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Wind Turbines in Ottawa



Hello Folks,

It seems that the world as we know it has taken a terrible turn for the worse in the last few years. Maybe our generation, on this continent, has been somewhat isolated to drastic change for most of our life and that has left us somewhat naïve as to what could happen in the future.

All through history, there has been strife and disasters throughout the world, and we read about it with a curiosity to find the reasons why situations evolved into conflict, invasions, wars, massacres, displaced people, homeless and starving. The difference now is that for the last 25 years we have had front row seats as the history of the future is playing out in full colour on our electronic devices via the internet.

Part of our history of the future will lay bare how the players of the world handled the Covid crisis. Here in the present it is not hard to sympathize with politicians who have to make the “damned if you do and damned if you don’t” decisions as to shut downs, opening up, one jab, two jabs or more boosters or vaccination passports. OK. That’s one thing but the corruption that took Ivermectin, and Hydroxychloroquine out of the medical toolbox is unforgiveable when their was early promise that these drugs improved the conditions of Covid patients especially when given at the early stages of the virus. Hydroxychloroquine has been used to prevent and treat malaria since the 1950’s and anyone traveling to countries with that risk, got the shot before leaving home to travel. How

could the medical society of two well educated countries like Canada and the USA, allow themselves to be manipulated by politicians and big Pharma at the expense of the lives of the patients that they swore an oath to protect?

This brings me back to creating history and the present day politics that affect us here in Ontario. Firstly, Doug Ford won the election in Ontario promising to dismantle the McGuinty/Wynne Green Energy Act. Anyone who looked at that Act with a shred of common sense or accountability realized how corrupt the insider deals were, and that was why the people almost voted the Liberals out of existence. Mr. Ford seemed to live up to his promise on a few windmills but now it would seem that he is right back where Wynne left off, with Eastern Ontario having these wind turbines popping up all over North Stormont Township.

Now the City of Ottawa has pledged to go to all electric transportation by the year 2030, and to do that they are looking to put up 710 wind turbines in Ottawa. Since they don’t build windmills in the downtown area, we must assume that they will go on farmland. That’s a lot of roadways that will have to be built across farmland, a lot of poles and wires to connect them, a lot of noise, light flicker, ice fling and low frequency air vibration pollution for the people in the rural to learn to live with. Will Doug Ford stand up to his promise? All he has to do is have a proper accounting done of the costs

of production of wind energy verses the environmental cost of thousands of tons of concrete, steel and plastic that mostly don’t produce more than 30% of their rated power.

Further to our creating history! Is there a Federal Conservative party in Canada? It would seem to me that Erin O’Toole has lived up to who he was before he ran for leader of the Conservative Party. Every writer that assessed Mr. O’Toole before he ran, recognized that he was a very red Tory. Then he ran as a hard right, blue Tory. Oh, but not for long. He quickly turned his back on letting the Pro-life people have a voice, and then he flipped on the Carbon Tax. Looking at this with some common sense, one would have to assume that he made a deal to help Trudeau gain a super majority.

My suggestion to change the history we are now living, would be for all Conservative MP’s, to stand up for us, their constituents and have a non-confidence vote and get rid of Erin O’Toole. They could replace him with an interim leader before an election could be called. I would suggest Leslyn Lewis, the leadership candidate who won the popular vote. She was well supported by the west and Ontario but criticized for not being able to speak French. However, that now has changed since Prime Minister Trudeau has appointed a new Governor General who also cannot speak French, and no one seems to mind. Therefore, appoint Leslyn Lewis as interim leader, win the election and change the future and history.

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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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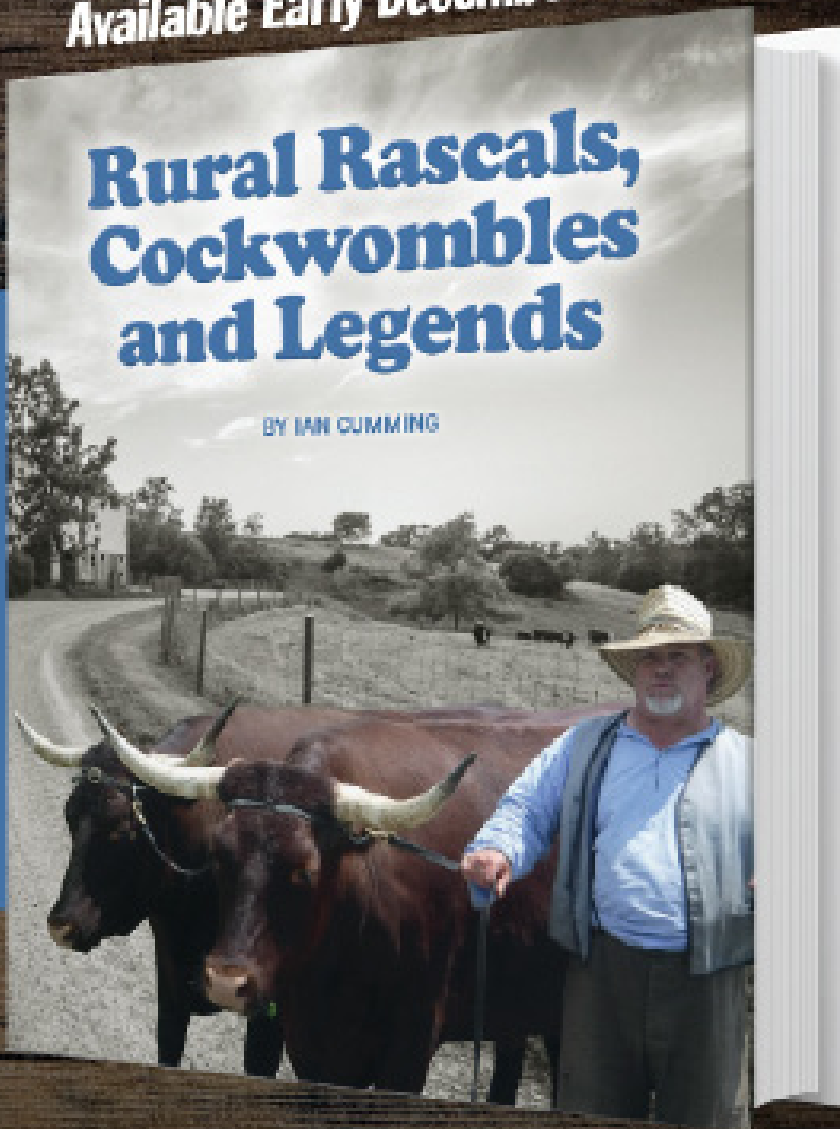
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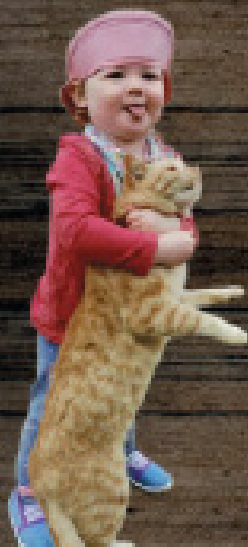
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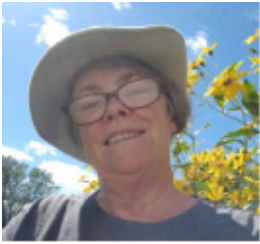
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Wind Turbines are Coming to a Field near You

by Shirley Dolan

The Carleton Landowners Association (CLA) has learned that the City of Ottawa is planning to install as many as 710 wind turbines and approximately 36 square kilometers of solar panels in addition to 122 large shipping containers of lithium batteries in our City by 2050. These plans are laid out in the City's Energy Evolution Strategy (EES) document, approved at Council in October 2020. Although the solar panels are destined mostly for rooftops, we can only guess that the wind turbines will be erected in rural Ottawa, and on agricultural land.

Staff has been directed to start work on projects for 2020-2025 which include large wind turbines to provide 20 MW of wind power. City staff report that:

*"The size of the wind turbine affects the number of wind turbines. If we look at industry trends and assume 6MW turbines would be used, a 20MW project would be 3-4 large turbines. **For wind, the energy may be sourced within Ottawa or regionally.**"*

It is noteworthy that the wind turbines at the controversial Nation Rise Wind Farm (NRWF) are 3.3 MW so at 6 MW, the ones the City is planning on installing must be truly large AND it looks like some could be built outside Ottawa. The NRWF, built by EDPR Canada, comprises 12,000 acres through land agreements with approximately 70 local individuals

and farming families ... for just 29 turbines. How many farming families and agricultural acres will be required for the 710 turbines planned for Ottawa?

I was curious about the NRWF so I took a drive to North Stormont, about 40 kilometres from Ottawa, to have a look at them. People living in small villages like Finch, Berwick, and Crysler are subjected to these monsters every time they walk outside. Drive along any of the rural roads in the area and they just keep popping up. Spread across 12,000 acres, the wind turbines are all connected by underground cabling to a substation which I am told sits on 90 acres of former farmland.

I'm not a fan of wind turbines. In my opinion, they spoil the pristine landscape of a farming community, they don't produce a lot of energy, are not cost-effective, and they divide neighbourhoods. Add to this the many complaints from people who live near them of contaminated wells, health problems, noise pollution, and lowered property values. Not to mention the environmental concerns: significant carbon emissions required to build and take down the turbines. Rare earth metals are used in their construction as are thousands of tons of concrete, and the blades are made of plastic.

So why is the City determined to build them in rural Ottawa? The reasons why can be found in the EES which outlines plans to

convert the City to an all-electric municipality – electric cars, including police, ambulance, and fire and of course, buses. Houses heated with electricity – no more natural gas, propane, or oil, and perhaps wood will be banned as well. I asked City staff what happens in an emergency when the power grid goes down for a few days or longer, once the city moves to an all-electric fleet of vehicles for police, ambulance, and fire. The response: "Hydro Ottawa is the City's regulator for all things electrical and servicing capacity. The City plans for the electrification of our facilities and infrastructure, but Hydro Ottawa is responsible for the servicing and emergency reserves".

It's not just the wind turbines, it's the entire Climate Change plan that economists are calling wrong-headed. Ian Lee, Sprott School of Business at Carleton University says: "There is no cost-benefit analysis, no impact analysis, and no full honest accounting of what reliance on costly intermittent renewables such as wind and solar will cost Ottawa's energy consumers." Robert Lyman, an energy economist, says of the EES report produced by consultant Sustainable Solutions: "There is no analysis of the costs per tonne of carbon dioxide emission avoided. In other words, there is no way based on the consultant's analysis to know whether the proposed expenditures are cost effective compared to other options, or to make sense in

terms of the alleged value of the emission reductions.

The CLA has contacted a number of rural residents and not one of them so far was aware of the City's EES document or their plans for the 710 wind turbines. We'd like to know why not!

Further Reading:

[Ottawa Wind Concerns | A safe environment for everyone](#)

[Nation Rise Wind Farm opponents say IESO has broken Ontario law | Brockville Recorder & Times](#)





LIGHTNING SAFETY WEEK

June 21-27

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St. Elmo's fire was apparently named for St. Erasmus of Formia the patron saint of sailors. This phenomenon sometimes appeared on ships at sea during thunderstorms and was regarded by sailors with religious awe for its bright blue or violet glowing ball of light. Sailors may have considered St. Elmo's fire as a good omen being the sign of the presence of their patron saint.

My only experience with St. Elmo's fire occurred years ago during a lightning storm while we were sheltered, or so we thought, in our small cabin. As often is the case the lightning strike was a bolt out of the blue and as the hair on our bodies literally stood up we saw this ball of blue light enter at one end of the building and travel in a straight line to a pole lamp, lighting it up momentarily before exiting. We didn't have time to blink let alone assume the fetal position as is sometimes advised to minimize the target.

As the storm raged my excited wife encouraged me to take down the old TV tower left by a previous

occupant. Advice, I hasten to add, I didn't follow.

