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*Hello Folks,*

# Views from the Farm

*by Tom Black*



wrong is nothing new for politicians, and hindsight is 20/20. Every politician has made mistakes in policies they supported. They are regular people like the rest of us, and like us, are swayed by the people that they surround themselves with. As the leader of a party, the decisions made are more obvious to the world as time goes by as to whether or not they were good or bad.

What you are about to read here will surprise most people who know me, but I think there is a lesson here to be learned for most politicians. I have to take my hat off to Kathleen Wynne for what she said in an interview in MacLean's Magazine. She said, "I score myself very low on the electricity price." She went on to admit that she had been warned that the green movement was taking on a lot of debt and costs would go up for electricity but she didn't take it seriously. From where we sat as consumers, with an eye to cost of production for businesses that relied heavily on electricity, it was obviously going to drive many out of the province and even out of the country. To add insult to that, when we overproduced and had excess power, Ontario either sold it to the USA at bargain prices or paid them to take it. They refused to pass on the savings to consumers. The result was as prices went up, the need for more power went down because businesses closed their doors or moved to other countries.

Now that we have hashed over what happened, I am here to thank Kathleen for the bravery she showed in her admission that she may have got some of their policies wrong. Being

Now I know that Ms. Wynne is not running again in the next election, and since the party was almost wiped out last election, it is probably not worrying her to express some of her feelings in public. I for one really appreciate her candor and it seems to me that it would be a great service to our country if former politicians of all stripes would talk about what worked and what didn't and why. Let them tell the present day and future politicians what pitfalls they need to watch out for. I hope Ms. Wynne continues to talk about who pressured the liberals to move the gas plants and who encouraged them to pay huge dollars for the first solar and wind power. Who advised going along with allowing Korean companies to control the lives of Ontario residents?

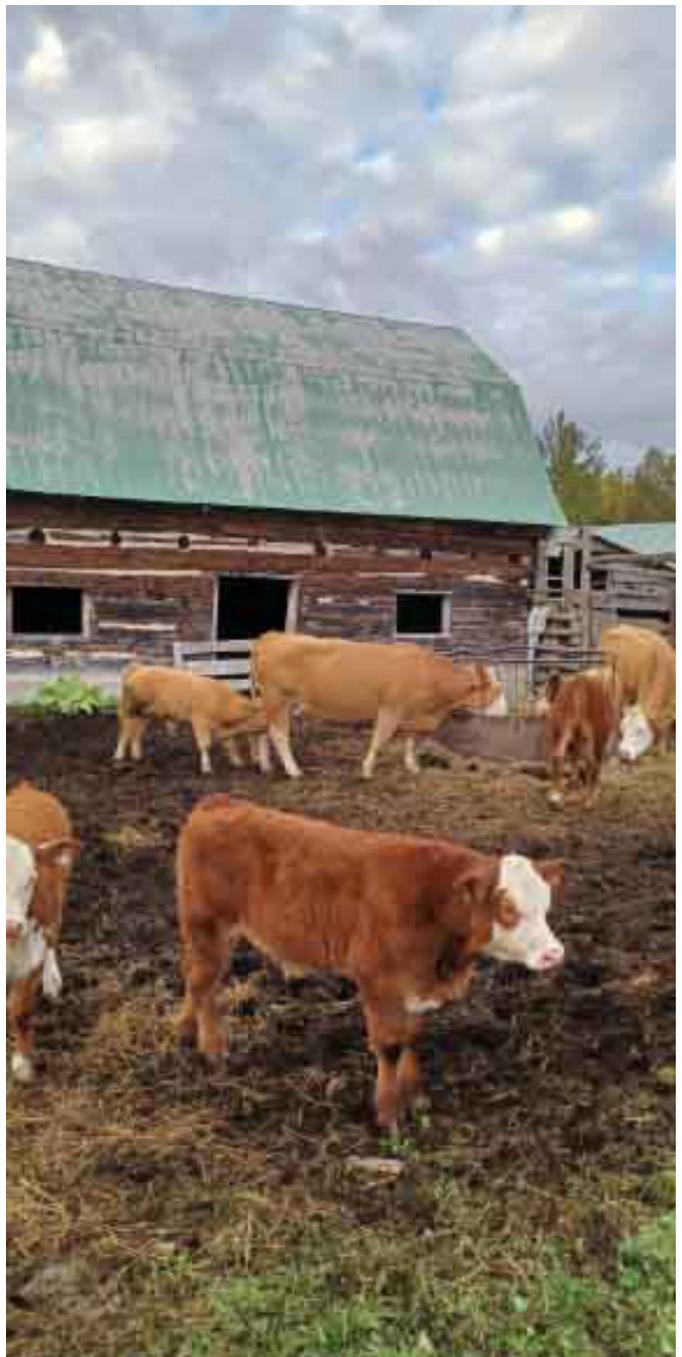
So how can this introspection by a political leader help us today as we try to sort out the next provincial election? Well for one, Premier Doug Ford could spend a little time being introspective. How about asking himself if he is leading the right party or should he be the new leader of the Liberal Party? When he ran for the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, it seemed that he was speaking strongly for the right of centre

people in the city and in the rural, but like many conservative leaders, they listen to their backroom people who always push to conquer that middle ground. They believe they must cater to loud-mouthed centre left to stay in power. Conservatives cannot appease the left of society and should not try. Conservatives must stick to the policies that got them elected. Make sure you treat people fairly and be honest always as to how and why you make the decisions you do.

Mr. Ford, no doubt has been dealt a dirty hand with the Covid-19 crisis and for his part, he has flipped and flopped every time the health department came up with a better way to lock down the world as we know it. He never stepped up and demanded that the medical institution also try using the many successful treatment options that were being used around the world. Instead people were sent home until they got worse and when they came back to the hospital with severe breathing problems, a ventilator was often necessary. Right or wrong, that was his call.

Going forward, if he still wants to be a conservative leader, he needs to invite his many good true conservative ministers back, and give them a place of honour and recognition in the party. Get rid of the back room boys like Brian Patterson and Nick Kavalos and bring the honour back to the party. Don't let the splinter parties take real conservative like Rick Nickels, Jeff Yurek, Jim Wilson, Lindsay Park, Rod Philips, Roman Baber and Belinda Karahalios. I would say to Mr. Ford, that if you do not reach out to these strong people who had the guts to express their opinions on the direction your government was going, (the job they were elected to do by their constituents), then we are probably headed for another NDP government.

I know Ontario will be completely destroyed by an NDP government for another four years. If Premier Ford doesn't reach out to these MPP's then I hope that these MPP's will step up and rescue this province. They must somehow get together under a new Party Emblem, work out their differences, put aside all their hard-headed



attitudes, sit down together, create a constitution and a Policy Program and take back the small 'c' conservative majority that is waiting to vote for a party that represents them.

Take a page from Kathleen Wynne, do some serious self analyzing and choose to lead Ontario back to the great place we all know it can be. \*\*

*by Tom Black*

# 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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# The Landowner Community has lost a GREAT Friend

Today, January 15, 2022 we've lost a wonderful person. Garry Kelly, a strong supporter of the agricultural community, long time farmer and cattleman, tremendous supporter of the Ontario Landowners Association and a very good friend of mine, passed away last night.

Garry had an incredible sense of humour and travelled this country getting to know so many that his passing will be a blow to many. His warmth and his knowledge was insurmountable as he could tell you the name of everyone he knew, their family tree, what they did, where

they lived and all of the good points about them. He will be sadly missed by so many. He will be sadly missed, especially by those who respected and cared for him and his family. He loved life and being in this world, but he's in a better place, now.

Sadly,

Liz Marshall



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# Raw milk producer said he got raw deal when shut down



*By Michael Ilgert*

It is now a little more than one year since Justice P. Sutherland in Ontario Superior Court ruled that raw milk cow (herd) shares were illegal and ordered Durham raw milk farmer Michael Schmidt, as well as my small raw milk operation near Golden Lake, to shut down immediately.

I had been originally charged five counts of \$5,000 each for a total of \$25,000. After much advice from my lawyer and many court sessions and several pretrials with a judge by teleconference, I pleaded guilty in Jan. 2018 to three charges at \$500 each for a total fine of \$1,500. Schmidt went to jail for three weekends.

The ruling has been devastating financially and emotionally as I was forced to sell all my beautiful Jersey cows, as well as their heifer calves and take a loss as I could no longer feed them or care for them. I went from grossing an average of \$3,000 per month on raw milk sales, plus free range eggs and some meat poultry and slowly growing as more people found out about me, to earning zero milk revenue for 2018.

All this for what? My crime was that I sold healthy, nutritious, raw, whole, mostly grass-fed milk to Canadians who cannot digest pasteurized dairy products. But they can digest my farm's raw milk with no adverse side effects and they reported feeling healthier and more energetic.

I also broke some outdated regulations from the Milk Act of 1990. But these regulations should have been updated and revised 20 years ago.

I put the blame on the intransigence of Dairy Farmers of Ontario and their parent Dairy Farmers of Canada. Unfortunately, they were given a monopoly and acted like most

monopolies, slow to diversify and/or make it too difficult for new comers to enter the market, whether it be raw milk or yogurt.

As far as I know, the DFO is not testing raw milk production (even though Michael Schmidt has offered to do that for them many times) and has not done a study to show the percentage of Canadians who cannot digest pasteurized dairy products. My best estimate based on talking to hundreds of parents in the past 10 years and pulling together some U.S. statistics is that 15 % to 20 % of Canadians have difficulties digesting pasteurized milk. This number will likely grow every year. These people report stomach pain, diarrhea, excessive flatulence, headaches, skin rashes and runny eyes from drinking legal pasteurized milk.

