of "Brave New World") to describe the destruction of all the basic conditions of personal freedom and prosperity remaining in the so-called "Free World". The resetters have been around for at least a couple of centuries but really hit their stride after the dislocations of World War II. They are as motley a collection of different interest/advocacy/cause groups and individuals as ever cooperated to achieve a goal. Their one, unifying conviction is the principle that individual rights should be completely subordinated to the interests of the community. The "interests of the community" are as each resetter group or individual decides of course, which raises the interesting question of which

interests will prevail when the resetters take control of the world.

\* In the 1960's, the **enviro- and eco- radicals** began their aggressive tactics. They initially focussed on such issues as saving the whales and rain forests and cleaning up waterways. They soon morphed into money-grubbing collection agencies angrily frustrating beneficial projects in order to generate publicity and secure funding for their annual galas in some of the most exotic, luxurious locales in the world. When "Global Cooling" failed to cover the world in glaciers they turned on a dime to "Global Warming" which failed to materialize, so on to "Climate Change" which didn't happen, and now it's "Climate Crisis". Despite all the real-world, scientific evidence debunking the entire fraud, ignorant politicians continue to shovel billions of their people's money into worthless projects and to regulate to death, projects that would have benefited their people enormously.

\* In the 1970's, the Schwab-founded, Soros-funded **World Economic Forum (WEF)** began to gather the world's notables into annual conventions in Davos, Switzerland. There they discussed globalization and other aspects of one-world governance which they, the aristocratic alphas, would naturally control.

\* The Comintern failed in its mission to establish a one-world, socialist dictatorship headquartered in Moscow. When the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics crashed in 1989, the **Socialist Internationale** moved to the United Nations. The UN has long been the home base for one-world government advocates.

\* These three mega-groups - Climate Catastrophists, the Davos Gang, and Socialist Internationale, are joined/supported by **some individuals in commerce or industry** who have earned fortunes, and, by **some individuals in movies or TV** who have received tons of money for their play-acting. They think their wealth somehow entitles them to control the rest of the world's people by dictating the conditions in which they will be allowed to live.

\* Some resetters, including the Pope and Obama, met at the UN in New York City the weekend of September 25-27, 2015 to finalize the seventeen objectives of their Agenda 21 (2021) that were meant to control everybody's life in their one-world, socialist dictatorship. By then, it was obvious that the polar sea ice was not going to disappear by 2021, so they changed the target date to 2030! Whenever that date is mentioned, alarm bells should go off !

I've written this memo to you in the hope it will prompt one, some or all of you to form a working group that can inform and persuade enough Canadians to understand what's happening to our blessed country and change its future. You have the status and stature, the skills and resources. Please do something before it's too late.

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# RESOLUTIONS

## *Where did they go?*



by Randy Vancourt

I noticed something strange this past January 1st - I didn't notice anybody talking about making New Year's Resolutions. I didn't read any articles about it or see anything on the TV news. Usually we start being inundated with human-interest stories and TV ads a day or two after Christmas, all outlining the wonderful resolutions we can make that will improve our lives. Lose ten pounds, take up archery, go to the gym more often than once a...well, never.

This year, though? Radio silence on most fronts – and I'm pretty certain I know why. As the world continues slogging through the worst illness of the past century and we watch our incomes slowly circling the drain, it's hard to imagine what anyone could possibly resolve to do that would actually improve our lives. Since so many of us have spent the last year locked in a home "office" immersed in endless Zoom meetings, it seems laughably inconsequential to worry about self-improvement. Cut out snacks? Give up drinking? Are you kidding??

We're now at the first-year anniversary of this pandemic and if you're thinking, "How should I properly commemorate this wonderful year of my life," I have a couple of suggestions. For first anniversaries the "traditional" gift is typically paper, which I always felt was a bit underwhelming as a tool of celebration. I have to credit this past year with showing me its true value though, as toilet paper became the new "must have" accessory. Recalling the days when shoppers battled over the last Tickle Me Elmo seemed quaint as we all experienced our very own "Hunger Games" while racing for that multipack of Charmin.

The "modern" first anniversary gift is a clock, which is meant to commemorate the passage of time. I cannot think of another item that better represents our past year; the slow, tortuous ticking of the second hand as it excruciatingly creeps towards cocktail hour. I'm not even sure what time that is anymore since I gave up caring last April or so. I did discover that most alcohol is just as enjoyable if consumed while wearing pyjamas - perhaps more so.

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Of course one side effect of all this isolation can be extreme anxiety. Psychologists offer all sorts of little tricks to help alleviate the stress but honestly, there really is no roadmap to follow. The last time the world had to deal with anything like this was the 1918 Spanish Flu, considered the most severe pandemic in centuries. While we have far more promising treatments to help fight this virus, when you realize the current US death toll of 378,000 is already more than halfway to the total they experienced a century ago (675,000) and climbing daily, it's easy to understand how anyone might be feeling a little down.