Following are two announcements published many years ago in The Bancroft Times that illustrate the seriousness of lightning.

LIGHTNING KILLS MAN NEAR WOOLER

Police Constable Allan Ormshaw was killed by a flash of lightning during a fierce electrical storm that broke over Trenton late Monday afternoon.

The constable was off duty and had been working on a house he was building on the Wooler Road, about three miles north of Trenton.

After the storm broke he set out to seek shelter at the neighbouring residence of his father-in-law. When he didn't turn up after the storm was over members of his family became alarmed and went to find him. They discovered his body in a field. His head had been badly burned and his clothes were torn off by the force of the bolt. He leaves his wife and a son.

TEAM OF HORSES KILLED BY LIGHTNING

A team of horses hitched to a wagon and driven by Andrew Wilson of Fort Stewart, were killed instantly last Friday evening by a bolt of lightning during a thunderstorm which passed over that area. Mr. Wilson sustained a severe shock when thrown from the wagon. It was a narrow escape for Mr. Wilson and an experience which he will not soon forget.

On a personal note, I recall my parents discussing a couple whose wedding they had attended. The newlyweds went golfing during their honeymoon. A lightning storm struck, they sought shelter under a tree and an electrical bolt hit nearby. The electrical energy travelled down the tree trunk, through the roots underground causing a strong shock and killed them both.

While guiding on Lady Evelyn, paddling into our base camp, I watched three anvil clouds circling on the horizon no doubt raising havoc. Within their described circumference it had the sounds and appearance of the booming guns of war. Keeping my eye on the sky we were prepared to go ashore instantly if they started to head our way. As it turned out we just managed to make our destination and had nicely begun to settle in when the storm hit with all of its dramatic fury.

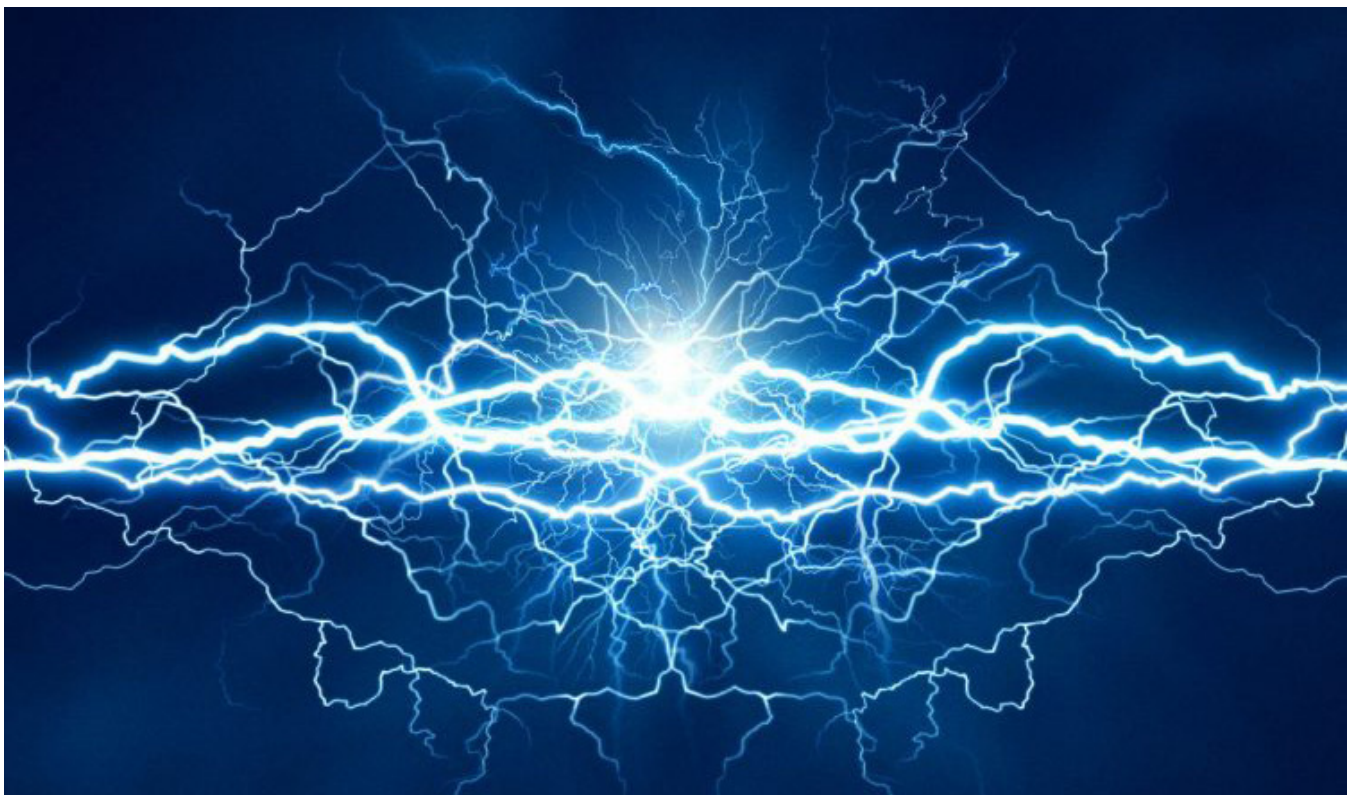
“WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS!”

Thunder is the noise created when air suddenly expands from the heat of a lightning discharge. Lightning is an electrical discharge caused by the build up of static electricity between thunderclouds and

the ground or clouds. It can deliver as much as 100 million volts of electricity and strike a target up to 16 kilometres away. The farthest horizontal distance that a flash has travelled was recorded at 200 miles (321 km).

It takes 5 seconds for sound to travel one mile or 1.6 km. If you count the seconds between a flash of lightning and a thunder clap, you can tell approximately how close the lightning is to you. Each second represents about 300 metres. Think of the metric mile as a base measurement. You are considered to be in the high danger zone if you are less than 10 kilometres away. If you can hear thunder you are within striking distance. If you have to seek shelter from a lightning storm do not resume any outdoor activity for at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.

Lightning Safety Awareness Week will be featured from June 21 to 27, 2021 the same as in the U.S. It used to be earlier in Canada but was changed for greater public awareness. Much of this information has been gleaned from the Canadian Lightning Detection Network, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Canadian Safety Council. The activity-related information is derived strictly from the analysis of media accounts, not healthcare data. The media reports captured about 90% of fatalities that are noted in the government's vital statistics and 10% of the total injuries were estimated from the government healthcare stats.





The majority of lightning-related fatalities and injuries occur in southern Ontario, June to August, with July being the busiest month. More daily injuries, 50% of which take place in the afternoon, occur during the weekend as versus the weekday. The majority of lightning fatalities involve males aged 18-54, mostly under 45, and one source reported that the male fatalities are as high as 78%; 15% are female, ages 18-54. As for injuries 63% are male, 37% female. Apparently men are less likely to take evasive action early. Outdoor recreation accounts for 58% of the fatalities, 50% for those injured. 92% of those killed were either in open areas or sheltered by trees; 20% specifically seeking shelter under a tree or under an open gazebo. 35% of people injured were under or near a tree. 87% of the victims were outdoors when affected. Definite numbers for fatalities are hard to come by for two major reasons.

1. Fatalities are often classified in hospitals as heart stoppage or electrocution, not as lightning strikes.

2. The statistics that the Canada Safety Council has are compiled by ECCC and are only released sporadically.

“A building is a much safer and drier option,” wrote Lyn Mainwaring of the Canadian Lightning Detection Network.

Soccer and baseball account for 38% of the outdoor sports most commonly affected by lightning. Campers, hikers, golfers, picnickers and boaters were also commonly affected. By the way, during the summertime lightning flashes occur every 3 seconds. Southern Ontario has the most lightning flashes in Canada. Perhaps due to its large coverage area Chatham-Kent suffered the most lightning strikes from 1993-2013 (the most up-to-date stats) followed by Windsor, London, Sarnia, Stratford, Hamilton, then Mississauga and Toronto which were tied. Almost half of all injuries occurred to people in Ontario. New Brunswick, Alberta and Quebec each accounted for 10-15% of lightning incidents. In western Canada lightning causes about half of all forest fires.

Here’s how a lightning strike can kill or injure. A strike hits a tree or pole and the current disperses through the ground. A lightning strike that hits the ground can

travel 10 metres although people have been injured 15-30 metres away. Ground currents are responsible for 40-50% of the injuries or deaths, side flashes 20-30%, contact such as via a fence or tree 15-25%, and direct strikes 3-5%. For more illustrative information goto: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/lightning/safety/dangers.html>.

SOME DOs AND DON'Ts

DO -

- Stay clear of high ground and open spaces.
- Seek shelter in a house, large building or motor vehicle. Keep windows and doors shut.
- Riding a bicycle, motorcycle or ATV? Get off! The rubber tires will not protect you.
- If boating, head for shore. If caught on the water crouch low in the boat.
- If you are in a flat, open field, bend down and put hands on knees. Maintain minimum contact with the ground.
- Stay away from water, lakes and puddles.
- Stay sheltered until the storm passes.

DON'T

- Don't seek shelter in a shed, under a tree or a small open building.
- Don't lie down on the ground.
- Don't take a shower or a bath. If lightning strikes the plumbing system it can be conducted into the shower or tub.
- Don't use the landline phone or an electrical appliance.
- Don't travel in a severe storm. If caught in your car pull off the road, park away from power lines and keep your windows closed. This creates the Faraday cage which allows the lightning charge to flash over the vehicle and be discharged into the ground. The tires do not provide insulation from lightning and may in fact explode
- Don't try to finish your activity. Postpone the inning or round of golf until the storm has completely passed.

Bottom line

Plan ahead. Know when storms normally develop, watch for their development and check the weather reports. Plan to be in a safe place before the storm strikes. Stop what you are doing and seek safe shelter.

Always remember, when thunder roars, GO INDOORS!

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Minister Piccini,

The Ontario Landowners Association congratulates you on your recent appointment as Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

When Mr. Yurek was Minister, the OLA established a productive working relationship, and we look forward to continuing and building upon this same relationship with your Ministry.

Since our inception in 2003, the OLA has accumulated significant experience and information which we continuously add to our body of knowledge and offer freely to the public on our two websites, Facebook page and YouTube Channel. As we offered Minister Yurek, we offer the same to you and that is our knowledge and experience in Private Property Rights.

The owner of Private Property is the best steward of the land. Whether a condo, a home in a sub-division, a home with acreage, a multi-generational farm, or an empty lot, no one has more personal investment in the land than that of the Private Landowner.

Minister Piccini, we look forward to continuing our working relationship with your Ministry and the Ford government to reach a balance between the needs of the people and the needs of the environment. We thank-you for the good work you are doing as an MPP and the future good work you will be doing as Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff D. Bogaerts". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a solid black line.

Jeff D. Bogaerts
President

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Victory! Supreme Court stands firm for the property rights of all Americans



For some superstitious folks, the number 13 is bad luck. Not for Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) and the U.S. Supreme Court, which today struck down a California union access regulation and freed private property owners from government-sanctioned illegal invasions.

The ruling in *Cedar Point Nursery v. Hassid* is our 13th win in the 15 cases we've litigated before the Supreme Court.

The relentless work behind this win took nearly six years and involved all of us at PLF. I'm deeply grateful to our attorneys, staff, and loyal pro-liberty allies across the country who dedicated their time, talent, and patience to bring this case to the nation's highest court.

But the true victory belongs to our clients, Cedar Point Nursery and Fowler Packing Company. Their fight began in 2015 when United Farm Workers sent activists to storm their workplaces to badger workers.

The union acted under cover of an access regulation that was baked into California's labor laws in 1975.

We're thrilled the Supreme Court recognized that the Constitution forbids government from requiring you to allow unwanted strangers onto your property. And that union activists are no exception.