The people who should be most upset with all this are the real dairy farmers in Canada. I mean the hardworking ones who get up at 4 a.m. to milk their cows and work seven days a week and, despite their huge investments, are very uncertain about the future. In the past few years, our federal government has made trade deals with Europe, the Pacific nations and the U.S. and each time market share for our dairy farmers is reduced. In addition, there are those who have already switched to soy milk or almond milk. Nevertheless, you have a domestic market of at least 15 % that you are not serving. What are you doing about it?

Another obstacle is Health Canada, the hugely dysfunctional entity that can't even get the Canadian Food Guide right after 50 years of trying, let alone acknowledge that raw milk is legal and accessible in over 80 % of the world, just not in Canada and Australia. Do they realize

that raw milk is legal and accessible in over 40 states of the U.S. and that Europe now has thousands of raw milk vending machines making raw milk accessible in almost every country there?

I have some solutions but only if DFO and DFC is pressured to act by its quota-holding farmers.

a) Restore the legality of raw milk cow share farmers who were closed down.

b) Have DFO and/or Ontario government pay for a raw milk testing and evaluation program on an Ontario raw milk farm.

c) Develop common sense standards for raw milk production as well as diet and management of the herd. For example, follow methods developed by the Raw Milk Institute run by Mark McAfee of Organic Pastures, the largest organic raw milk farmer in North America.

d) Licence all those raw milk farmers that meet the basic standard (limit them to 50 cows or less) and allow them to do a three-year trial run allowing direct farmer-to-consumer sales for now. No retail sales yet.

e) Do continual testing and research to develop a model for producing consistently safe raw milk to be available to the general public.

Raw milk supporters and consumers will rejoice and be healthier.

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*\*\* Permission to reprint Michael's story given by Patrick Meaghur of Farmer's Forum*



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# The Silent Majority

*by Former Senator,  
Len Harris*

In 2018 The Queensland Government of Australia, introduced a Bill into Parliament to alter a range of Laws, one of them was The Queensland Land Act 1994. When the Bill was given Royal Assent by the Governor it had the effect that on the 1st of October 2019 all Deeds and Paper Certificates that had ever been issued by the Titles Office in Queensland became Void. That means they (The Deeds and Paper Certificates) no longer have any Legal Status, they can only be historical documents to look at.

What we are setting out to do, Force the Queensland Gov' to reverse the amendments made to the Queensland Land Act 1994 that came into effect on 1st October 2019.

Most importantly so we can once again have Guaranteed Deeds of Ownership to our Homes in our own safe custody, which is in our own hands.

## Greg's story

A friend of mine Greg recently divided his property into two lots. Previously he and his wife held an unencumbered Title Deed to the property which they personally held at their home. When their solicitor completed the lodgement dividing their property into two lots, Greg asked for the titles to both pieces of land. The solicitor told him there is none, but it is all right, it is all recorded on a computer.

What the solicitor did NOT tell him is that "The Computers" are ALL privately owned computers held by one of three (3) Public Companies in Australia, known as Electronic Lodgement Network Operators (ELNO's). Who

will have the complete database of who owns property in Australia. They are as follows:

- Property Exchange Australia Ltd.
- Purcell Partners Pty Ltd.
- Sympli Australia Pty Ltd.

The above are all registered with Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) and have shareholders whom will receive dividend on their shares. There is no way of knowing who the share holders are. However the directors details can be obtained by paying a fee and doing a search at ASIC.

### The first step

The first step in having all this reversed is to attain the support of the people of Queensland who own their homes outright or, are purchasing their homes through some form of mortgage. Hopefully this will be achieved by myself doing a twenty week (20) tour right throughout Queensland having what I have coined "Street Chats" and "Public Meetings" every night throughout pretty well every town and city in Queensland.

### What's my drive to do this?

What drives me to do this? It is my belief in ourselves. The silent, hard working, dedicated Queenslanders who quietly go about our lives helping each other and enjoying being fortunate to live in such a wonderful country. There are times though when we need to stand up and say enough is enough and this is one of those occasions.

Contrary to public perception, not all Former Senators get the Golden Handshake. I am like most retired (or just tired) people, am on an old age pension which I greatly appreciate, as it

will be my pension that will help me to be on the road every day.

### The Solution

What is the remedy? Firstly, it is to get the overwhelming support of the Queensland People. Following this will be to apply to the Federal Court, seeking a direction from the Court to strike down the Amendment to the Queensland Land Act of 1st October 2019.

Secondly, a further direction requiring the Queensland Government to recommence issuing Parchment Deeds setting out upon the face of the Deed that the Lot is held in “Fee Simple” title, is Indefeasible and Devisable by right, clearly showing a copy of the surveyed Mets and Bounds of the Lot as required by the Torrens Title process. Also upon the face of the Deed, reference to the original purchase from the Crown and setting out the reference Number of the Deed of Grant listing the reservations to the Crown. All of the above being registered in Physical Folios, with an identical copy deposited in the State Archives.

Upon achieving the above, we the people of Queensland will be able to reside in peace a harmony sure in the fact that we really do own our Homes.

*Your fellow Queenslander,  
Former Senator Len Harris,  
1999-2005.*



*\*\*Editor's Note:*

*The Landowners were very pleased to see that Senator Len Harris is still fighting hard for the cause of Rights and Freedoms, (specifically against computerized land titles) now back again in Australia.*

*Several years ago in 2015, we were honoured to have Len come to Canada and give presentations throughout Ontario to various landowner groups. (Photo of Len receiving a hand made potter mug by Ligita Gulens and Frank Burke after speaking at the North Renfrew United Landowners group).*

*It was the year that we had the Property Rights convention in Ottawa and were also joined by Ron Gibson and Tom DeWeese from the United States..A great time was had by all!*





# Veggie Bites 90

Combat Gardening



Greetings fellow gardeners,

by Judith Cox

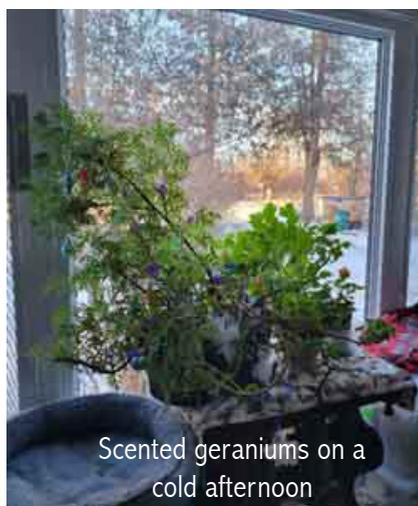


What a lovely time of year for planning and reflection. On the night of the winter solstice, I wandered out to put the chickens to bed. It was dark and the air was cold and crisp. I felt like I was twelve again; the warm light streaming out from the kitchen window, my toes cozy in my boots and my nose cold against the wind. I stood there for some time, remembering, and then quickly looked after the chickens and scurried back inside. What that time did for me was to remind me just how precious is the cold, dark sleep of winter.

So far, I have two seed orders completed and sent. Last year I missed out on a couple of my favourite plants, and I am not going to let that happen again. My planting compound needs a complete overhaul and that is what I am working on now. I feel so grateful to my mother for giving me this plant stand as a Christmas present so many years ago. If you do not have a stand because of space or lack of funds, it is not too difficult to make one to suit your environment. You do not need to purchase an expensive pre-made stand; you can construct one or modify an inexpensive shelving unit. You will need to take into account a few factors: there should be no cool breezes in the area, you will need lights, and you will need to have enough

room for what you want to grow. I found a great example of how to build your own plant stand on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmqDBgcLihA>. The one thing I would like to stress is that you do not need to spend a lot of money to get good results.

I have the advantage of having a lovely, large, insulated front window that allows my plants to grow in sunlight without the usual cold drafts. These scented geraniums have done very well as the lower light of a north facing window is not an issue and there are no breezes. They have also served as delightful 'trees' for extra Christmas decorations. It is the cold coming off the windows that will make your plants wilt and die, as well as lower light. Before I had my living room windows replaced there would have been no way that I could have kept a plant alive near them.



So today I am starting the cleanup of the first shelf of my plant compound. I need to prune a number of plants, check the health of others and clean off the shelf in preparation for seed-starting season. One of the begonias I brought in is still blooming, while the other became a salad for one of the too-many cats. The Christmas cactus is still full of flowers as is the Mona Lavender, but it could use a comprehensive pruning.



Time for a make-over

I have done the pruning and removed a number of dead leaves and plants. Now I have some room to start seedlings and, when the time comes, my indoor plants will go to the lower shelf.



All tidied up and ready for the next step

I am approaching the new year with positive thoughts and dreams of an epic vegetable garden. Enjoy your week.

## Veggie Bites 91

On Saturday, January 8, I had the opportunity to attend (virtually) the Toronto Master Gardeners' technical update. The first speaker was Dr. Sheila Colla who is the co-author of *Bumblebees of North America*. Her topic was 'The Role of Grassroots Movements in Pollinator Conservation'.