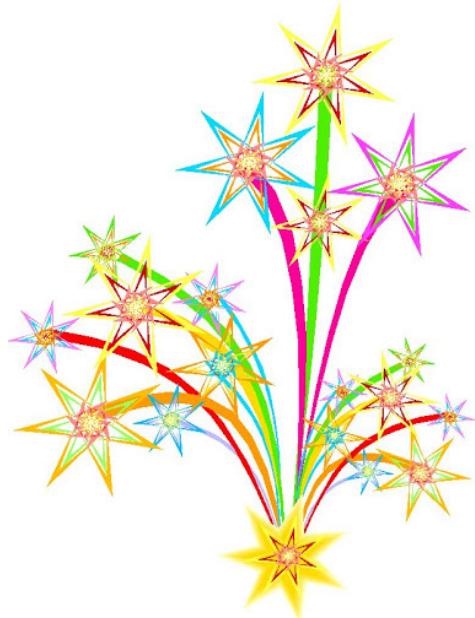
One interesting side effect has been the chance for all of us to really

bond with our immediate households. I can tell you that being at home fulltime with a 2-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son is a true test of family togetherness. At least that's what I'll be scribbling on the walls of my padded cell in the near future.

As we dive into 2021 still facing a vast unknown, our annual tradition of New Year's Resolutions seems even more pointless than usual. Perhaps one good thing that will come out of this is we can all finally drop the charade and admit we never really had any intention of adhering to our resolutions in the first place.

Unless of course your resolution is to drink more beer and eat more chips. I think I might be able to stick with that one.

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# AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ONTARIO LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION (OLA)

## Who are the Ontario Landowners and where did we come from?

Well, to understand how this movement got started, we would have to say that if government and their agencies had been doing their job of helping people solve their problems, supporting and encouraging new building and local businesses, and serving the public as they are paid to do, then the landowner movement would have died on the drawing board.

Unfortunately, this is not the case and because of this failure at all levels of government, the landowner movement is growing across Ontario. Our early start was in 2003 in Lanark, when disgruntled landowners received no assistance from authorities when deer destroyed their crops. Their frustration spread across the province and resulted in new landowner groups forming, all fighting similar issues, all suffering under the increasingly heavy weight of oppressive rules and regulations, fines and court challenges and all ready to say, “enough is enough”. We hope that you will join this chorus for change with the goal of encouraging a more compassionate and caring government that returns to its mandate of “serving the public”.

The Ontario Landowners Association, which formed in 2005, has chapters across the province, each with its own President, Vice-President, treasurer and secretary as well as many volunteers and supporters. Flexibility is a necessary quality in these people because most of us have other jobs, many are farmers, and all of us have busy family lives. Because we are volunteers, we all do what we can, when we can. The Ontario Landowners Association has a President, two co-vice-presidents, and four governors, who keep in touch with monthly conference calls and meetings. The OLA Annual General Meeting is a public meeting and open to all who are concerned with private property rights. The AGM is held in a central location each Fall and often involves an overnight stay for those who have travelled some distance. Each Spring, there is a Directors’ Meeting, an opportunity for the chapter representatives to meet face-to-face with the OLA Executive to discuss local issues and share experiences. Each county group sends a delegate to these meetings to represent the local landowners.

Our focus comes from property owners and their stories of injustices. For example, Conservation Authorities have assumed too much power over private land. We are working on taking back what is ours. The Ministry of Natural Resources is another body that likes to assume power over private property, and we are trying to assist landowners who have been charged for doing what they should be doing on their land such as cleaning ditches or improving the landscape. Municipalities across the province have forgotten the rights that were granted to the citizens of this province: the right to life, liberty and use and enjoyment of property. They have assumed power they don’t have and seem bent on discouraging landowners from obtaining building permits or doing work on their property. Hefty fines, unreasonable demands and an unwillingness to work with the

property owner for a mutually beneficial outcome, has soured many citizens. As the Midland Free Press noted in its May 2000 article regarding the Roundtree and Tiny Township court battle over beach usage *“If you don’t own it, you cannot plan for it”*.

We encourage you to follow us along the path to regaining the freedom we once had and in doing so, to honour the fallen soldiers who died in battlefields far away and the early pioneers that built this land, so that Canada would remain strong and free. Let us not forget that.

## How to keep in touch

The OLA has a website [www.ontariolandowners.ca](http://www.ontariolandowners.ca) and a Facebook page. Look for Ontario Landowners Association on Facebook. On our website, you can signup for our FREE monthly E-Newsletter which is delivered to your inbox on the first of each month. We also have a FREE online magazine called Landowner Voices. Published every two months, LV can be read, downloaded, and printed from our website.