As Chief Justice Roberts wrote in his opinion, "[N]o one disputes that, without the access regulation, the growers would have had the right under California law to exclude union organizers from their property. And no one disputes that the access regulation took that right from them."

Cedar Point Nursery v. Hassid also stands out as the only property takings case out of the 64 cases heard by the Court this entire term—a true testament to PLF's property rights expertise and footprint throughout the nation.

On behalf of our clients and everyone at PLF, I invite you to join me in celebrating our vindicated right to include—and exclude—people from our own private property.

Thank you for making it possible for us to empower Americans to defend liberty and justice for all, before the highest court in the land.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSfgzWEYpSs>

*Steven D. Anderson
President and CEO*

P.S. If you're not familiar with the story behind this case, check out our video, featuring Mike Fahner from Cedar Point Nursery.



Intuition!

Not to be Ignored

*by Ian Cumming
Agricultural Journalist*

A long – time municipal politician recently got into deep trouble in these parts.

The sickening crimes that made the media are alleged at this point, while he sits in jail awaiting his day in court.

Nothing gives local gossip a boost like this kind of stuff.

Someone made the comment that they couldn't recall ever reading any article where I had quoted the most powerful municipal politician in our rural area. Wondering why that was when every other rural, agriculture and local reporter, gave him all kinds of coverage?

"What did you know that the others didn't?" he asked.

About these alleged crimes, I knew nothing. But the question, which had never occurred to me prior, caused some self reflection.

I went back over Postmedia archives for the past 11 years and this politician was in 140 articles, none with my byline. He had made it into one of the farm papers I write in, on occasion, since this paper owned by Postmedia lifts agriculture related stories from sister publications.

When you factor in local weeklies and a couple of area farm monthly papers not under the Postmedia banner, a conservative estimate would be 400 to 500 articles with quotes and analysis from him in that time frame.

Plus, he was around in the

public arena a decade before, so you can probably double that.

This included a recent full page feature in the local weekly where they have in depth interviews with the important.

I'm as lazy as the next person writing, so why didn't I give him a single call ever for articles, or just quotes? We never had any arguments or personal issues.

Was it just a feeling, or an intuition? Just a vibe? My bias against politicians and their authority?

Honestly, I don't know. But I do know that if I don't trust a

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person, I just leave them be.

He was as good as they come at politics. One week calling for re opening under COVID, the next, when the mood had swung, cursing Randy Hillier. Come election time he had both quotes to highlight, but that's most politicians.

I did pick up the phone to call him several months ago, curious why the spouse of a

council member had approached Postmedia with information about me? I never heard back.

Whenever we came face to face over the years we would nod and exchange greetings. There was never any blow up I can recall, and he never got my vote.

"How did you know?" my daughter asked, when reading the press reports. Reminding me when a teacher told her that this politician's daughter needed some tutoring, and would she be interested?

"Not going to %\$\$#@ \$ happen," I had exploded at the time. She had helped and tutored many students, most I didn't have a clue who their parents were.

Once again, I don't know why I had that reaction.

But what really bothers me, is that those who operate within government and the segment of society that grovels to it for personal benefit, or the media, never had any radar that said, like just stay away.

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The British author and sheep farmer James Rebanks writes that there is that educated segment of society that prattles on and on about what they feel is important, and if you started to pontificate

that way among rural, uneducated people, “you would be told to shut the f... up.”

A farmer angrily told me recently he had cancelled his farm paper subscription, “because I just can’t take the government press releases and the climate change anymore. Nothing personal,

but when there is something in there for farmers, perhaps send it along.”

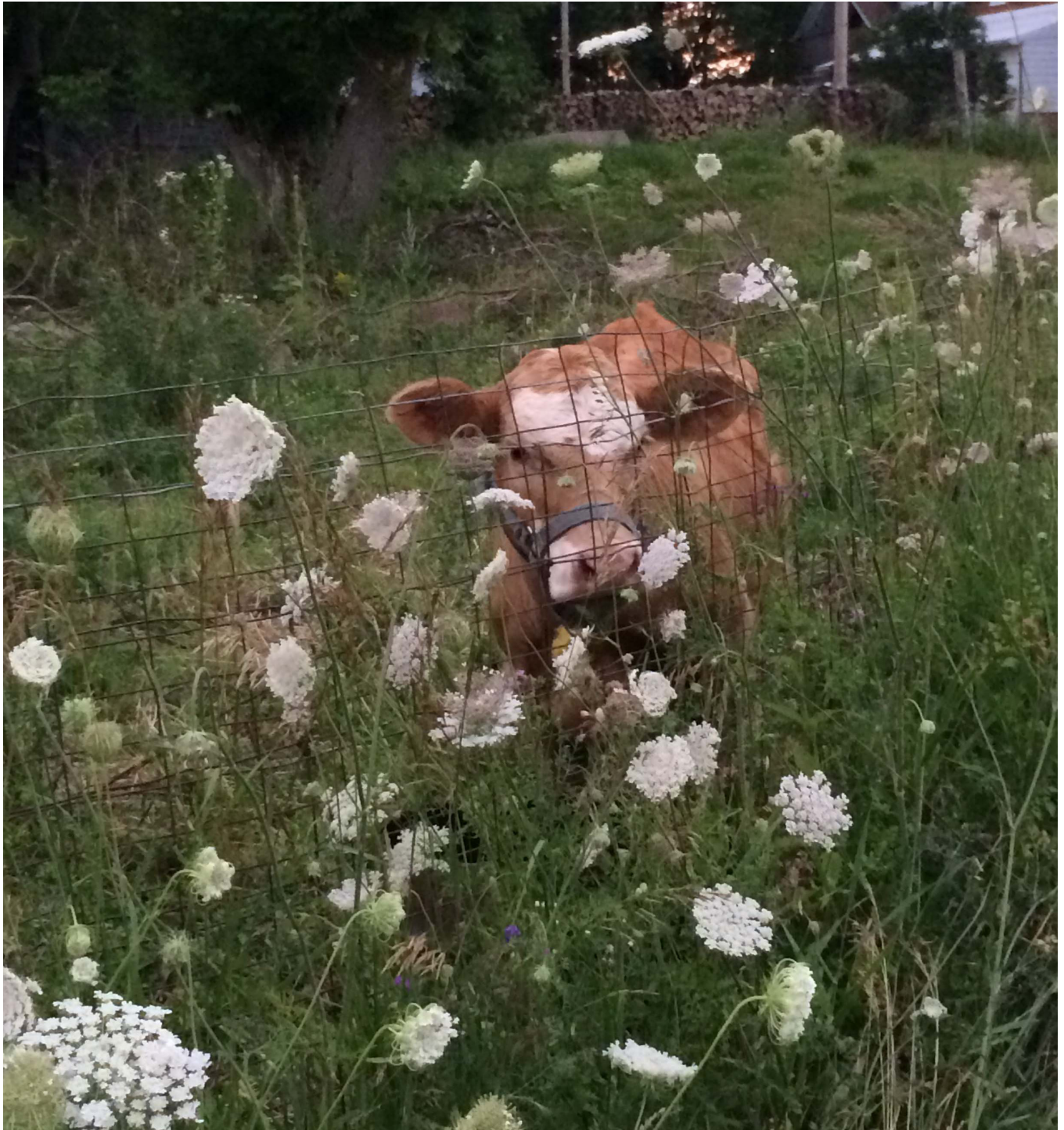
I grew up as a boy where our hired man (before he got killed hitting a tree with his car heading to Quebec) would relate the bar fight from the night before. Plus, the air blue with cigarette smoke

at the kitchen table from an assortment of men.

You learned which one of those men would steal gas for their cars, versus those who never would. Or breeders at a fair who would fix a cows udder, or not.

You learned about people.

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No More Lockdowns



By Cheryl Gallant, M.P.

While the majority of reasonably-minded Canadians look forward to life returning to pre-pandemic normal, big government fans are already talking about **mask mandates and social distancing continuing indefinitely.**

Special Envoy on COVID for the World Health Organisation (WHO) Dr David Nabarro, claims this is to protect against new variants of COVID-19. However, keeping Canada in lockdown is the goal by the Liberal Party to avoid democratic accountability in Parliament, and scrutiny by the independent media. This is as it manoeuvres for an election nobody wants to get an outcome that will be bad for everyday Canadians.

The latest catchphrase from government members is: Canada is facing an “existential threat” caused by man-made global warming.

People, seized by the fear of man-made global warming, and alternative energy, refuse to engage in a balanced discussion of pros and cons of how to respond to this “existential threat”.

Climate Emergency

Does an undefined “climate emergency” which changes meaning depending who you are talking to, on what day, justify

destroying Canada as we know it in some grand social experiment, referred to as “The Great Reset”, “Build-Back Better”, or whatever other slick catchphrase dreamed up by the elites.

Forget about all the mistakes Trudeau made in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and the billions squandered. The lives lost are gone, taxpayers’ dollars disappeared.

The coming election will be like no other.

Canadians need to ask a series of questions.

What will my home and community look like when the liberals legislate rolling lockdowns in response to the so-called climate emergency once the COVID pandemic is finally brought under control?

How will I make a decent living for me or for my family when the government money tap dries up, as it always does, and the jobs lost during the pandemic do not return?

How will I get around when the government bans gasoline and diesel transportation fuels as it plans to do?

Where will our food come from without fuel to power farm equipment and intensive agricultural methods are banned, and includes the banning of meat?

Where will our energy come from if the extremists are successful in removing existing power dams, and banning new dam and nuclear builds along with all fossil fuels including natural gas? The intermittent nature of solar panels and industrial windmills make them unreliable when the wind does not blow and the sun does not shine. Where will the power to light our homes and power our industries come from?

How will I play? Forget about travel on planes, classic cars, boats or just about any craft that uses petroleum or is not designed to run on blended fuels.

A report just released by the Department of Environment follows the Parliamentary Budget Office in its June 23 report *Beyond Paris: Reducing Canada’s GHG Emissions By 2030*, estimates a charge of \$261 per tonne of carbon emissions is required. It is more than five times the original price cap of \$50 per tonne set by Parliament under the 2018 Greenhouse Gas Polluting Pricing Act.

The higher \$261 charge is equivalent to an extra 41¢ per litre of propane, 52¢ per cubic metre of natural gas, 62¢ for gasoline, 68¢ for aviation fuel and 73¢ more for diesel. This will require an increase in the Liberal carbon tax.

Get used to being “locked down” in a tiny rental apartment

in some large, impersonal city with nowhere to go. Will you be satisfied with a headset and a screen for entertainment between power failures?

How will Canadians collectively pay for the huge public debt accumulated by the current government that will only get bigger as Canada will no longer benefit from the huge wealth transfer from the Western Oilsands?

So the question Canadians must ask this election is, “What must be sacrificed and why”?

Who decides who wins, who loses? Will you be satisfied with decisions made in a Liberal political backroom in Ottawa without meaningful public debate, where you, as a citizen of Canada, are not allowed to participate.

Trudeau and his administration are appeasing the hardcore green left and their environmental industrial complex base.

“Energy independence, national security, billions in revenue, and thousands of high-paying jobs will be sacrificed to the mythical gods of climate change.”

Terence Corcoran: Clubs of Doom and the Limits to Models | Financial Post

What has been lacking in the “existential debate” about climate change in Ottawa has been a note of sanity.

Canadians should not be asked to choose between ensuring a livable planet for our children and putting food on the table on one hand, and the future envisioned by George Orwell in his visionary novel “1984”, which warns against a world governed by propaganda, surveillance, and censorship.

When Trudeau and his Liberal Party do call the next election, get involved. Ask questions. Be skeptical. Use your own common sense. Canada is at a crossroads. The road less travelled may be the road not taken.

No More Lockdowns.