I never realized how much I did not know about bees! A few years ago, I had joined the Bumblebee Watch and this Saturday I went in search of my membership. This year I am going to make a point of photographing the bumblebees that visit my garden and send the photos to Bumblebee Watch. It is a fascinating project, why not check it out? (<https://www.bumblebeewatch.org/>). The second speaker was Cole Burrell, author of *Perennial Combinations*, whose topic was 'A Gardener's Primer to Understanding Nature's Cycles and Flows'. He lives in Virginia, USA with a landscaping and travel tour business. His take on ecology mirrors my own and I thoroughly enjoyed his

in-depth explanations of how a garden works. The third speaker was Rebecca McMackin whose topic was Brooklyn Bridge Park: Lessons in Built Ecology. They took 85 acres of shoreline and concrete in 2000 and now it is an amazing and thriving park that is open to the public. It was a very productive meeting.

Bumblebee: Photo D. Kingsbury



This week I started going through the seeds that I collected and chose several that I want to test. I really wanted to test the pepper seeds that I collected to see if the seed was viable. To do this I went about trying to track down my potting soil. Note to self: if you store your soil outside, it will freeze as solid as a brick. So, in comes the soil to thaw out.

I found several containers, filled them with the soil and left them on the kitchen counter to warm. You do not want to plant your seeds into cold earth. The too-many cats were very interested in the pots of earth, so I had to move quickly to get them into my plant compound. I am putting a few seeds in each container to see what happens.



Pimento Pepper Seeds

I am also trying to collect some more interesting seed companies to share with you. The first one is Northern Wildflowers <https://northernwildflowers.ca/>. This is a catalogue of native wildflowers from Northern Ontario. A fellow Master Gardener recommended it to me, and I think it is truly worth a look. The second interesting site I would like to share is <https://goodfoodgarden.ca/>. There are seeds, bedding plants, workshops and more. As they are based in Vankleek Hill, I think a field trip is in order. I am always looking for new and interesting seed outlets although the latest seed catalogue that I received from OSC is beautiful. I am really enjoying it.

The weekend would be a good time to clear off the second shelf of my seed compound, move out the old pots and redo the netting. Of course, I will need to keep feeding the woodstove. The too-many cats like to stay warm. Enjoy your week.

(Email: [sghorticultural@gmail.com](mailto:sghorticultural@gmail.com)) Veggie Bites are available at <https://sghorticultural.wixsite.com/website> or <https://gardeningcalendar.ca/articles/veggie-bites/>



# Generation Squeezed

*“You will own nothing and be happy”*

*...Ida Auken, European Parliamentarian*

*by MP Cheryl Gallant*

*Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke*

Are you a member of Generation Squeezed? Do you remember the Liberal Party promise not to raise taxes while they were campaigning for your vote during the recent, unnecessary federal election? So do I!

Thanks to an Access to Information request made by independent media source (does not receive federal government subsidies), Blacklock's Reporter, Canadians learned the government is “relying on private landowners to help fulfill a Liberal Party promise from the election campaign to plant two billion trees”.

The Federal Department of Natural Resources' briefing note earlier acknowledged it had no detailed plan to ensure “the right tree is planted in the right place,” whatever that means. The briefing note on the tree planting promise said the Liberal party “always intended private property owners to help plant trees”. The Party's campaign platform made no mention of landowners contributing to the tree blitz.

Staff in the briefing note Two Billion Trees acknowledged federal agencies could not meet the target without help from private property owners. There was always an “intent for cost sharing with partners,” wrote the department.

“Partners are expected to include provinces and territories, Indigenous communities, cities and communities, and private landowners,” said the note. “Our government's intention for cost sharing has always been a key feature of this initiative.”

Cabinet had budgeted the ten-year campaign at \$3.16 billion. The Parliamentary Budget Office in a report Financial Support For Planting Two Billion Trees said the actual cost was closer to \$5.94 billion. That is a \$2.78 billion dollar shortfall the Liberal

party will be looking to tax private landowners to fill.

Federal data show over a previous decade, from 2007 to 2017, forestry companies and provinces planted 5.6 billion trees. Canada is a world leader in sustainable forestry management. We harvest less than one percent of our forests in Canada. Forestry companies (who operate in the private sector) plant 600 million trees a year. The provinces, who are responsible for Crown Land, require that what is harvested is replaced.

According to independent media, Beth MacNeil, Assistant Deputy Minister of Natural Resources said the department did “not have a detailed plan at this time” on meeting the two billion tree target.

Now, what about the Liberal promise they had no plans to ever put a direct federal tax on your home?

Trudeau himself made that promise during the first session of the current Parliament, not waiting long to break another promise. I am referring to the Liberal tax plan to rob the equity in your home. It does not matter how high the tax or how or when it is put on the home.

What matters is Trudeau and his party are talking about this tax. In politics that is called a “trial balloon”. This trial balloon was floated by a group from B.C. that calls itself “Generation Squeeze.” It boasts having a sitting Liberal MP on its “network team”.

Funding for the trial balloon was provided by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), among other federal sources of cash.

Trial Balloons used to be floated up in the sky to predict the weather.

We all know how predictable the weather is.

The same goes with Liberal tax policy. What is unpredictable is how high the tax will be. Think deficits and the first Trudeau election, and where the Canadian deficit is today.

Yes, that high. Today's deficits are tomorrow's taxes. Tomorrow is today with this latest tax increase trial balloon. They float the balloon, and the next thing you know Canadians are paying another tax.

I warned Canadians years ago there was a hidden reason behind the Liberal requirement to list your home on your personal tax return.

Now you know why.

In that case, the Liberal Party has identified anyone, who has worked hard to own their own home, or has benefited from government policy that has caused the price of homes in certain markets to skyrocket, as Generation Squeezed. Coming to a fuel station near you. Gas is over 8 dollars a gallon in B.C.

For those of you who forget the good times before Trudeau sr. changed our system of measurement to metric, that is \$1.77/litre, and rising! Now try to imagine the price of fuel with each successive rise in the Liberal Carbon Tax.

There are currently 8.7 million registered road vehicles in Ontario. If we are dependent on unreliable wind and solar generation, and experience a week or two of usual cold winter weather, we will be in big trouble. The capacity in the electric grid does not exist.

Highways will be empty along with our grocery store shelves as the vehicles delivering supplies will not have electricity to fuel their vehicles. Nor will farmers be able to harvest their crops! That is also assuming truckers can cross the border with all the new, expensive regulations the Feds keep loading down our economy with. Is this what Trudeau's radicalized extremist Environment Minister had in mind when he stated no more fossil fuels by 2025?

They seem unable to appreciate the need for fossil fuels until a reasonable, reliable alternative exists. As Canadians try to make a life for themselves, they are increasingly squeezed by the federal government. Stagnant incomes, difficulty keeping good jobs, high costs for things like housing and food, increasing energy costs and government debt tighten the squeeze.

These pressures combine to form a generation squeezed, who are expected to write blank cheques for these, and other government policy failures. Meanwhile healthcare suffers. Parents and grandparents are particularly squeezed as they try to help their children and grandchildren adapt by, for example, inviting them to stay at home longer or by assisting with tuition or a down payment on a home or farm.

Are you Generation Squeezed?

You will soon find out.

We ALL will.

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# The Voidance of a Development Permit by the Conservation Authority

Conservation Authorities spread their lack of empathy and common sense into the URBAN community!!

by Joan Olech

Recently I had an opportunity to observe a judicial review. Members of our Hamilton Halton Landowners group, who happen to be the homeowners in this devastating situation, notified me that a court proceeding was about to take place and I could attend virtually if I was interested. I have no legal background, so this is my lay perspective of what I witnessed.

The homeowners appear to be in the battle of their lives against our regional Conservation Authority. The events of the judicial review, as I perceived them, painted a dramatic picture of an out of control entity, being the local Conservation Authority. In a nutshell, it seems the conservation authority, with the advice and consent of their legal team, has mandated “staff” to “void” issued permits if those staff members feel that the permits were issued under false pretense.

A little background on the homeowners: This couple had decided to renovate their Burlington home. The home is on a very quiet street, a ravine lot of 0.736 acres. They hired a company to complete the renovation process, which included drawings, engineering and compliance. The permitting for the project was initiated after the experts were chosen, and permits for this job were issued by both the City of Burlington building department and the local Conservation Authority.

The job entailed increasing the footprint of the home and garage as per the drawings submitted to the building department. The drawings were approved and the permit was

issued by the building department of the city of Burlington. On project completion, it was intended that the renovated home would include a larger garage, an updated façade, a new second storey and a modified first floor as per the drawings. Of note, for their permitting, the Conservation Authority did not require a copy of the drawings for this renovation. What was noted and confirmed in writing was that they had been offered drawings and declined.

This job seemed to go very wrong when, in demolishing the roof and some of the original above ground existing structure, one or several walls, intended to be retained, collapsed. Work stopped on this project and inspection by the City of Burlington building department ensued. The building inspector attended the site and determined the remaining above grade structure unsafe and demolition of the above grade elements had to be completed. On completion of this mandated demolition, the building inspector reinstated the permit and work was to proceed. Apparently it did proceed for several months, until the Conservation Authority “voided” their permit, at which time work again came to a halt.

The Judicial review was a real eye opener for me. The process was not intended to decide the facts of the case, although many facts did come out in this process. As I understand it, the only question to be decided was whether the Conservation authority had the right to stop the project in the way they did, by “voiding the permit” that they had previously issued and the homeowners had paid for.