We encourage you to buy an annual membership for \$60. You can sign up online at <https://ontariolandowners.ca/product/ola-yearly-membership/> or use the downloadable mail in form <https://ontariolandowners.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/OLA-Membership-Application-06202019-2.pdf>.

You can also join by contacting your local OLA chapter <https://ontariolandowners.ca/ontario-landowners-association-ola-chapters/>.

Here’s how it works: \$25 of the membership fee stays with the OLA (our head office), \$25 goes to the chapter, and the remaining \$10 is put into our litigation fund [www.fixthelaw.ca](http://www.fixthelaw.ca). The litigation fund is used to support court challenges that could help improve private property rights.

The Carleton Landowners Association has monthly board meetings. Everyone with an interest in private property rights is welcome. We also host Public Meetings on specific topics of interest to our member and the public. Membership fees are used to rent meeting spaces, host our website, mailouts to members.

The OLA uses the membership fees to host their website and to cover expenses for their AGM and Spring Directors’ Meeting. Our last AGM was held in October 2019 in Arnprior, Ontario with guest speaker Tom DeWeese from the American Policy Centre. More than 80 people attended. The Carleton Landowners Association shared costs of the meeting with the OLA and the Renfrew Landowners Association.

Elizabeth Marshall, our Director of Research has written many reports on Conservation Authorities, Municipal planning and by-laws, Crown Land Patents. The reports are free for download on our website at <https://ontariolandowners.ca/ontario-landowners-association-ola-chapters/>.

We are all volunteers. We do this because we believe in private property rights and want to share what we know about your rights with you!

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# The ONTARIO LANDOWNERS Association

*To all past and present landowners,  
(This is a copy of a mailout that was recently sent to many  
of our members)*

We hope that you are all managing well during this difficult COVID time. Because of the pandemic rules, the Ontario Landowners Association has been unable to hold face to face meetings. We have been active though and we wanted to keep you up to date on what we have been doing.

Some of you may not have heard from us for some time and we want to change that. First off, we have a very strong and active executive that we'd like to introduce to you:

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The OLA Executive and the county group representatives meet regularly, most recently using Zoom and they are planning a Zoom Annual General Meeting.

Some of the projects that we are working on are supporting landowners against some very aggressive by-law officers and conservation authority officers. In addition, last year many in the OLA attended public consultation meetings throughout Ontario, by invitation from MPP Jeff Yurek (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks). The purpose of the meetings was for us to provide input on how the conservation authorities should and should not operate.

We are heavily involved in protesting the May 1st Order in Council (OIC) by the Federal Government that banned over 1500 firearms and turned legal gun owning citizens into criminals. We are supporting all six Federal appeals of the OIC. For example, one of the OLA governors, Stefanos Karatopis, has initiated a Go-Fund-Me site to support the judicial review and interim injunction filed by Toronto Lawyer Arkadi Bouchelev. For more information, see <https://www.gofundme.com/f/gun-ban-court-challenge-judicial-review/>. We also attended the Integrity March on September 12 at Parliament Hill hosted by the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights.

We are also doing something new in Eastern Ontario. We are combining administrative and financial resources to better communicate with you. This letter is part of this communication. The four county groups participating are Carleton, Lanark, Leeds & Grenville, and Stormont Dundas. All four county groups will remain autonomous within the OLA and will continue to function

independently to address issues in their area. Combining our resources will allow more time for county groups to focus on issues.

The Ontario Landowners are all volunteers who donate many hours of our time and money to do the work that needs to be done. However, we do require funds to support our website, to buy signs and literature, to hold meetings where we rent halls, pay for guest speakers, and mailouts to our members. Your memberships and/or donations help us continue to advocate for private property rights.

An annual membership is \$60 per household. This money supports both your county group and the OLA. If you feel that you can help us, we have enclosed a membership/donation form and a self-addressed envelope. We appreciate any support that you can give us.

In keeping with the combined administration, please make your cheques payable to:

Eastern Ontario Landowners

One of the benefits of this new system is better communications with our members and supporters. If you have an email address, we will add you to our OLA monthly Enews list. You will receive our "electronic-newsletter" in your inbox on the first of every month which includes articles of interest to landowners. You will also receive a notification of publication of our FREE and printable, online, Landowner Voices magazine. Both the magazine and the Enews are hosted on the OLA website. Check out past issues and articles at <https://ontariolandowners.ca/news/>. The OLA also has a very active Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OntarioLandownersAssociation>.

Finally, when we are able to have face to face meetings once again, we'll let you know about any events happening in Eastern Ontario. Please make sure to include your email address on your membership/donation form or send us an email at [info@ontariolandowners.ca](mailto:info@ontariolandowners.ca) to let us know you want to be included in the Eastern Ontario contact list. If you have a friend or neighbour who might be interested in joining us, please let us know. Don't have email? Call Shirley at 613-623-0675. Please also let us know if you would like to be removed from our list.

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Thank you very much for your past support. We couldn't have done all we did without you.

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