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The Great Reset

by Roger Graves

There seems to be a tide of left-wing thought sweeping our universities, schools and politicians which is described as The Great Reset. Essentially the idea is that the way we have been conducting our lives to date has failed, that we must discard the old ways of doing things and change to a new way, one in which a wise and noble government will guide our every step and tell us what to do. No more will people be permitted to set up and run businesses, shops, factories or farms. Instead the government will decide what is to be done and give permission, or not as the case may be, for every aspect of our lives. Won't that be wonderful, girls and boys!

The Great Reset will be a world where "you will own nothing and be happy about it", to quote a World Economic Forum promotional video. Everything, including your house, your furniture, your car (assuming you will be allowed to have one) will be owned by the state and rented to you. And presumably if you aren't happy about this, you will be made to be happy; we have ways of making you happy.

Now where have we heard this before? Oh yes, from the lips of Karl Marx and his disciples, such as Lenin, Stalin and Castro. Not owning anything is fundamental to these people, because if you don't own anything then they, the masters of the state, will own it

instead and this will give them power over you. Make no mistake about it, power hungry leaders such as Lenin and Stalin, and yes, our very own Justin Trudeau, are not interested in your wellbeing but only in their own power.

The way that left-wing power hungry politicians see the world boils down to one thing – that Joe Average is not capable of planning or running his own life, and must be guided by a morally superior leader. This does however raise the question of what the qualifications might be to be classed as a morally superior leader. The usual answer is that if you are in favour of the Great Reset then by definition you are a morally superior leader, and the rest of us are mere mortals whose duty it is to be led by you ...

This is what you might call a circular argument. I tried something along these lines when talking to my bank manager the other day. I told him that I was a worthy recipient of a large low interest loan, and that my qualifications for getting such a loan were that I was all in favour of it. He, uncouth and unfeeling fellow, told me to go jump in the lake.

The ultimate aim of the Great Reset is that there will be a single, universal world government which will control everyone's activities from the cradle to the grave. We will all of us become dutiful servants of this government, acting

solely for the good of our fellow beings, which of course will be synonymous with the good of the world government. How beautiful, how idyllic! What could possibly go wrong?

What could go wrong is that societies consist of people rather than saints and angels, a fact that Great Resetters always seem to overlook. People are not perfect, so we can't expect the way our societies are run to be perfect. Any attempt to make it perfect will end in disaster, as Messrs. Lenin, Stalin and Castro found out. Of course this has never stopped them trying to make it perfect, which is why Marxist societies always end up with a plethora of whips, chains and prison camps to help with the perfectibility process.

I am unashamedly a conservative, which means, almost by definition that I consider the idea of the Great Reset to be a load of pretentious rubbish. You'll note that I spell conservative with a small 'c', indicating that although I go along with some of what the Conservative Party of Canada is currently saying, by no means do I go along with everything they say. I have a definition of conservatism pinned up in my office (one of these days I may get it made into a plaque) which goes as follows:

Conservatism is a political persuasion that aims to see the world as it is rather than a universal social theory to

which the world must be forced to conform. It is based on the accumulation of historical wisdom about human nature and the limits of perfectibility that can be applied in practical ways to new circumstances.

The whole concept of the Great Reset starkly outlines the fact that there are two distinct ways of regarding the state, i.e. the whole apparatus of government, which for convenience we can call the left wing and the right wing. As far as the left wing is concerned we exist to serve the state, whereas to the right wing the state exists to serve us. To the left wing the state is the great and beneficent provider of all things, the paternal employer, surrogate mother and all-enveloping nanny, and one individual is much like another. The right wing, in contrast, considers the state an unpleasant necessity, rather like drains or diapers, to be tolerated when

necessary, but on no account to be encouraged. The bedrock of the right wing view is that the state exists only to do those things that individuals cannot reasonably do by themselves (defence and foreign affairs are typical examples), and unless it is doing this in some identifiable fashion it should keep out of peoples' lives. People are distinct individuals, not replaceable components.

Seen in this light the Great Reset is quite clearly a left wing concept. Like most left wing organizations it is ruthless and amoral in achieving its ends. According to the godfathers of the Great Reset, the World Economic Forum, Covid-19 represents a unique opportunity to bring about the Great Reset. What?!! The world is struggling with a deadly pandemic and all these people can think about is how to take advantage of it for their own political ends? For shame!

The Great Reset is closely related to the UN's Agenda 21 and its recent update as Agenda 2030, together with AOC's Green New Deal. All are based on the idea that people must be controlled for their own good, and that individual initiative and independent thought must be crushed. And their greatest weapon in achieving their ends is that most decent, ordinary people ignore what these power hungry maniacs are openly trying to do, with words such as "Oh I'm sure they wouldn't do that, we don't need to worry about it."

If you continue saying this, one day you will wake up to find that you do indeed own nothing, and you will be happy about it – or else.

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Combat Gardening



by Judith Cox



Greetings fellow gardeners,

We finally got some rain, but it would be nice to get some more. I enjoyed having a day off from watering. Now I am back to watering, and this week the feeding regime began. I added a teaspoon or two of fish emulsion to my watering can and fed the tomatoes, roses, and peppers. The peppers have started to flower, and soon I shall be enjoying their very warm fruit. As the comfrey has started growing, I will pick some and chop it up for green compost on my plants. Every little bit helps.

My tomatoes are growing very well, tall, and healthy with flowers forming. There seems to be a new trend floating about on the internet to remove the first flowers on your tomato to strengthen the plant. I really do not agree with this idea, especially if you are growing determinate tomatoes. If your tomato is determinate, you will have a finite number of flowers and removing them would reduce your harvest. I am going to look into this further but for now I would suggest that you leave your tomato flowers to grow.



Martin tomato with yellow flower

The cherries and currants are starting to ripen, and I would like to have some to eat, can and freeze. I put bird-netting around the currants and some floating row covers over the Nanking cherry bush. Those little sour cherries make lovely jelly and a friend of mine uses them to make a syrup used in a variety of gin drinks. I would like to try a few. The currants can also be used to make a refreshing drink or sparkling jelly. I have a new black currant bush that I hope will give me some fruit



Assorted peonies

In addition to the happy roses that I am seeing this year, my peonies are also doing well. I added compost to my peonies last year and overwintered them with maple leaves. They are much better this year. Often, we add soil to peonies either because the existing soil has eroded, or we want to add nutrients. Peonies, however, are very particular about their depth of planting. If you cover up the base of the peonies with soil, you will not get blooms. If you are not getting blooms, that is the first thing you need to check.

I try to remove the spent blooms to encourage a few more buds. If I have time, I pick the blossoms and make a jelly that has a lovely fragrance. Peony foliage is very attractive as a background for the rest of the season.

I love all the birds that are in my garden; they eat a lot of bugs, pollinate several kinds of plants, and entertain my too-many cats who watch them through the window. In the last couple of years, I have had the joy of watching a male and female oriole come to my window. Using a suet-holder, I put orange slices in where the brick of suet would have gone. I think I have two families, and they are beautiful and orange.

Keep watering. The sun dries out your garden and so does the wind.



Oranges and oriole

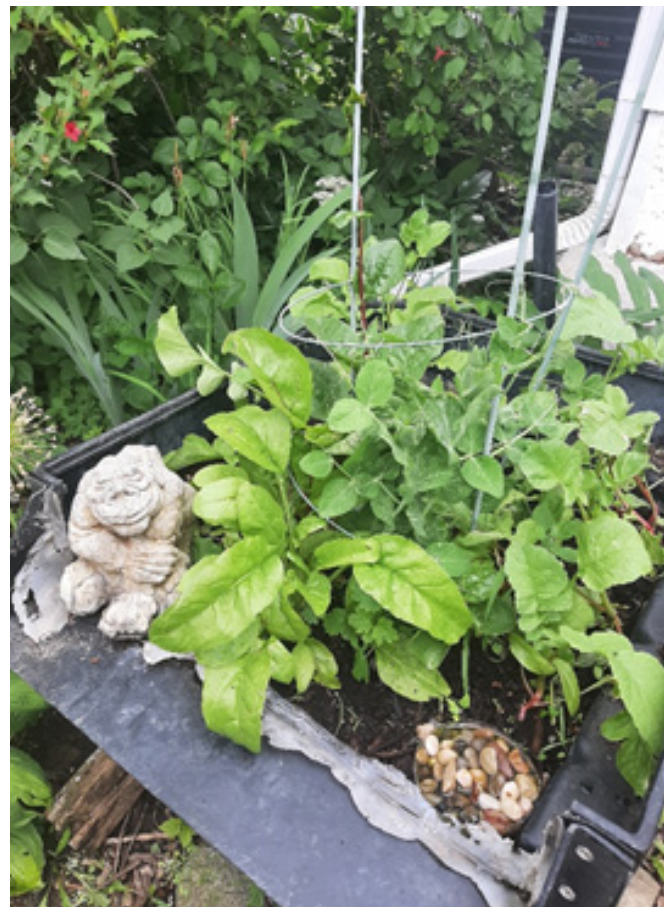
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This weather is never boring. We have gone from rain and wind into humidity, and then it got quite chilly. As long as you are aware of the moisture levels of your plant pots, then any weather will be fine. All of my vegetables are growing well, and I am excited to see that there are little green tomatoes starting to form. It is a treat to see how our vegetable gardens evolve.

My pots of tomatoes are growing well, and the Kevin tomatoes are planted where there is room as well as being shared with friends. With the surge of

rain, I checked to make sure that the pots were not getting too wet. If your tomato gets too wet or if it gets stressed, you may see curled leaves on the plant. Don't panic, as the tomatoes will still be tasty. Maintaining a constant level of moisture is not an easy task. A sudden downpour may fill the pot, and days without rain will cause them to dry out.

Lately, I have been finding gypsy moth caterpillars on my bushes and roses and even on my annuals. I squish as I go and so far, am ahead of them. There are several methods to prevent an infestation in your trees, but many are detrimental to the creatures that you actually want in your garden. One of the best, safest and easiest methods of preventing the caterpillars from eating the leaves off your trees is to wrap the trunk in burlap or rough fabric. Wrap the burlap, about 12 to 18 inches wide, around the trunk of the tree. Tie some string or twine around the center, and then drape the cloth over the string. This overhang is where the caterpillars will seek shelter coming down from the tree or get caught coming up from the ground. You can find and squish them easily or drop them into soapy water.



cool crop planter

The cool crop planter is doing well. The radishes have finished, and the heritage spinach is vining up the support. The peas have a few flowers, and the chard is growing well. If you would like to try a cool crop planter, you can plant one now. Find a large pot and place it in partial shade. You can use seeds or seedlings if you can find them. You can plant lettuce, spinach, chard, and peas and have a harvest in the fall. I prefer the heritage spinach because it vines and uses less room, but any spinach will do. These crops do well in the shade with only a few hours of sunshine. Adding a few begonias will add colour and you can nibble on begonia flower petals.

My pimento peppers are starting to bloom and form fruit. Now is the time to keep an eye out for caterpillars on your pepper leaves and be sure to give your peppers a light feeding as they start to form. I

have mine in pots on my sunny back deck along with a pot of tomatillos. My salsa is going to be epic this year.

Keep watching the moisture levels of your pots. If you make it a habit to wander through your garden each day, you will be aware of how much water is needed and what might be eating your vegetables. Enjoy your summer.

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Pimento peppers and tomatillo

Medicare



by Mel Fisher

This was first written about 10 years ago, as part of a presentation to our then MP Roger Valley. I suggested that as in everything government touches, bureaucracy has made our medical system unaffordable and it needs to be rethought, and I offered some ideas from a patient's point of view. Such as protecting doctors from lawsuits so they do not have to do duplicate consultations and testing. Such as giving patients some responsibility, by charging a modest 'user fee', and by providing them an annual statement of what the system did for them, so they would be a check on the system and allow a reduction in the bureaucracy.