My understanding of the process that the

Conservation Authority is to follow is this: The Act that the conservation authorities are regulated by, and the specific rules set out by the boards of the various conservation authorities spell out the process for “cancelling a permit” and it involves notice to the owners, a board hearing and if necessary, the right to appeal. But in this case, as expressed so passionately by the lawyer for the CA, the egregious nature of the “contravention” and the “misrepresentation” on the permit application meant that no notice or hearing was indicated and a staff member of our Conservation Authority, with the advice and consent of legal counsel, could “void” the permit as if it was never issued in the first place. The word the lawyer for the Conservation Authority chose to use over and over was “scam”.

The lawyer defending the homeowners made some very strong arguments for due process but the one that struck home with me was the argument about legal precedent. My lay person take on just one of the points he made to the panel of Justices is this: if you allow a staff person at the Conservation Authority to “void” a permit, ignoring the cancellation process and the procedural rules that are in place, you may be opening the entire legal system to opinion of any staff member in deciding a case even before it is put to the panel of judges.

Another striking fact with respect to legal precedent, from my perspective, was that the legal team for the Conservation Authority presented a number of supporting cases, but it seems they could not come up with a single case of precedence in which a staff member of any Conservation Authority has “voided” a development permit. To me, it appeared that the cases presented were in support of facts that were not being decided in this process.

There was something else presented that I found very interesting. It was a form, and I can’t remember the name of the form, that the Conservation Authority would like permit applicants to fill out and sign, but it is not actually

required. What interested me about this form was that after it was filled out and signed by the applicants, it could be further added to/amended by the Conservation Authority personnel in a central open box. Anything thought pertinent by representatives of the Conservation Authority could be added that would be unseen and unapproved by the applicants who had already signed this document.

At this time, there has not been any ruling re: this judicial review that I am aware of.

As far as I know, these homeowners continue to live in a rental home in Hamilton.

*Joan Olech,  
Member: Hamilton Halton Landowners  
Association and Niagara Landowners Association*





# Death Warrant

*Hello from the  
old Jackass*

*Howdy folks,*

Much of the following disturbing incident and subsequent anecdotal information can be credited to Monte Sonnenburg as published on November 11, 2021 in the 'Norfolk and Tillsonburg News.'

The story chronicles the fatal interaction of a well respected 70 year old gunsmith and members of the Toronto Police services. The incident occurred at 467 Port Ryerse Road in Norfolk County near Port Dover Ontario.

During commission of a firearms search warrant Mr Rodger Kotanko was fatally shot four times by one of the attending officers. Incidentally, Port Ryerse is located in Haldimand/Norfolk County yet Norfolk OPP were not aware of the tactical manoeuvres until Mr Kotanko was fatally shot.

According to all accounts Mr. Kotanko was a life long and highly respected member of the local community. It is also quoted he was "as threatening as a toothless puppy or declawed kitten." My first response is "why did he end up dead courtesy of four shots from a police firearm?"

Police are supposedly highly specialized trained personnel and I am truly speechless such a tragedy transpired that day. It is also alleged a customer was with Kotanko in the shop at the time of the incident but has apparently vanished. One can't but wonder, was he a planted police informant or is he part of some covert corrupt cover up?

Why was an ambulance also part of the initial raiding party?

What truly disgusts and torments me the most is how this fatal interaction was relayed on page A13 of the Norfolk & Tillsonburg News. It's sad commentary that the deadly shooting of

a well respected citizen by police didn't mandate front page status.

The press needs to prioritize news worthy events and place them accordingly with front page status that they deserve.

According to subsequent radio reports, the lone police shooter is failing to release his personal notes or releasing his verbal recollections to the Special Investigation Units personnel.

Can we accurately speculate this highly secretive blood bath is a corrupt police cover up? Will the real circumstances relating to Mr Kotanko's death ever see daylight because it's a relevant fact "dead men don't talk." Thusly, true events may also be fabricated or even embellished by those present that day.

Every resident of Ontario truly needs to be alarmed and publicly outraged regarding this tragedy. If we remain silent our laws will deteriorate and our province will become a lawless police state where anyone can suffer a similar fate.

Sadly the current cries of disgust appear muffled a this time. The death of a respected seventy year old man in his shop cries for answers and police accountability. This case is truly worthy of in depth coverage by the "Fifth Estate or W5."

If you can't trust the police, who can you trust?

*Sincerely,  
the Old Jackass*

**Update:** *Rodger Kotanko's family is launching a 23 Million dollar lawsuit against the Toronto Police Services.*

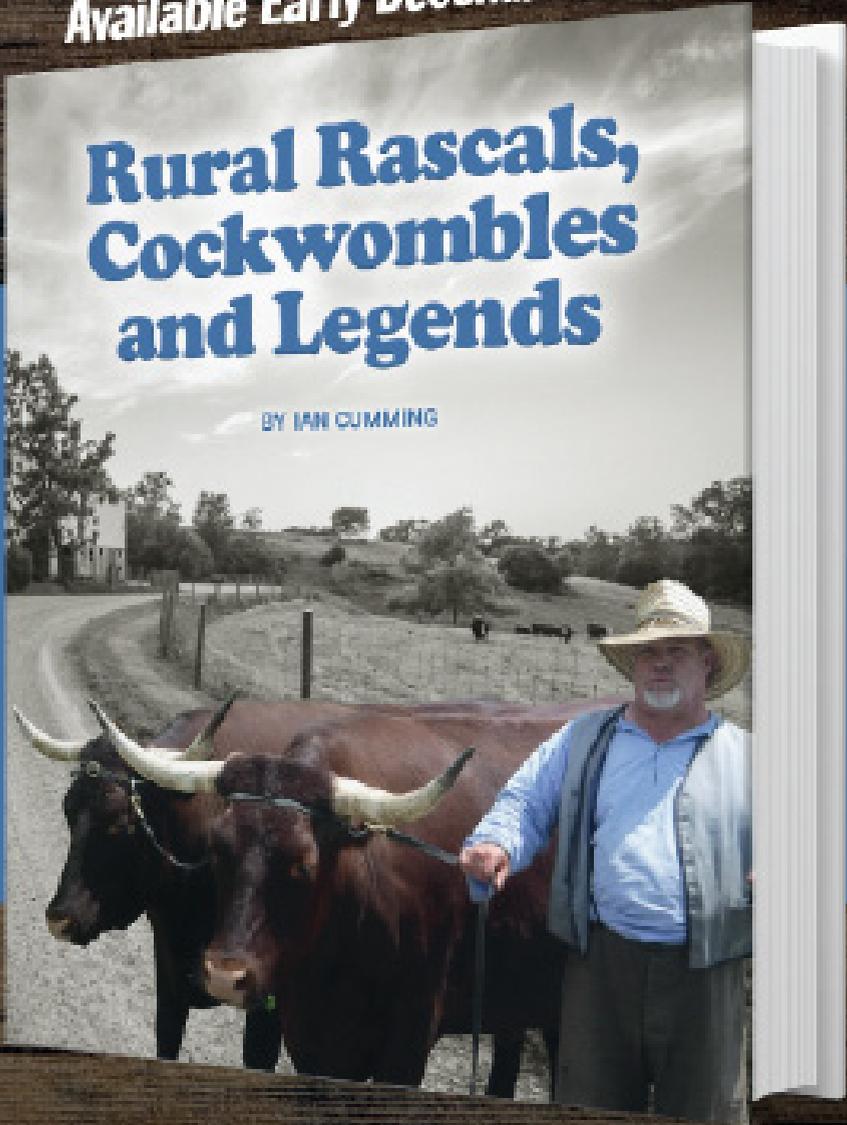
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# Media Spin

## Bullies honest Journalism

*by Ian Cumming  
Agricultural Journalist*

When attempting to understand society's varied reactions to COVID, one should start by trying to understand people.

For nearly the first two decades of my life, in a farmhouse, I interacted daily with folks born in the 1880's. There was not only toughness, but multiple snippets of wisdom, that over the decades some have emerged as gospel truths.

There was a local quip going around back in the Second World War, that if the Nazis ever invaded Glengarry county, "they would take Lancaster in a week, but they would never take Laggan."

COVID isn't Nazi's with machine guns, but that assessment comparison of peoples' qualities – as it relates to being fearful and obeying authority - living in the south and north of Glengarry county (I live closer to Lancaster in the south) ran just as it did eight decades before.

Their parked clunker car, with graffiti COVID messaging at the Berry brother's garage in northern Dalkeith, with constant updates, sometimes with cuss words, has resulted in a lot of chuckles. Causing some politicians at council to register their outrage.

But knowing where the majority of their northern voters were – the Berry brothers business thrives – there have been no bylaws, nor OPP visits.

Dalkeith is somewhat off the beaten path, hence the brothers kept another such messaging car parked across from the high school at Vankleek Hill, and sometimes cruising in Alexandria, which keeps folks informed.

One doesn't have vaccination rates to compare between south and north Glengarry. But if you don't know any friends in the north that are vaccinated, and only know two in the south that are not, let's just say predictable trends emerge.

One of the two I know here in the south received an email from the head of recreation at council that he needed to show proof of vaccination. If he was "allowed" to continue to flood the outdoor rink at 3 am – after he gets up at 2 am to feed his daughter who can't walk or talk.

The reply to council was that the vaccination status of his family – which is mixed actually, as most are, including mine – was private and wasn't near becoming the business of the Township of South Glengarry.

So told them to get stuffed and flood the damn rink themselves – which he has financed for years.

A lad old enough to know the lay of the land, but somehow didn't, recently came back from the north quite shocked that a local dairy farming fiddling family, who taught hundreds of students, were all not vaccinated. Plus being vocal.