Ten years later, the bureaucracy and costs continue to grow, and I fear the continued evolution of the system will not be for the better. I thought it worth regurgitating the letter here, with a 'future' scenario added. Food for thought.

CONVERSATION, 40 YEARS AGO

Patient - Doctor, I have a sore ass

Doctor - Well, drop your drawers, and let me have a look. My goodness, that's a dandy boil you have on your butt. Let me get my trusty scalpel and I will lance it for you. This will hurt a little.

Patient - Ouch!

Doctor - Wow, look at all that pus and goo. Okay nurse you can bandage that up now. Sir, you will have to sit on the other cheek for a few days, and if this doesn't heal up

in six months or so, you come back and see me.

Patient - Gee, thanks, doc, what do I owe you?

Doctor - Oh, five bucks ought to cover it.

SAME INCIDENT NOW

Patient - Doctor, I have a sore ass

Doctor - Well, let's make an appointment for a physical exam. (2 weeks later) Well sir, it appears you have a 'fulminating bacterial subcutaneous eruption' (or some similar medical gobbledy-gook which will give the patient bragging rights to dominate the conversation at, say, 4 coffee breaks at his place of work). We will take blood for about 7 different lab tests, and schedule you for an appointment to see the surgeon, probably in about 2 weeks. Here is a prescription for about \$200 worth of painkillers.

Surgeon (one month later) - We need to schedule you for an MRI, a cat scan, an ultrasound, and two x-rays, and I will see you in about 2 weeks

Surgeon (another month later) - Tests confirm you have an FBSE, and we will have to do corrective surgery on that. You are scheduled for surgery in 6 weeks. (Six weeks later), boil is lanced under local anaesthetic, requiring the attendance of an anesthesiologist, two nurses, and a prescription for another \$200 worth of painkillers. Patient is advised to make an appointment to see your general practitioner to check up on this in a month.

Six months later, an army of bureaucrats complete the transfer of government money to the hospital, the pharmacies, the professionals, all at an administration cost of only about 50%. Total final cost, Oh, about \$200 000.

SAME INCIDENT, 10 YEARS FROM NOW

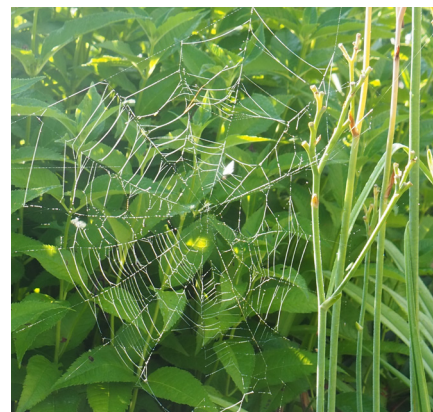
Patient - Doctor, I have a sore ass

Doctor - I see you are over the age of 75. We might be able to do some triage, drop your drawers and I will have a look.

Oh, it looks like it is just a boil; perhaps your wife can lance it with a sterile kitchen knife. Our system will not allow me to do surgery on those over 75, the only option I can offer you is our 'Happy Transitions' program for seniors.

If you choose that option, I suggest you go home and make sure your affairs are in order. Come back whenever, you do not need an appointment for the nurse to administer the fatal injection. Have a good day.

Total cost, about 5 bucks. Full circle. **





There is NO JUSTICE when Conservation Authorities get YOU in their sights!!

by Liz Marshall

Thought of the Day – Horse Farm v. Conservation Authority – why is something that, only if you plead guilty, is permissible by the C.A.s, and yet you are charged, and have to go bankrupt to not plead guilty? That is for you and your elected officials to decide.

In around 2012-13 the Thomas' decided to put in a sand-ring to exercise their horses, on their 25 acre property. Shortly thereafter they were charged with "development within a 120 metre (390 feet) set back from an Environmentally protected area," – a wetland. And yet the Thomas' have expressed that they have documents which state this area does not meet the criteria of an EPA to support a 120 metre set-back.

Of course, the Thomas' knowing they hadn't done anything wrong started their court battle, which is still going on today. And of course, all of those who support the Conservation Authority (C.A.) are crying for blood, because how dare these people disturb a wet-land. They cry "Don't you know the C.A.s are to protect the environment and they are there to stop climate change." And of course, that statement is a fallacy.

The C.A.s were created to stop flooding and erosion, clean garbage and debris out of the waterways, build dams and reservoirs for times of drought and, with the permission of the private property owner, to plant trees on the private property owner's land. That is it. But somehow they have morphed into power and money hungry entities that would destroy people, without any thought as to what they are doing or how much it costs – not only in monetary abuses but in how people look at them.

At one time the C.A.s were entities people would respect – now they are one of the scourges of government, particularly if you are the Gilmors or the Thomas'. You might think this is a "one off." You are incorrect. Time and time again we hear the horror stories so this is not a limited issue – this is and has been a constant abuse of power for over a decade. It's become an obsession for these people – almost as if they are addicted to this abusive power.

As for the sand-ring. The Thomas' put in the sand ring to exercise horses. When they purchased the property there was a 30 metre set back and somehow that set back grew to 120 metres, without the Thomas' knowledge or consent. The C.A. charged the Thomas' and made accusations about how the Thomas' are encroaching and ruining a wet-land. If so, why would the C.A., involved, make the following offer to the Thomas'?

"Conservation Halton would propose a resolution along the following lines.

1. The plea in this matter would change to "guilty" and a conviction registered (on one of the counts and as against each defendant). We can work out an agreed statement of facts easily

enough for the court.

2. There would be an agreed submission to the court as to penalty which would consist of, a. a fine of \$1000 (This could be split \$500 per defendant. You might recall that \$500 was the contractors fine amount.) Note though that there is a "victim surcharge" of \$50 each that will be added to each fine by the court office; b. a charitable contribution in the minimum sum of \$1500 (more if you wish) by one or both of your clients (or a business entity of theirs) to a charitable

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organization involved in environmental/ecological preservation in Canada (not this Authority). (This would result in a charitable donation for tax purposes).

c. no removal order would be sought by this Authority;

d. the result would be effectively no prohibition or restriction on the continued use of the riding ring;

e. permission to the Authority to enter on the lands at a mutually agreed time for the purposes of Authority evaluating and delineating the wetland (results to be provided to your clients as well for their information purposes).

f. An acknowledgement of the Authority's regulation and a promise not to conduct further development as defined under the CA Act and not interfere with the wetland or related watercourses without the necessary permit from the Authority."

So only if the Thomas' plead guilty...but what has already been spent? According to a Freedom of Information document obtained by the Thomas' the C.A., as of 2018, has already spent \$195,113.70 and the court battle continues on the tax-payers dime – not to mention the Thomas' dime. How much longer the Thomas' can continue, is up to all Canadians...

It's time to rid Ontario of these redundant entities and these egregious regulations as they are doing nothing for the environment; nothing to protect the water; and nothing to do with protecting the people of Ontario or the people of Canada – considering all Canadians are assisting in subsidizing the C.A.s.

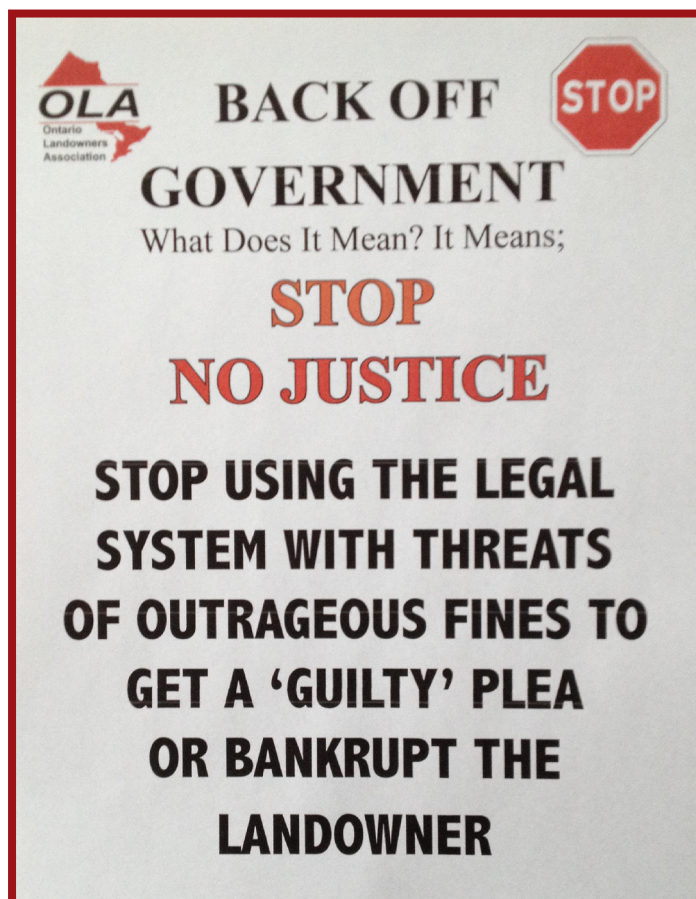
These C.A. leeches drag this out through the Courts until you are broke and can't fight them any longer...all on tax-payers money, and for what \$1,000.00 in fines – not to save the environment or to protect the water!

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public interest is always paramount but NEVER
when it is at the expense of a private individual."
Ontario Legislative Assembly, February 11, 1965 –
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Summer Theatre

by *Randy Vancourt*

Another summer dawns warm and pleasant...or stiflingly hot and humid, depending on your point of view. And for the second summer in a row, those of us in the arts face another season with no performance dates. It's a strange feeling but at least with expanding vaccination rates and dropping infection numbers, we now have hope that we might be back in the theatres, clubs and festivals soon.

Since the 1980's this time of year has usually found me working in what is known as Summer Stock Theatre. Once called the Straw Hat circuit and plentiful all across the country, many of these theatres eventually fell prey to television, video and more recently the internet. It seems to be a tougher job every year to get people out of their cottages, away from other forms of entertainment, and into one of the charming little theatres that still dot our country, mostly in rural areas.

Many of these theatres are situated in small opera houses, under large tents or in converted barns. In fact ever since Mickey and Judy exclaimed, "My dad's got a barn; let's put on a show!" the combination of barns and theatre has formed an integral part of the summer experience.

What sets barn theatres apart from other venues is that they are invariably situated in a bucolic setting, far from the

city, surrounded by peace and tranquility. The downside is they often smell of former occupants, and are frequently not air-conditioned.

The Red Barn Theatre in Jackson's Point, Ontario was known as the oldest summer theatre in Canada. Its 1883 rafters rang with the memory of all the entertainers who had performed there, from Harry Belafonte to Jason Robards to Wayne and Shuster. My first performance there was as part of the Second City comedy show, and many a hot, sweaty evening was subsequently spent on that stage, hoping we'd complete our performance before the raccoons dropped any surprises on us from the rafters (which on several occasions, they did).

The final show I did there was the classic Canadian musical, *Anne Of Green Gables*. We had a stellar cast, a terrific orchestra, beautiful costumes shipped in from the Charlottetown Festival... and 45-degree temperatures on the stage. Stage lights tend to add a good 10 degrees to the ambient temperature, and mixed with that summer's overwhelming heat and the actors' heavy costumes, people were passing out long before we got to the Act One finale, "Ice Cream."

Oh, the "Ice Cream" song. At the end of the song our heroine Anne accidentally gets her delicious ice cream cone mashed

against the front of her dress. Well, you can't use real ice cream on stage as it would melt too quickly, so usually shaving cream is substituted. Our production used whipped cream instead.

The management of the theatre at that time was what could charitably be described as "thrifty," and they had no intention of spending any money to dry clean the costumes during our entire summer run. Eight shows a week for ten weeks, Anne had whipped cream spread across her wool dress, then quickly wiped off with a wet towel during intermission.

As anyone who has ever left cream out in the sun can attest, heat is not its friend. The mixture of dairy product, intense heat and lack of cleaning eventually caused our beloved Anne to...let's just say her presence was noticed long before she walked onstage.

During one performance as she danced across the stage in her aromatic outfit, I heard a voice in the front row plaintively cry, "Oh my god, what's that smell?" I wanted to shout out, "It's Canadian theatre!"

The indignities didn't stop there. The thrifty management decided to save the cost of hiring a set designer, so they took the plans from another production and figured they would simply scale down the two-storey set to fit on their stage. It was a wonderful cost-saving measure, except they forgot to tell the carpenters of

this plan so they built it full size. Anne's second-storey bedroom was so high in the air that when she stood up her beautiful red hair was six inches from those hot stage lights.

I can't say for sure but I'm fairly certain there has never been another production of this show where the local townsfolk had to extinguish Anne's wig. For a brief moment we actually hoped that the raccoons would pay us an early visit.

The success of ANNE that season allowed the theatre to finally, after 50 years, install air

conditioning. A good friend of mine soon took over the venue so I was able to perform one more production there in the relative cool temperatures before sadly, this iconic theatre was consumed by fire a few years later. The beautiful Red Barn Theatre was lost forever.

This summer I'll be filling my free time in Muskoka with my wife and two small children. We're spending a few weeks at another old venue where I used to perform, the Delawana Inn. The Inn itself is long closed but we're renting a small place on site where we can enjoy the outdoors, hike, swim

in Georgian Bay and step over mounds of goose droppings while trying to avoid the infestation of gypsy caterpillars currently dangling from every tree. But at least we have air conditioning.

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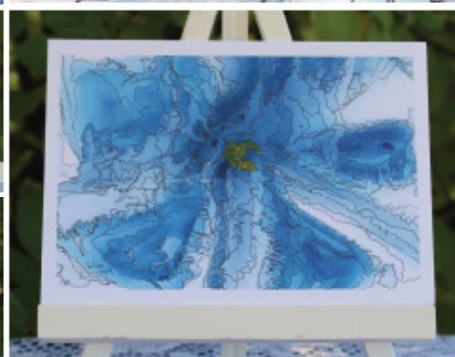


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DON'S THOUGHTS -

“O Canada! Our Home and Native Land”

by Don Johnson

We as Canadians take pride in being a nation of citizens within which all are supposed to be considered equal before the law.

On both Canada Day and Remembrance Day, we pay tribute to our forefathers, wave our flags, toast our good luck to be Canadians and listen to politicians across the land as they ramble on about our freedoms, then the go back to legislatures and continue to pass more and more restrictions on the freedoms they all bragged about.

Canada and Remembrance days are designated statutory holidays provided by a grateful nation to celebrate and remember the sacrifices made by those Canadians who came before us, our ancestors and by members of the current generations who's sacrifices and sufferings were made to defend the equality and freedoms our country takes pride in and the right of citizens which are based on the Constitution. It is also a time to take pride in the accomplishments of our country, even if it is that we are enjoying the fruits of the labor we did not provide.

Our politicians and we as Canadian citizens brag to the whole world about rights and freedom and Canada being a shining example to the world.

Indeed at sporting events, especially international sporting events, Canadians sing our national anthem loudly and lustfully. Our anthem, known by memory, is sung in unity as if by programmed robots, boisterously emphasizing “The true North strong and free. There is no need to mention a particular NBA Basketball team and its slogan “True North”

The words:

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command
With glowing hearts we see thee rise

The True North Strong and free
From far and wide,
O Canada we stand on guard for thee
God Keep our land glorious and free
O Canada we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada we stand on guard for thee.
(Government of Canada website: Canada.ca)

In a country that takes so much pride in its history and achievements it is interesting that a significant proportion of the Canadian population are unaware of the fact “O Canada” only became our official national anthem on July 1st 1980 and that it is based on a French song written a hundred years before that. It might be a trivial fact but it points to the question that in Canada if educating our citizens to understand a simple thing such as the history of our national anthem is unimportant then what Canadian history is important.

The question I ask is “How many when singing give thought to the words and more importantly , what do the words really mean and what as citizens of Canada are we committing to as we are singing.

The words “our home and native land” can be taken in a couple of ways and most tend to sing this in the belief “all Canada is our home and as Canadian citizens we are all natives of Canada” but I ask, in the light of current historical revelations, is this interpretation correct?

If you look closely at the words perhaps we should consider an alternative interpretation, an interpretation more in keeping to Canada's pre confederation history and the Canada Act of Constitution 1867 (in England known as the British North American Act) which defines and differentiates ownership of physical land and water surface areas, in the geographic nation called Canada, into 2 distinct property ownership types: these being Crown Lands and Section 91(24) for “Indians and lands reserved for Indians”

Do not get me going on political correctness and my lack of empathy for not automatically substituting “indigenous people” for “Indian”.

The English Crown, through wars and treaties with European nations and by treaty with the native indigenous people and nations, often for an insignificant cost to the Crown, acquired sole ownership of the geographic area now identified as Canada, to do with as it pleased. These lands became at that instance of treaty, Crown Lands with right to title and their uses based on English Common Law both in the Maritime Provinces and in Ontario. In Quebec, based on agreements with the French settlers, property ownership continued based on the French system.

These lands owned by the Crown were then disbursed to settlers and companies, by the Crown, in return for services provided and payments to the Crown. The Crown transferred its ownership and any and all its rights to the land and all assets on, in and above the identified portion to the settler or company. These deeded ownership rights were sanctioned and legalized by royal decree in form of royal charters and crown grants to said individuals and companies from the ruling British Crown. These were then registered on the title of the land at the registry office and Crown Patents were issued to the property owner.

Effectively the Crown transferred its authority to the Patent holder for all matters and indeed made the Patent holder the representative of the Crown for all matters relating to the identified parcel of land with the exception for Reservations, which the Crown may have reserved relating to the land. Thus the former Crown lands were transferred from the Crown to become “Private” property over which the Crown had no more authority.

As Canadians, almost all of us know a bit of the story about how the fur trading “Hudson’s Bay Company” became owner of fur trading rights in vast areas of northern and western Canada, forming the Hudson’s Bay watershed, through a royal charter issued in 1670 by King Charles II of England. What many may not know is that in 1869, 2 years after confederation the newly created federal government purchased these rights from the Hudson’s Bay company for cash and prairie land swaps which allowed Canada to take domain over the high arctic and westward to the eastern British Columbian mountain ranges.

Within these lands are “treaty or trust lands” that the crown acquired liability for through treaties, These

treaties identified said lands were to be maintained and protected by the sovereign as native lands for the named tribal parties and their subsequent generations.

Which brings me to the words: “Our Home and Native Land”.

Should we be celebrating “Our Home” meaning our right to our “Private Property” or does Home have the broader meaning that being “Our right to our own private property and access to all lands owned by the Crown?”

“And Native Lands”, perhaps the song writers did get it right and our own anthem is identifying the participation and formal authority of the “Indigenous Native Peoples” to their lands and the resources they contain.

Our anthem continues:

“God Keep our land glorious and free
O Canada we stand on guard for thee”

Based on the mounting restrictions and attacks upon private property owner rights by government we need to have a national discourse on the interpretation of the word “free” and as to its meaning in the national anthem.

Perhaps the writers were clairvoyant when they repeated within the anthem, the stanza

“O Canada we stand on guard for thee” three separate times.

Is it a call for action? Are you standing on guard for Canada and are you committed to “Keep our land glorious and free”?

So I ask, next time when you are singing our national anthem maybe also take a few seconds to consider the implication of the words you are singing!

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Ruby Mekker welcomes Minister Thompson to the Agriculture Portfolio



Minister Thompson, coming from a rural area, I believe you are well qualified to protect the agricultural portfolio. You are also knowledgeable with the very serious adverse health effects of industrial wind turbines and the damage to ground water sources.

We are retired farmers who looked forward to a well-deserved retirement. We milked cows 24/7 for over 30 years with only short holidays. I worked off the farm to generate additional income.

Now instead of enjoying retirement we are fighting for our lives as are many of your constituents, only they have been fighting much longer.

We joined the fight in 2014 when a foreign company approached landowners and the rest of the Nation Rise Wind project is history. I look at the fields. I was under the impression that IWTs were only allowed to be on prime agricultural land because they only use 1 acre. Minister of Agriculture, please come and tour the Nation Rise Wind project. Measure the prime agricultural land loss to access roads, turbine bases; it is much greater than 1 acre.

We did not consent to the known adverse health effects, noise and shadow flicker we are now forced to live and work in, with incident reports being filed from December, 2020 and increasing as turbines are more active.

As Minister of Agriculture your mandate is to protect the vital prime agricultural land which feeds Ontario. It is important as well to protect the highly vulnerable aquifer (already compared to Dover, Chatham-Kent), protect the endangered bats, the migrating birds, and protect the health of current and upcoming farmers.

Ontario needs healthy farmers, prime agricultural land, and clean water; Ontario does not need the Nation Rise Wind project.

Nation Rise Wind project can and should be terminated.

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How Was Your Day?

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We encounter many annoying problems in our daily endeavors that can upset us. They may be trivial in nature or serious enough to stress us out. My steel trap memory tells me it was in 2008 when the kitty litter hit the fan.

I bounced out of bed [I now bounce in slow motion] ready to face the day – all set to conquer those big issues that I'd been skilfully avoiding for weeks. This time I won't be sidetracked. I've got the bit in my teeth. I'm trying to find a missing shoe when the phone rings. The chipper voice in my ear asks, "What do you want out of life?"

"Huh?" I mutter still searching for the missing shoe.

"Sir, is your life as fulfilling as you wish it to be?"

"Huh?" I mumble again hopping about on one foot."

"I represent a firm that will answer all of your needs, Sir. You have only to ask."

"I need to locate my shoe," I grumble.

"Pardon me?" the voice on the phone fades somewhat.

This was the moment that Hugo Basset choose to scream down the hall in hot pursuit of the cat. He has a shoe in his mouth and he is making a valiant attempt to whack the cat on the butt with it. "You guys are good," I said as I hung up the phone. I shuffled after the hound to rescue my shoe – and the cat.

A temporary setback, I tell myself as I dislodge what is left of my loafer from the jaws of my fun loving canine. [The cat looked on in disgust.]. This won't deter me from my duties, I vow as I squeeze

my toes into the soggy footwear while fending off the hound with a somewhat startled cat. The noise was intense and my patience was ebbing as I made my way to the kitchen to round up some breakfast. It was then that the doorbell rang, which did little to lift my spirits.

It was at a time when I'd first noticed some hearing problems. I caught on to the problem when I noticed that my wife took much joy in yelling at me. I thought that it was a great conspiracy when some folks made their lips move without projecting any sound.

I opened the front door to find a neatly attired lady standing there with a scowl on her face. Then through my legs with his afterburners on high sped Buster the cat followed closely by a howling Hugo Bassett. Now, the worst part of this scene was that the wee pets nearly knocked the newcomer off her pins as they sped by.

I decided not to chase the rascals at the moment as the lady began talking, at least her lips were moving. It sounded like someone letting air out of a tire.

"Come back here," I shouted as the cat ripped up a nearby maple while the hound voiced his disapproval. The visitor leaked a bit more air and her scowl escalated.

I decided to go after the dog before he picked up a rabbit scent and took off for parts unknown. Then the lady yelled so loud that she dislodged my hat and rearranged what's left of my hair.

"Don't pretend you can't hear me, Sir. I'm from Social Services and you know very well why I'm

here. She had arrogance written all over her and then she rudely pushed past me and stomped in through the open door. I believe that she expected me to follow her, but I did no such thing. I resumed my stalking of Hugo Bassett. There was no way that I was going to get trapped in a house with an angry woman. I'd experienced that sort of thing before.