The mother being head of a local nursing home, from which she resigned since she wasn't vaccinated.

"If you knew them, you wouldn't be surprised," I said, as a means of an accurate explanation. It's no way a put down on my part.

My Australian daughter faced down officials, who passed legislation to fire her on December 17<sup>th</sup> as a non vaccinated teacher.

Some of the best non – vaccinated Ontario people I know, kept their rural church open for worship through every lockdown.

A now retired cop recalls coming to Glengarry as an OPP officer, having a brother in the NHL, of which he was just below that skill level. Another new cop, a renowned tough boy, was also a great hockey player.

Lancaster, where the detachment was, saw an opportunity to win over the north and conscripted them to play in the Glengarry Cup Tournament.

First documented in Connors Glengarry School Days 125 years ago.

The first game was against Glen Nevis and sitting, hurting in the dressing room after the first period, the cop thought, “what in the hell was that?” It was absolute carnage.

His cop friend was sitting there, nose broken and squashed, face all swelling and bruising, with drying blood. “What in the hell happened out there,” he moaned.

“You made two mistakes,” he was told.

“What were they?”

“You picked a fight with Rosie.”

“What was the second?”

“You got up off the ice to fight him again.”

I’m tired of this COVID hysteria. Vilifying the non vaccinated, the fear, the arrogance of governments now knocked onto the ice.

Who picked a fight with core liberties, supposedly to save us, while Mother Nature’s reality is what prevailed.

I wouldn’t try and get back up.

*Ian Cumming*

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# OLA ENews for December 2021

*In case you missed it*

by Shirley Dolan

## **A Christmas 'Note' by Liz Marshall:**

As Canadians are still reeling in unprecedented times, this will not be a “conventional” Christmas Greeting.

During the past year, the members of the Canadian Justice Review Board (CJRB), and Canadians, have seen many changes coming from the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments. Some of these changes have been good, whereas some changes have divided this Country to its very core.

As Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) stated, in 1933, albeit he was an American, we should pay heed to his words, or our society, and perhaps even humanity, may be in jeopardy. It is hoped his words will inspire all Canadians to reflect on their actions and their words. It is also hoped that his words will inspire, not only our elected officials, but the various Courts and Tribunals, to uphold the fundamental freedoms established in the principle of our Constitution, without bias, discrimination, segregation or fear.

FDR - “This is pre-eminently the time to speak the truth, the whole truth, frankly and boldly. Nor need we shrink from honestly facing conditions in our country today. This great Nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance. In every dark hour of our national life a leadership of frankness and vigor has met with that understanding and support of the people themselves which is essential to victory.”

Throughout the past 21 months we have seen the affects of a virus on Canadians. We have seen Canadians rise to this and other challenges but we have also seen families divided, businesses closed and certain aspects of our Canadian culture

torn apart, all based in fear – not truth, not law – but fear. This seems to have been exacerbated by statements from certain tribunals and even the Courts, themselves.

Could it be out of fear, our Courts and Tribunals may have cast the administration of justice and the foundation of the Canadian Constitution into disrepute? It is up to Canadians as to how our government(s) are to deal with this degradation of our Nation.

Not since the Yellow Fever outbreak, in the U.S., has there been such a divide in Western society. It’s as if society seems to be regressing into the era of the Salem Witch Hunts, with what has been reported in some media print. This is not the Canada we, at one time, celebrated; nor is it the Canada we should become.

Out of this fear, though, have been some successes. We have seen some small businesses continue, although they are barely hanging on; we have seen members of the medical community stand with their fellow Canadians against unconstitutional mandates; we have seen members of the legal profession take action for the protection of every Canadian’s constitutional rights. These are all things we can celebrate, as these people have not allowed fear to become that “nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.”

We, at the CJRB, have continued with our efforts to inspire government(s) not to abuse Canadians through legislation, regulation and by-laws. We take exception with any of the aforementioned being brought forward and/or passed during a pandemic, without the people of this Nation being allowed to have their voices heard. Time and time again there are pieces of legislation, regulation and by-laws brought forward, which some are not even aware are being

brought forward. Nor do some Canadians even have the ability to witness their officials during the process. This has been expressed, on a number of occasions, to various levels of government. But until those who have access to, or technological ability with, the internet, are prepared to support those who do not – government(s) on all levels will abuse the process, and the less fortunate in Canadian Society. That is not democracy and yet it is discriminatory.

What can we hope for with the coming year? There is a light at the end of this dark tunnel – it is Canadians themselves. If we can learn to treat each other with the respect we would like to be treated with; if we can look to our history to see we are merely repeating what has already come before; and if we can take the words of FDR to heart – leaving the fear where it belongs, in the darkness; we, as a Nation, can overcome these dark days and become the Canadian people we once were.

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

On a final note, I would like to extend, on behalf of the Canadian Justice Review Board, our sincerest best wishes of the Season to your and yours. To you all, Season's Greetings, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous 2022!

*Elizabeth F. Marshall,*  
*Chairperson – Canadian Justice Review*  
*Board*

I am not a lawyer and do not give legal advice. Any information relayed is for informational purposes only. Please contact a lawyer. "The rule is the public interest is always paramount but NEVER when it is at the expense of a private individual." Ontario Legislative Assembly, February 11, 1965 – Vol. 1, p. 478.

### **CLA Campaign to Stop Industrial Wind Turbines in Ottawa by Shirley Dolan**

In April 2020, while following the City of Ottawa's development of their New Official Plan, I discovered a document called Energy

Evolution Strategy. Contained in the document was a plan to install 710 industrial wind turbines on prime agricultural land in rural Ottawa. Soon after the discovery of the document, the Carleton Landowners Association (CLA) embarked on a campaign to let as many people know about the City's plans, as possible. Our concern was that the City was not being transparent about their plans. Questions to staff and councillors met with convoluted explanations that there were NO plans to construct wind turbines in Ottawa but their actions demonstrated otherwise.

We were told that the Energy Evolution Strategy was a "concept" so we shouldn't worry too much about what it contains. However, funding from Hydro Ottawa dividends and from the draft Budget 2022 are being directed to implement the projects described in the document.

The CLA used email, Facebook, mail, and unaddressed mail to let residents know about the industrial wind turbines. As individuals, we spoke to friends, family and neighbours and phoned and emailed our City representatives and staff. We attended and spoke at virtual public consultation meetings. We partnered with groups such as Ottawa Wind Concerns and Industrial Wind Action Canada.

And, we made a difference.

Our goal was to alert as many people as possible to the potential for hundreds of wind turbines to be sited on farmland in Ottawa. And we succeeded. Councillors remarked that they had heard from many people who are concerned about the wind turbines.

Ottawa Wind Concerns submitted a motion to amend the Official Plan. This motion was reworded and submitted at the Joint Planning and ARAC Meeting by Councillor Scott Moffatt. It passed the Joint Meeting and also the Council meeting on October 27th.

The new paragraph in Section 4.11 of the Official Plan reads:

"6) Large-scale provincially regulated wind turbines are **not permitted** on lands designated Agricultural Resource Area. This policy does not apply to small-scale wind generation associated with a permitted principal use."

A good start but this still leaves lots of farmland available for wind turbines. Lots of farms are designated rural general.

On another note, I finally received an answer to my question about the siting of large industrial sized wind turbines in Ottawa from the Ministry of the Environment's Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process. Yes, there is indeed a provincial process for wind turbines in Ontario, contrary to what Ottawa City Councillors and staff are telling us.

According to REA, the regulation that governs the renewable energy approval process is Ontario Regulation 359/09, which is available here: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/090359> Among other requirements, this regulation outlines setbacks between project components and sensitive receptors such as residences, as well as setbacks from sensitive natural features. Those proposing to develop renewable energy projects (that require a REA approval) must meet these requirements. In 2019, our ministry made amendments to Ontario Regulation 359/09 to:

- Require renewable energy developers to demonstrate demand for the electricity they propose to generate

- o This meant that the ministry would no longer accept REA applications from proponents that haven't clearly demonstrated demand for the electricity they were proposing to produce (either through an energy contract or own use)

- Give local municipalities authority over the siting of renewable energy projects.

- o This meant that the ministry would only accept REA applications if the proponent provided confirmation that the host municipality allowed such development in the location proposed

The second bullet is also contrary to what we have been told by Councillors and staff: that the City has no say over whether we get industrial wind turbines. This bullet seems to indicate that the municipality has quite a bit of say over if/where wind turbines go.

Thanks for everyone's help and support.

Next step for the Official Plan is the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for approval.

## **Kemptville Gets a New Prison by the OLA**

The past 21 months have been challenging for Landowners with governments taking advantage of the lockdowns to make some questionable decisions without a lot of public input.

For example, did you know about the plans to build a prison on land that was formerly part of the Kemptville Agricultural School established in 1917. According to the Coalition Against the Proposed Prison (CAPP), on August 27, 2020, the Government of Ontario announced plans to build the "Greater Ottawa Correction Complex" later renamed the "Eastern Ontario Correctional Complex" in Kemptville, Ontario. This announcement was made without any prior notice or consultation with the Municipality of North Grenville and the residents it serves. Since that time, the provincial government has asserted its right to "sole discretion" in determining the location of new provincial corrections facilities, despite the opposition of residents. Publicly available information has been slow to emerge, resulting in confusing and at times contradictory communications. See <https://www.coalitionagainstproposedprison.ca/> for more information.