Hugo Basset suddenly noticed that the building had been invaded and feeling embarrassed and negligent in his duties, sped into the building to oust the intruder. I pulled up a lawn chair and made myself comfortable while Buster made his way back down out of the tree. The chaos went on for a short time before Ms. Sourpuss stormed back outside. Hugo Bassett hadn't accomplished much as the woman's disposition hadn't improved one iota.

"Mr. Lawson, we must get to the bottom of this matter." She was hyperventilating.

"No we don't," I said, leaning back in the chair.

"And why not may I ask?" [She was so smug.]

"Because, I'm not Mr. Lawson."

She stood in silence for a few moments with her mouth open. Then she strutted out the driveway and checked the mailbox. She looked extremely sheepish slinking back to her car.

"Nice of you to drop in," I called out sweetly while waving to her retreating back.

"Now what did we have planned for today?" I mumbled as I followed Hugo Bassett back inside.

Dale Dawson

WHAT DO I MEAN BY A FREEDOM POD?

Do we simply surrender and accept our fate? Or do we create a new path to protect and promote the ideals of freedom?



by Tom DeWeese

How do we effectively fight to restore liberty in America? Most think that just getting a president elected is the answer, but what if we lose that race? Or, what if we win the Presidency but lose the House of Representatives and the Senate? What chance do we then have to make any progress in restoring liberty? We have to live in the days after an election. We have to make our way forward in our lives. So, do we simply surrender and accept our fate? Or do we create a new path to protect and promote the ideals of freedom?

The first step to answer that question is to stop depending on one person, one icon to lead us forward. We must take the responsibility ourselves to assure that government does not move forward unattended. We need to be directly involved at every level, especially on the local level. Change the debate to attack anti-freedom policies, expose non-governmental (NGO) carpetbaggers hiding in the shadows dictating policy, force elected officials to be personally responsible for their actions, and organize to assure the election of leaders who promote and defend the principles of freedom.

Picture how different our nation would be if we dug in to

create a majority of governors across the nation who understood and operated under the Tenth Amendment which gives the States the power to stand against Federal overreach. What if you had a county commission that refused to participate in non-elected regional government? How would your life change if your city council was made up of individuals who guided your community under the three pillars of freedom, including protection of private property, encouragement and support for local businesses to operate and compete in free enterprise, and the lifting of rules and regulations that stifled personal choices in your individual life? How do we make all of that a reality? Set a goal to turn your local community into a **Freedom Pod**.

Simply focus on making these goals a reality in your community and, if successful, as prosperity spreads, the idea will certainly spread to a neighboring community, and then to the next. The challenge is to create a successful blueprint and a cadre of dedicated elected representatives that will begin to move into the state level of government. That will set the stage for effecting a federal government as conceived by our forefathers. The result will be the establishment of Freedom Pods across the nation.

For several decades the radical Left has been dedicated in its efforts to organize at every level of government while advocates of limited government failed to do the required “dirty work” of local organization and activism to protect our freedoms. We gave the Left a pretty clear playing field to organize and seize control, and now we are suffering under the result. For the dedicated Left, no position was too small. No appointed board was ignored. When was the last time local Conservative activists cared about positions like City Attorney? Yet these are the very officials who are enforcing the COVID-19 lockdown policies, dictated by governors and mayors. After witnessing this current election crisis, don’t you wish people with Conservative values had been interested in gaining positions on the local Board of Elections? Local government is now infested with Planners, NGOs, and federal agencies dictating policies. And the only reason they have power and influence now is because the Left fought to elect representatives who then gave it to them. So, if you want to transform your community into a Freedom Pod you must start from scratch.

How to Build a Freedom Pod in Your Community

Here is a brief outline on how you can get started building your community into a Freedom Pod. And remember, the first rule is to focus on the local level. The rest will follow.

1. Start with Research: You need to know your enemy. Who are the players down at City Hall? Most of these planning groups and NGOs are operating in cities all over the nation. They have a history. What programs have they promoted, how are they funded, who are their leaders? In addition, look at your city's comprehensive plan. What programs does it contain? Here's a major hint to look for; Is there a specific part of the city that will be affected by the plan? Where is the money to come from for enactment of the plan? In any part of the comprehensive plan do the words "protection of property rights" appear?

2. Build a Team: To begin to push back, every public movement needs a team. Your team should include 8 parts. 1. **Research** as described above. 2. The **Watchers** – this is a team of three or four who volunteer to attend every single public meeting, to record what is said and who said it, determine who are the main movers in the meetings – the leaders pushing the agenda. The Watchers will soon see how the NGOs and Planners operate and note the influence they wield. This is how you determine the players. 3. The **Strategist**. This will be the main leader for your efforts. The Strategist looks over the research, the comprehensive plan and the players and begins to develop

your approach to fight. 4. The **Agitators**. These are the people who will be your spokesmen to address public meetings, and present your oppositions and your case. They will coordinate as a team to assure their position is presented in a powerful and effective manner. 5. The **Victims**. These are the people whom the promoters of these policies fear most. The people who will be most affected and perhaps damaged by those policies. Get them in front of elected officials with a compelling story or their plight. 6. The **Media Team**. Two or three people to stay in constant touch with your local news media. You must build a relationship with local reporters so that they will come to rely on your information for stories. Don't fear the media. Talk openly with them. This can also include helping citizens to write effective letters to the editor. Make your side heard. 7. The **Team of Activists**. These are the people who will show up to do the grunt work, rally, carry signs, protest in front of City Hall or pack the Council Chamber when you need a show of support. 8. **Social Media Team**. If you've got some young people on your team this is right up their alley. Develop a website where you can get the word out. Start an online petition concerning a policy you are targeting. You may find that local officials are watching to see if it grows.

3. Take Legal Action: The reason so many local officials ignore our position is because they receive no consequences for their actions. Even if a victim successfully sues

the city over a damaging policy, your elected representatives pay no fines or, legal fees nor do they face jail time. But, if handled properly, they are not immune to being held personally responsible. One legal tool to this end is Section 183 of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Planning meetings carried out in secret in backrooms of City Hall, often including non-elected NGOs that result in takings of private land, closing of businesses and enforcing arbitrary rules may violate your civil rights. And under that situation, the offending officials, who took an oath to defend the Constitution, may be held personally liable. Just the threat of filing such a suit could have incredible impact. Another possible tool is Section 3 of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. Research can lead you to the appropriate action. It is just important to know that these tools are there to help you wipe the smirk off the faces of arrogant officials who think they are above the law.



4. Build a Campaign: The most effective way to take control of policy is to elect representatives who support your positions. Many times these people will be found in your organization – the ones who have become the most effective leaders or spokesmen for your cause. To assure you can run an effective campaign, the very first task required is to build an effective Precinct organization in every neighborhood. To begin, make a chart of every single elected position in your community, no matter how small. Begin to find candidates to run for every one of them. Appoint a Precinct Captain for every single precinct and assign them the task of getting to know all of their neighbors. List who is a likely supporter for your cause and make sure they are registered and will get out to vote. The Precinct Captain is like the trail boss getting the herd to market. Organize effectively and candidates, even governors and presidential candidates, will seek you out to help them. You will affect the outcome.

5. Build a Grading System to Reveal How Well Elected Officials Are Defending Liberty: It's a scorecard. Select specific issues dealing with laws and regulations that have been passed or at least voted on in City Council. Set up the scorecard based on a 1 – 10 grade with 1 being the lowest score – or tyrannical. 10 is the highest – a Freedom's Hero. How did these policies affect the three pillars of Freedom? Did they cause needless regulations on local enterprise? Did they take or control private property? How

about controls on your energy use or travel restrictions? Put together a report, describing each bill or regulation and then give your local officials an individual grade for each one and then an overall grade. Praise the heroes and attack the tyrants. Send the scorecard to the news media and to social media. You will definitely get the officials attention and it will give you major influence in the community.

These are some very basic guidelines to help start your drive toward building a Freedom Pod in your community. There is obviously much more to be done to create a powerful organization, but these are the baby steps necessary to begin.

The main point is not to fear speaking out. Don't wait for some iconic face to represent you. If they lose so will you. For too long that's what we have done. Now it's time for you to stand up, speak out, take the lead and others will join you. If you don't take these steps then your government will be in someone else's hands, controlling you just as the Left has already done.

Here is the end game for the forces of freedom. No matter who is president, we must take control of our cities, counties, state legislatures, and governors. Only then can we stand up the potential tyranny from Washington, DC. To live your life as YOU choose, start to grow your Freedom Pod today. *

Tom DeWeese is one of the nation's leading advocates of individual liberty, free enterprise, private property rights, personal privacy, back-to-back education and American sovereignty and independence. He has given us permission to reprint his articles.

Tom was a guest speaker at the Ontario Landowner International Property Rights convention, Oct. 2014 where we had representatives from United States, Canada and Australia. In 2019, Tom returned to be a guest speaker at the OLA-AGM on Oct. 2019 at the Arnprior Quality Inn.

**** Watch that video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXX5SMIMQbU>



WHAT TO DO BEFORE THEY COME FOR YOU

Many of you will be familiar with a guide called “What to do WHEN They Come for You”. Written several years ago to help landowners cope with unwanted visitors who enter their property unannounced and uninvited, this guide is available in every edition of the Landowner Voices online magazine. At one time, we also had this information printed on small business-size cards that we made available to members and the general public at Landowner meetings.

The information in the guideline is more important than ever in the uncertain times introduced by governments in the hope of controlling COVID. No matter where you stand on these restrictions, especially in Ontario, of lockdown measures and the removal of civil liberties, it is a good idea to know your rights if/when an unwanted visitor comes knocking on your door.

For our “What to do When They Come for You” document, please see one of the editions of the online Landowner Voices magazine at <https://ontariolandowners.ca/>. We thought we should also provide some guidance on what to do BEFORE they come for you. Two simple suggestions:

- Make sure you have a barrier across the entrance to your property. This can be a gate or a chain, or even a rope – something to signal that there is no right of first entry.



- Post a no trespassing sign. In Ontario, a four-inch red dot is a universal no trespassing sign. You will sometimes see these painted on trees in woodlots along the fence line to indicate that trespassing, without permission of the owner, is not allowed. We prefer our OLA Back Off Government/No Trespassing signs. While the red dot may not be understood by everyone, there is no mistaking the message on our OLA signs. Contact your local Ontario Landowners Group <https://ontariolandowners.ca/ontario-landowners-association-ola-chapters/> to obtain a sign. For a limited time, we are offering the signs at no cost to members and for a small donation to non-members.



- It's a good idea to record (video or audio) any discussions with unwanted visitors about their right to enter your property so make sure your smart phone or other recording device is charged at all times.
- The National Farmers Union also offers some information on unwanted visitors to private property in Ontario. See <https://nfuontario.ca/new/know-your-rights-when-dealing-with-trespassers/>.

by the OLA

The following letter was written to Premier Doug Ford to express concern about the Conservation Authorities:

June 24, 2021

The Honorable Doug Ford
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The comments of Regent and Gerald, Lalonde
Beckett's Creek Farms, Re: Conservation Authorities
Act Regulatory Proposals (Phase 1) Consultation
ERO O19-2986

We would like to congratulate you and your government for taking steps to review and reform the mandate, regulations, governance, oversight and accountability of the province's Conservation Authorities.

We participated in the earlier survey concerning the past problems of the Conservation Authorities and shared with your government our concerns at that time.

We would like to bring to your attention a few examples and concerns that we have in our immediate area served by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) and the Sough Nation Conservation Authority (SNCA).