The CAPP website has a petition to sign, a Go Fund Me page, and a history of the process to build the prison. You may also want to contact MPP Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, who put this project in motion using a ministerial zoning order (MZO), at 613-342-9522 or [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org).

Although several sites were considered, documents show that Kemptville failed to meet selection criteria that had removed other potential sites from contention, including lack of public transit, municipal servicing to the site and the existence of natural heritage constraints and hazards on the property.

## **Stevens Creek Floodplain Mapping by the OLA**

Landowners in Goulbourn may be interested to know that the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is doing floodplain mapping along Stevens Creek in the North Gower area. Word has

it that this area includes several municipal drains. Its difficult to get the City to clean out municipal drains at the best of times – even more difficult if not impossible when they are in a designated floodplain. Landowners beware! The comments period is from November 29, 2021 and January 13, 2022.

Here is the information on the mapping from Councillor Scott Moffatt’s newsletter: The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) is asking for public input on a new hazard mapping study for Stevens Creek in the City of Ottawa. The study considers the risk of flooding, erosion, and other hazards along Stevens Creek from Malakoff Road to the Rideau River.

Members of the public are invited to review the draft regulation and hazard maps during a public consultation period between November 29, 2021 and January 13, 2022. The new mapping shows areas that are subject to natural hazards such as flooding and unstable slopes, or that have natural environmental features such as wetlands.

The mapping will be used by the City of Ottawa when updating its Official Plans and Zoning Schedules and in the review of development applications under the Planning Act. RVCA will also use the mapping to guide the review of development applications submitted under the RVCA’s Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation.

The goal of this mapping is to help ensure sound planning decisions are made — keeping people and property safe. Accurate engineered hazard mapping is the foundation of effective floodplain and resource management.

Members of the public are encouraged to review the draft mapping here and connect with an RVCA Resource Specialist to understand how the mapping may affect their property. Due to COVID-19, we are not holding an in-person public open house. Instead, we invite you to contact an RVCA Resource Specialist via email or by phone at 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 ext. 1132 or 1193.

Individual or small group meetings, on-line or in person, can also be booked to discuss local impacts and concerns. Conservation Authority staff also welcome local input on the mapping, including historical records of past flood events, slope failures, erosion, news clippings, photographs, and even anecdotal stories to help confirm the reasonableness of calculations and resulting hazard mapping.

This study is just one of several ongoing hazard mapping studies taking place in the watershed. For a complete list on ongoing work, please visit [www.rvca.ca](http://www.rvca.ca).

*If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to email me at [Scott.Moffatt@ottawa.ca](mailto:Scott.Moffatt@ottawa.ca) or contact me by phone at 613-580-2491. For information on Ward 21 issues, please visit [TeamTwentyOne.ca](http://TeamTwentyOne.ca).*





# RCMP member sent on unpaid leave writes a powerful letter for all to read:

Hi everyone,

Since most members make a goodbye email before they leave, I figured I should as well, despite the “special” circumstances around my departure. Anyways, my time here in the RCMP is up. For now. The low T wannabe tyrants in Ottawa have decided that I can no longer serve as a police officer because I refuse to tell them if I have submitted to their “vaccine” edict. I’ve served in the RCMP for 21 years and one of the first things I said to any person I ever arrested was “you don’t have to say anything to me.” Unfortunately, our government has told me that I have to tell them what’s in my body, and if the right drug is not inside me, I have to get it as condition of my continuing employment, human rights be damned. Why did I put vaccine in quotations above you ask? More on that later. Buckle up and tighten the straps on your government mandated shame muzzle, this goodbye email will likely ruffle some feathers.

My journey to this point of our dystopian, medical, apartheid state started like many of yours. Watching the television almost 2 years ago as reports started coming in of some strange virus out of Wuhan. I was a little concerned, but not much. You see, for the last 10 years of my life I had spent a lot of time as an amateur researcher of history and learned to my dismay that the official narrative of most events is usually a little suspect at best. Like weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, or the January 6th “insurrection” in D.C., the examples are sadly numerous.

I’ve also always been a very independent person. Following the herd has never appealed to me. When a belief is put forth to me I always evaluate it for myself and don’t simply accept it’s veracity based on the authority behind it. For example, during the last Federal Government census, I could not help but notice that the gender

section had 3 boxes. Male, Female and other, which was a blank box. For real, the Federal Government of Canada allowed you to make up your own gender on the last official census. I found this to be a combination of amusing and insane. Feeling particularly bull headed and cheeky at the time, I naturally chose Minotaur as my gender. Yes, that’s right, on the Canadian government census my gender is that of a mythical giant man with the head of a bull.

So back to my Covid journey. I was skeptical of the pandemic from the start but decided to wait and see what evidence would surface of this dangerous pandemic. So I sat back and quietly observed. At that time, and still at the time I’m writing this, I was the admin NCO on the watch. **I was in the unique position of seeing every file that came through PRIME in the 46 hour window I was at work each week. Naturally, this included all sudden death files.** Pay attention now, have another sip of your latte if you have to. Since the pandemic began, until now, **I was in a position to see every single sudden death file that came through our detachment area.** What did I notice in this position? Nothing. No upwards trend whatsoever. Funny enough, I didn’t see people dropping dead in my neighbourhood either.

This was a very stark contrast to what I saw in media. A non-stop chorus on TV, radio, and internet, of case counts, hospitalizations and deaths. At no time in my life had I seen anything like it. A complete disconnect between my observed reality and that which was portrayed by my government and the government subsidized mainstream media. And they were reporting deaths in care homes. Care homes? When did the media ever report deaths in care homes unless it was some sort of instance of gross negligence? It’s called end of life care for a reason. People

go to care homes at the end of their life. Death is the natural consequence, and this fact used to be understood as common sense.

When the statistics started showing that the vast majority of anyone dying from Covid, either had one or more co-morbidities, or was older than the average life expectancy, my skepticism of the pandemic narrative only grew. Then in the summer of 2020, I got Covid. For a few days I was really tired and shivered a lot. Then it was over. I survived the “deadly” disease like the vast majority of anyone else who caught it. To be honest, I’ve had worse Flus, and worse hangovers.

At the end of 2020 I became convinced we were all being force fed a giant load of absolute bullshit. Don’t believe me? Look at world population statistics. Here’s a sample. At the end of 2018, the world population was 7,631,091,040 and that year 57,625,149 people died. This showed an overall death rate of .76%. I know some of you are shocked by this, but yes, 57 million people died of all types of causes in 2018. When you reach the end of your life, you die. At the end of 2019, the world population was 7,713,468,100 and 58,394,378 died. Naturally, because we had more people reaching the end of their lives, more people died. The death rate that year was .76%. Now let’s see what 2020 brought us. The year of the pandemic. At the end of 2020, the world population was 7,794,798,739 and 59,230,795 died. The death rate was .76%. Yes. That’s right. In the year of the deadly pandemic the world’s population grew by 81,330,639 people and the death rate did not change by even a hundredth of a percent. The media never once pulled back the lens to show this, they continued to show the narrow focus of case counts and Covid deaths. Even going so far as to change causes of death so that someone who died “with” Covid in their system was counted as someone who died “of” Covid. The Western world shut down over a disease about as deadly as the common flu. And our rights were shut down along with it.

Despite this disease having a non existent effect on the overall death rate of the world’s population the call came out for a mass vaccination. Since I was already skeptical of the pandemic, I was naturally skeptical of the need for a “vaccine”. Oh look, vaccine is in quotations again. Why am I doing that?

### **Because it’s not a real vaccine!!!**

A vaccine is created when a virus from nature is made harmless in a lab and then cultivated there. The vaccine, created from the neutered virus, is then injected into a person. The body then reacts to the vaccine just like it would to the unaltered, dangerous virus. However, because the vaccine is a modified harmless version of the virus, it doesn’t cause disease and the body’s natural immunity is able to “learn” how to cope with the virus. This “learning” is lifelong and is why people develop an immunity to whatever they were inoculated against. People who have been vaccinated against Measles do not get Measles, and the same with mumps etc etc. None of the so called Covid “vaccines” meet this definition. If you were wondering why “vaccinated” people are still getting Covid, and spreading it, this is why. The fact that “vaccinated” people still get Covid and spread it should tell you that this madness will never end as long as you buy into the official narrative.

How these new Covid “vaccines” work is based on a brand new technology never used on a massive scale. Particularly in regards to the 2 “vaccines” most heavily promoted, Moderna and Pfizer. These drugs use artificial Mrna technology. Think of Mrna as the software of our bodies. The operating instructions. Pfizer and Moderna use artificial Mrna based on a computer algorithm. These instructions are encapsulated in something called a nano lipid. A nano lipid is a tiny envelope of fat. There are trillions of these nano lipids in the Pfizer and Moderna shots. Once injected they circulate through your body through your body’s lymphatic system. Upon the nano lipids dissolving, your body receives new instructions for its immune system. These

instructions tell your immune system to make spike proteins which resemble the spike proteins of the Covid virus. This is the key distinction you need to be aware of. Your body is being instructed to make the very pathogen that your immune system builds a defense against. This is completely uncharted territory and nothing like this has ever been done on the human population on such a large scale. The drug companies themselves have admitted they don't know the long term side effects. When a recent FOIA request was sent to the FDA in the US, requesting the safety data they had on the Pfizer vaccine, the FDA asked a judge for 75 years to comply with the request. Nothing sketchy there.

To make matters worse. Every single Western nation has passed legislation shielding these drug companies from civil liability, if their vaccines harm people. While this legislation was passed years ago, it still applies to the Covid "vaccines." You heard right. If the Moderna Covid "vaccine" harms you, you cannot sue Moderna. Same with every other drug company that makes any vaccine, Covid "vaccine" or not. They all have civil liability immunity for the vaccines they manufacture. Vaccine injury compensation has been paid out in the US under a tax funded program called the vaccine injury compensation fund, not as a remedy through civil lawsuits. Established in 1986, this fund has paid out \$4.4 billion in claims. In Canada, we had no such vaccine injury fund until June of 2021. Hand on chin emoji goes here.

Make no mistake here. This is a large scale drug trial and whoever was jabbed is taking part. Having educated myself about these new drugs I was very skeptical when they started promoting them. Additionally, nearly all the drug companies making Covid "vaccines" have a very checkered history in quality control and ethics. J and J has payed 9 billion in settlements throughout it's lifetime and Pfizer has payed \$4.6 billion. Not for their vaccines of course, for their other pharmaceuticals. Moderna was founded in 2010 and their Covid "vaccine" is the first product they have ever put on the market. Information has since

come to light that the Moderna "vaccine" was finishing in development in December of 2019, immediately before the pandemic hit. It's almost like they were anticipating something. Do I dare put my hand on my chin and gaze thoughtfully upwards a second time?

As I was already skeptical about the entire pandemic narrative, I decided a long time ago that I was not going to take any of these "vaccines". So as I had decided to sit back and watch how the so called pandemic unfolded, I decided to observe the vaccination campaign. One of the first things I noticed is that people like me were completely ignored and never talked about. What do I mean by people like me? I mean people who had Covid and recovered. Suddenly, natural immunity didn't exist anymore. Everyone had to get the vaccine regardless of whether they had natural immunity or not. Wait..... what? No one would ever suggest someone who had measles or polio should get vaccinated against those diseases. Why was natural immunity suddenly not talked about anymore? But if you knew where and how to look, it was talked about, and studied. The largest study was in Israel where the researchers concluded that natural immunity conveyed 27 times more protection than vaccination. Not double, not triple, 27 times! Fast Forward to recent times where an attorney in the US submitted a FOIA request, to the CDC, requesting records of any patient, who had a previous Covid infection, who was subsequently re-infected and then transmitted the Covid to another person. The CDC could not produce a single record of this ever happening. Yet for some bizarre reason, neither the government nor the media will ever talk about natural immunity and Covid together.

And now we are able to see much of the results of this mass vaccination campaign. And despite what you've been told, it's not good. Data from the UK is showing that vaccinated adults under 60 are dying at twice the rate of the unvaccinated. American VAERS data shows these Covid "vaccines" have caused more deaths than all other vaccines combined in the last 30 years. In Europe, FIFA data has revealed a

500% increase in cardiac events and sudden deaths in soccer players. Very recently, the American Heart Association released a study which demonstrated that Mrna “vaccines” dramatically increase markers related to heart conditions. A recent German study showed that the higher a jurisdictions’ vaccination rate, the higher it’s mortality rate. On November 11th of this year, a Doctor Nagase came forward to report a record 13 still born births, in a 24 hour period, at BC Children’s hospital. They average 1 per month. During a very recent Ontario provincial parliament debate, MP Rick Nicholls confronted the health minister about a sharp rise in still births from vaccinated pregnant women in Ontario. All he got for his efforts was deflection. Despite this new evidence beginning to come light, there has been absolute silence in the media. Instead, they now want to vaccinate our children. Children are at a near zero risk from Covid. Vaccinating children with these experimental drugs, with unknown long term side effects, which are starting to show increasing adverse effects, is absolutely criminal.

Since I refuse to go along with this coerced “vaccination” campaign, I am being forced onto Leave without pay. Despite the fact that approximately 70% of the Federal workforce gets testing as an option, for some inexplicable reason, the RCMP, the CBSA and Federal Corrections have a mandatory vaccination order. I refuse to go along with this. This is nonsensical, illegal and unethical. I will continue to refuse and I have obtained legal representation, along with hundreds of other federal employees. We will get our day in court and we will win. Some may ask where our union stands on the issue. The answer is they didn’t. Our union leadership immediately bent the knee and offered no resistance whatsoever. Despite these setbacks, those who are fighting this know we have the truth on our side. The truth, at the moment, may be mere pebbles rolling down a slope. This will inevitably become an avalanche. So in reality, this isn’t a goodbye email, it’s a “see you in 2022” email.

Before I go, let me say this. Don’t be afraid. The government, and their mouthpieces in the mainstream media, have promoted a nonstop campaign of fear for almost 2 years now. Turn off your television and radios. Do your own research and question everything. Knowledge begins with asking questions. With each new variant they will try and frighten you, despite the fact that never in the history of virology has a virus ever mutated to become more deadly. Selective pressures always favour a more contagious, but less deadly mutation. The new “scariant” is Omicron. They don’t tell you that they skipped Mu and Xi in the Greek alphabet. Why? Because Mu or Xi just don’t sound scary. When you hear some brain dead parrot repeat the talking point “trust the science,” politely ask them to provide a definition of science. They never can because they don’t know. What they are really saying, but are too stupid to realize, is that they are saying “trust authority and don’t ask questions.” This, my friends, is the antithesis of science.

And get some sunshine. The latest German study, you know, actually science, showed an inverse relationship between vitamin d and Covid mortality rates. The study showed, given high enough vitamin d levels, a mortality rate of zero could be achieved. In addition, please don’t let them inject this “vaccine” into your children. Why on earth would you allow an experimental drug to be injected into your children, from pharmaceutical companies that have a history of civil litigation settlements, where these same companies have blanket legal immunity from the vaccines they create, for a disease that your children are completely safe from? It’s insanity. And the latest video where Trudeau explains he is excited to begin vaccinating children, looks completely psychotic and unhinged. Keep these lunatics away from your children. Your children are going to be just fine with their natural immunity.

I don’t know how many people will get to read this. I suspect that once certain ranks are aware of this email it will be pulled from the server. That right there speaks volumes in itself.

Silencing the last message of a 21 year veteran who was forced to leave simply because he didn't tell the government whether he had a drug in his body or not, doesn't portray a leadership of transparency or good faith. On the contrary, it demonstrates both cowardice and a complete betrayal of any professed principles. Before I go, if any of you believe in courage and freedom. You aren't alone. In fact, many members feel this way and they have created their own website: [mounties4freedom.com](http://mounties4freedom.com). Another concerned group of freedom loving Canadians has created [action4canada.com](http://action4canada.com). Check them out when you have time.

Anyways, I have taken up too much of your time as it is. Always laugh at those who would spread fear, and see you in 2022.

Corporal Richard Mehner, your "vaccine" free Minotaur

P.S. Chief Supt. De La Gogondiere, I taped a copy of this letter on your office door, Martin Luther style. If you don't understand the historical reference I invite you to look it up.

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(Courtesy of Easton Spectator.com)

<https://www.eastonspectator.com/2022/01/02/rcmp-member-sent-on-unpaid-leave-writes-this-powerful-letter-you-must-read/>



# Charlie's Story



by Mel Fisher

This is just a story, not history. So Charlie, being a good old boy was doing his royal duty attended a Sunday School class at one of Britain's classy residential schools. One of the boys asked him "Are you worried about having to manage the entire world once the Queen is gone?" Chuck replied "Of course. But I will rely on all I have learned from the writings of wise men through the ages, men like Saint Peter, one of the leading figures of our Christian world. I will do fine".

And an 8 year old asked Chas "What did Saint Peter look like?" After a pause, Charles came up with "Well, of course nobody really knows, but I suppose he was an outgoing, smiling athletic young man, perhaps he looked a bit like Boris Johnson when he was young!"

That night, his manservants helped Chuckie boy get all tucked up in his deluxe royal bed, then turned out all the lights and closed the door. Chas was almost asleep, when suddenly the room lit up. He sat up with a start, and the light was coming from a glowing apparition – he reached for the red panic button that would summon his servants and bodyguard, but nothing

happened, it did not work, in fact he got a feeling that he was entirely alone in the universe, except for the apparition. He took a good look; it was a stocky fellow sitting in a rocking chair, with a shock of white hair on top and a big white beard, with a friendly smiling face beaming at him.

Looked more like Santa Claus, and nothing like Boris Johnson, but somehow Chas knew instantly it was Saint Peter himself. Wow! The saint spoke then, in a friendly 'I can help' voice, saying "I heard you say you were going to seek my advice, and I thought it was important we get together right away. I have been very concerned about you, I have heard you say on several occasions that there are way too many people for this

world to support, and a quarter of the world population must disappear soon if the human race is to survive. As you know, we are all equal humans with an equal right to be here, and the murder of 2 billion people, that's 500 times the population of Canada, will weigh heavily against you on judgement day"!

Chucky baby stiffened up, and with a pout and in a strained voice said "Murder is a very harsh term. But the science is settled, unless we drastically reduce our population to what our world can provide food for, soon, the human race is doomed".

Saint Peter, with a benign look on his face and a smile, said "I will take you on a short trip, only take a half hour or so, and we will look at that food supply question." And with



that, Chas felt a dizzying rush and there they were, floating in the air above one of his castles. “Look” said Pete, “that castle stands empty most of the time, except for the caretakers. Look at those acres and acres of grounds, all manicured grass and landscaping flowers and shrubs. If you were to turn that land into farmland, the old-fashioned labour-intensive kind of farming, it would produce enough food for say 500 people. They could live in the castle. Multiply that by all the castles you have scattered around Britain, you could house and feed maybe 5000 people. You could save 5000 people from murder just by following the Christian principles of helping your fellow man! And you would set an example which might result in all the lawns in our cities being turned into vegetable gardens – that would feed a good chunk of those billions you want to destroy!”