1. The authority exercised by these CA's does not appear to have been done so equitably. Some examples include:

- a. In Rockland recently, Clement Construction was allowed to build a large housing development on the shore of Tucker Creek. They were even allowed to back fill into the creek in order to enlarge the area for the development. Farmers have difficulties getting permission even to fill depressions on their land.
- b. In Rockland, after major flooding in 2017 and 2018 along the Ottawa River, SNCA issued permits to back fill affected waterfront properties.
- c. RVCA issued a permit to the City of Ottawa to erect a building on Petrie Island in the flood plain.
- d. In Eastern Ontario, a conservation authority

refused to have regular ditch maintenance done on their property under the Ontario Drainage Act necessitating the digging of a special ditch around their property to complete the maintenance. This special treatment would not have been allowed for private landowners.

2. In 2019, the City of Ottawa contracted the RVCA to map natural hazards on private properties along Beckett's Creek. This "mapping" was undertaken without the prior knowledge and permission of the private landowners and without field verified knowledge. The new mapping and zoning designation took away our authority and ability to exercise our environmental stewardship held by our family for over 125 years. Like many others in our situation, we have both the direct knowledge and experience to maintain the environmental integrity of the land upon which we depend for our livelihood.

3. Not only were the resulting maps and zoning designations inaccurate, the process at arriving at these faulty results were also flawed. Once we were informed that the mapping and proposed zoning designations along Beckett's Creek had already been submitted to the City of Ottawa for approval, we sought and eventually obtained the relevant documents through Access to Information requests. As a result of reviewing these documents, the following was discovered:

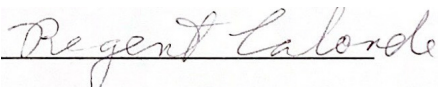
- a. RVCA proceeded with the "mapping" exercise without advising private landowners.
- b. "Mapping" was done with the benefit of field verified knowledge in the Manotick office.
- c. "Mapping" was completed before any public meetings.
- d. The access to information documents showed that only 25% of the affected landowners were notified of the public meeting and with only a few days lead time during a postal slow down.
- e. At the public meeting, the map displays were so small that some owners could not locate their homes on the maps.
- f. For our farm, the Beckett's Creek mapping extended the flood plain by several thousand feet without field verified knowledge, thereby declaring

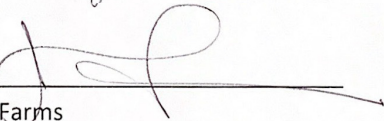
at least 20 acres of our land as flood plain; land with has never been flooded during our family's 125-year tenure. We would not that, in 1961, Ontario Hydro and Hydro Quebec agreed to build a dam at Carillon. Engineers from both hydroelectric companies produced a map as a result of onsite inspections. We have a copy of this field verified map which clearly indicates potential flood zones and is at substantial variance from the map produced in an office 40 kms away with site verification.

By way of summary, we would like to make the following general comments:

1. Were field verified knowledge was not collected on private land and the owner's ability to exercise environmental stewardship has been restricted, the conservation authorities should be required to take corrective action.
2. While we applaud the proposal to make the mandates, authorities and programs consistent across all of Ontario's conservation authorities, we are concerned by what appears to be a lack of attention to consistency between sectors (ex. Municipal zoning to allow development on flood plains vs farmers prevented from filling depressions in their fields) and inconsistencies with sectors (ex. Large housing developers and their ability to develop waterfront properties vs individual owners wanting to build their own house on their property giving due regard to natural hazards and water shed protection).
3. We would encourage strong oversight provisions where, understandably, compromises must be made by the conservation authorities in their mandate to focus on protecting the environment while maintaining sustainable development.

We appreciate having this opportunity to participate in this consultation process and trust that you will consider our comments in the spirit of the good will in which they were intended.

Yours Sincerely,
Regent Lalonde 

Gerald Lalonde 
Beckett's Creek Farms



**This is NOT a photo of
Beckett's Creek Farm**

The Town of Blue Mountain and It's Sustainability Goals



As of late there has been much concern by residents in the Town of the Blue Mountains (TBM) regarding the purported “Sustainability” goals and what they mean. At the request of some of the residents, I sent a 12-page letter to the Council of the TBMs, the Council of Grey County and the admin staff of both. I would suspect this is taking place in a number of municipalities throughout Ontario.

It had been hoped, that after reading the letter and understanding the contradictions in the sustainability goals, that this (TBM) Council and staff would take a step away from this and ensure any “plans” made will be done through recommendations made by the people who live and work here. It would seem now, though, it isn’t merely staff who are to tell the residents how they are to work, play, or live – but tourists are also encouraged to tell residents, who the local residents are to become. In other words, the voices of the tourists mean more than the voices of the locals.

Firstly, the TBM’s plan is not a local plan – it is a plan determined by a foreign entity – the United Nations. This is the same entity that has Mr. Liu Zhenmin of China as the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs since 2017. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Liu was Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China. That adds questions already, considering China is being accused of committing genocide, doesn’t it?

As for the Goals, while seeming laudable, have no substance and are merely phrases or words that have very little chance of being fulfilled. This is not how a local community determines how it is to prosper, nor what types of infrastructure is needed for said prosperity.

Secondly, the UN/ICLEI plan(s) contradicts itself. On one hand to “End poverty in all its forms everywhere” (Goal 1) it states:

“...By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, ..., ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, ...”

And yet further into the document it states: “Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning,” (Goal 11). “Regional development planning” and land use restrictions, i.e. municipal land restrictions, tree preservation by-laws, etc., interfere with one’s ability to stop/mitigate impoverishment.

When one considers “87% of Ontario’s land base is public land administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources,” we can be secure in the knowledge that we do not need more rigorous fiscally abusive by-laws.

To ensure they are able to remove the voices of the locals, it would seem they are promoting the “Sustainability Survey” to tourists. They have radio ads, phone booths at tourist heavy locals throughout the municipality, mini-concerts, etc. Should any community rely on tourists to determine how a community should grow, proper and/or tell locals who they are to be? There is nothing in the survey regarding infrastructure, schools, health care, roads, long-term care, etc., etc., etc. What there is, in the survey, is quite a few lofty words that might sound

good but have little or no basis in reality.

Are we talking about a local municipal plan for the resident’s future or some foreign plan that may violate Canadian values? And whose taxes are paying for it all? That is for you and your elected officials to decide... it just seems they just don’t want to listen to those who actually voted them in or those who pay the taxes...

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February 11, 1965 – Vol. 1, p. 478.



Questions
from inside
the booth to
help develop
their
sustainability
goals.

The Slow Creep of Injustice



by Marlene Black



Well here's hoping that we will soon begin to see some return to normal living. I hope that children return to school. I hope that they do NOT need to wear masks. I hope that we will see honest reporting on what is going on with the virus. I am discouraged by all the conflicting information that seems to be floating around. "Wear a mask/ masks don't work, get vaccinated then wear your mask, the sun kills the virus/ nothing kills it, covid death numbers rise/yet unrelated deaths have been called 'covid deaths', lockdowns work/ lockdowns don't work, vaccinate everyone/don't vaccinate children, the virus comes from a lab/it comes from a bat? How is anyone to wade through all of this and come out the other side?

Where is the truth and why are doctors who are voicing their concerns, being silenced? The one thing that seems apparent is that everyone is afraid and this fear has dominated many of us for the past year. Some concerned doctors from across Canada have united in their

voice to stop the panic and study the facts. With threats of losing their licences they still spoke out about their concerns with the vaccine specifically that it had not been tested on animals which was the norm and that they were seeing some serious reactions from their patients who got the vaccine. Those concerns were stifled:

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/PtgEJoDZY8Z6/>

And while we were busy isolating behind closed doors, another kind of rebellion was happening in the streets. People were tearing down statues of prominent people from the past while chanting how horrible our ancestors were. True, no one denies that atrocities happened but we can't change history. We can learn from it and use it to teach better ways. We all see life through the window that we look out of and we are all looking out different windows. We should acknowledge both the bad and good qualities of those who came before us and use these statues as teaching tools.

By erasing them, we lose this opportunity.

Thomas Paine, a political activist who was born in 1737 and who pushed for freedom in America from Britain is still being quoted today and he wrote this about honesty: "***He who dares not offend cannot be honest.***" In our quest not to offend, we may not be seeing the whole story.

Honesty seems a little scarce in this cancel/woke culture that we find ourselves in. It is difficult to sift through what is right, what is acceptable, what should I say or shouldn't say in the quest to be the perfect 'fence sitter'. Our world has always been full of opinions, up or down, right or left, good or bad. They were our opinions and sometimes our opinions can get changed when we are shown another way. But not always as our experiences have shaped each of us to create the opinion we have. Accepting different opinions is part of growing up. Free speech has always been a cornerstone of our

history and it comes with realizing that we may not always like what others say but we agree with their right to say it. It is my hope that we can see clear to try and move forward to a life where we continue to care about other people and their unique situations and find ways of fixing long-standing problems.

And while the government was focusing on healing ancient wounds, their men on the ground were creating new ones. There are way too many people being hurt by government bullies. There is no place in a modern society for the abusive, authoritarian treatment of landowners throughout the province. Conservation Authorities still pretend to care about the environment while handing out permits to developers to build on wetlands. The same treatment is not afforded the landowner. They continue to receive fines and threats, when they even attempt to fill in a low spot on their property. Landowners who stand up to ridiculous, unscientific, conflicting and ever-changing rules feel the pains of injustice and carry the burdens and costs of an uncaring and unfair legal system. The hard truth that they eventually learn when dealing with government bureaucracy is that “no one cares.”

I hope that we are not moving towards a life where government decries what we can and can't do and intimidates us into conforming to its way of thinking. Although I could understand many of the restrictions given the unknown path the virus was taking, telling us to 'cancel Christmas', cancel family and count the number of people in our living room, left an unsettled feeling in me. It didn't work so well in Russia, Cuba,



China or many socialist countries where people fight this oppression and are willing to die for freedom. I was in Spain when Franco's men filled the streets and could stop and question you at any time and ask what you were doing. I was in Yugoslavia where soldiers walked around with guns and the people were not free to challenge their government. We must always remember the quote by Thomas Jefferson:

“A government big enough to give you everything you want, is a government big enough to take away everything that you have.”

We can only hope that our government will rein its (emergency) powers in and allow us to return to the free society that we once took for granted. But sadly, don't any more!!

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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 record numbers. A petition by MP Michelle 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 Yakubuski, 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 (FRB) 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.

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 and a Facebook page. Look for Ontario Landowners Association on Facebook. On our website, you can sign up 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. 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:

President of the OLA – Jeff Bogaerts: jdbogaerts@bellnet.ca
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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 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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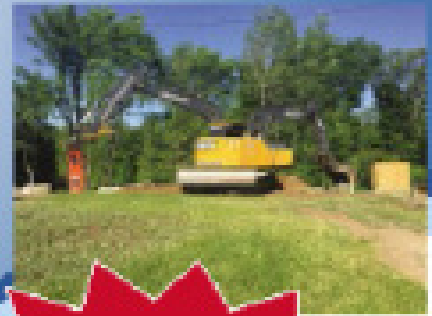
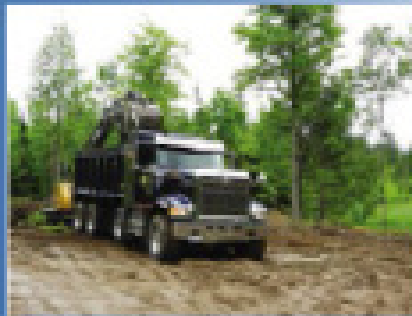
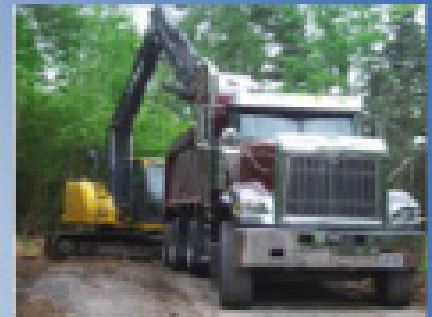
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