Another blur and Chas found himself looking down at what looked like an almost-abandoned village, up in a mountainous area. “Look”, said the Saint, “this is in inland Italy, but could be in any of the mountainous parts of the world. Here, I will turn the clock back a hundred years”. And amazingly, the scene below turned from one of desolation to one of small, very productive fields, developed by growing food crops and animal crops together so all the waste becomes compost and makes those pockets of shallow soil very productive. Look at all

the happy people. So this little village produced enough food for say 1000 people, and has been shut down by ‘modern progress’, penalizing small business to favour big business. I could show you the same pattern all around the world – it’s not the planet can’t produce the food; it’s your modern system. For shame.”



A longer, dizzying trip across the Atlantic, and Charles finds himself in the USA, looking down at a modern, apparently abandoned factory building. “So, what is this?” he asks, and Peter says “Good Question. The sewage from our cities can encourage vast quantities of algae to grow in our oceans. This was an experimental plant, using modern technology to turn algae directly into human food; they could produce bologna and sausages as good as any made from animal meat! But before they could refine the process to get the cost of processing down to a competitive level, their funding disappeared and this research was abandoned. All by itself this technology could produce all the food we need without much change to the planet at all. Too bad!”

Another swoop, and there was a bay of the Pacific, alongside an Asian city, with a huge wire cage suspended in the water, it’s top being a mesh floor with thousands of chickens strutting about, eating food which was mostly waste from the nearby city, and the chicken poop fell through the floor into the wire cage in the water below. Providing food for a large population of shrimp and salmon, big fat delicious food for the nearby city. Using technology to provide food from waste. “With unlimited possibilities for expansion”, exclaimed the Saint, and another dizzying swoop took Charles back to his bedroom.

Charles lay on his bed, looking confused and frightened, and the saint spoke up. “I hope you saw enough to understand that any food shortage is a result of the present social system, and by stepping backward to more sustainable methods, or stepping forward by advancing modern technology, or both, instead of just tailoring the system to maximise corporate profits, enough food for a vastly bigger population could be available. So there is justification for my claim that your plan to reduce world population is indeed murder!”

At this point, the good Prince abruptly sat up in bed, sweating profusely as his mind went back over the Oh, so realistic dream he had just suffered through, and vowed to change his view on our future.

How is that for a good fairy tale!

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# Now Winter Challenges – What Next?



by Marlene Black

Well, I guess we won't be able to escape plowing snow this year although for several months it seemed like we wouldn't have to use the snowblower..but this last snowfall changed all that. Quite a pile to try and struggle through. Just when the kids were finishing the two week extension on their Christmas holidays, the return to school day became a 'closed school' day, followed by a 'snow, no bus day' day. Oh well, the basement school room got reactivated and I once again got to enjoy the four grandchildren and my two daughters coming and going. The house goes from quiet to busy very fast but I wasn't complaining as the days have been pretty long without the usual visits and coffee time at McDonalds with friends.

I continue to wade through the 'truths' and 'untruths' that we are bombarded with daily regarding the virus, lockdowns, masks and daily number counts. It didn't surprise me to learn that the high hospital number counts included all the

people who had to go to the hospital for other problems unrelated to covid but when given the test, happened to test positive. So that number gets added onto the people in hospital with covid problems? Wouldn't that just inflate our 'covid' numbers?

The other bothersome fact was the absence of treatment protocols given the fact that although the vaccine seemed to reduce severity, people were still getting sick and going to the hospital. The doctors around the world who were having great success with ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine and fluvoxamine were experiencing an uphill battle getting the medical community to take their success seriously, choosing instead to ridicule, sneer and ignore them. Of greater concern was the mass media. They failed to report on these successful findings which could have led to more survival cases.

I am confused by some of the mean treatment that people who have chosen to be unvaxed, are



Thousands of people stage a protest against Covid-19 measures in Zagreb, Croatia on 20 November 2021

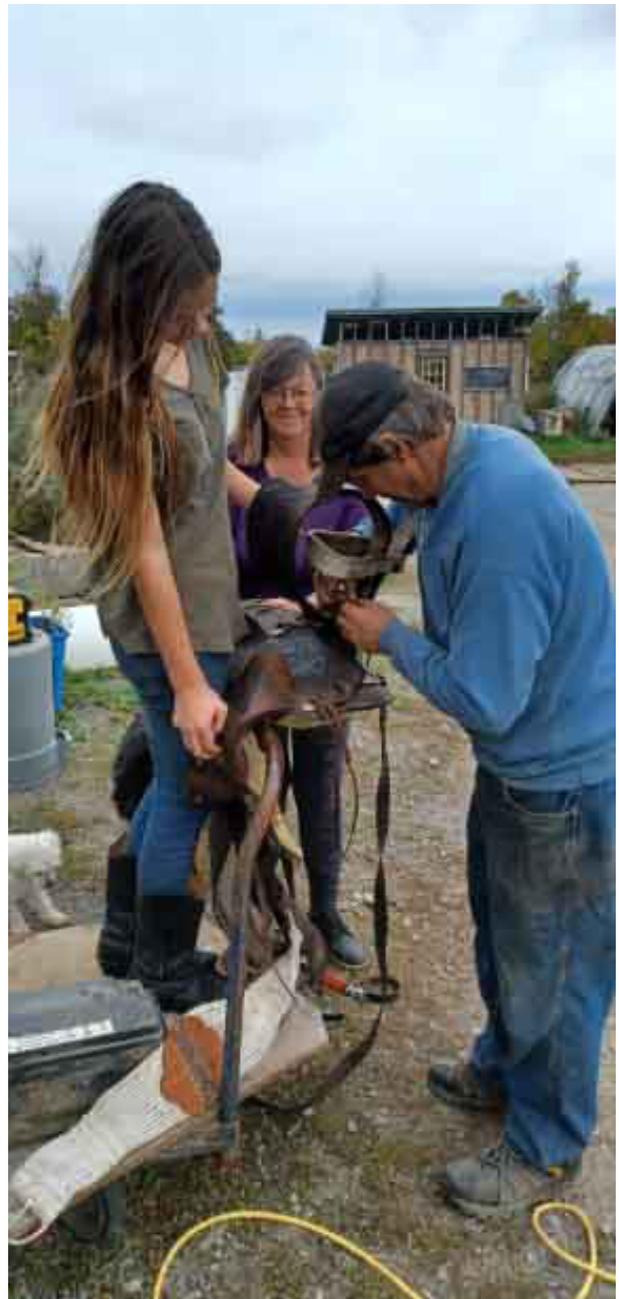
receiving. Fear of the unvaxed has replaced kindness towards our fellow man. There are special reasons for not wanting to or being able to, get vaccinated. Individual health concerns and acquired natural immunity if you've had covid are two of them. I know of a teacher with an autoimmune disorder and a family history of heart problems who does not want to get the vaccine. Exemptions are rare and people have been told, take the first shot and if you get a bad reaction, you can get an exemption. Where is the common sense in all of this?

I am bothered also by how easily we are letting government officials remove our freedoms. It has gotten to the point that in Australia, people have been stopped by police and asked what they were doing outside after curfew. Bylaw officers are coming into peoples private businesses and ordering them to shut down. Why? They let liquor stores, Walmart, Costco and grocery stores stay open and there can be quite the crowds there. Yet some small restaurant with dividers everywhere and few people inside, get shut down. If I was a conspiracy person, I'd say they want to get rid of small independent businesses..but I digress.

What about long distance truck drivers, who sit in their trucks hauling supplies across the country. They don't have a lot of contact with crowds and they are an essential service as they bring goods to us. Why does government shut down the unvaxed drivers? There is all this fake concern about safety while mental health issues rise, while businesses all over the country are forced to close, while prices rise and products don't arrive, while thousands of people are fired and schools are closed down. And the talking heads claim to care about our safety? Have we gone crazy??

I think we were all on board to get a shot so we could get back to normal. Well are we back yet? One shot became two shots which moved to a first and second booster. So now can we go without masks, eat out, go to gyms and travel with no issues? No Way! Instead, like a socialist regime, those in power now dictate, order and demand a vaccine passport before they will let us move freely and go wherever we want with whomever we want.

The words to the song, "you never know what you've got, 'til it's gone" sure ring true today.



*Home School learning on  
how to fix a saddle*

People all over the world are marching on the streets against their overbearing, controlling governments that are removing their freedoms...rallies in the streets, people holding signs, "Say NO to Mandates"...says it all.

Folks, if we let our government take us down this slippery slope, we may not be able to climb back up. \*\*



# OLA ENews for January 2022

*The Ontario Landowners Association –  
A Year in Review...*

*by Shirley Dolan*

Another difficult year has passed and the restrictions to our civil rights are becoming increasingly difficult to bear. With the appearance of yet another variant of the Covid virus, Omicron, most of Canada was effectively closed. These restrictions have made it difficult to keep an eye on government and what they are doing. It has also been difficult to engage with our members as in-person meetings are all but prohibited. Despite this, the OLA has had a busy year.

- In January, we announced that a new website was available for those wanting to support and follow the gun ban challenge. <http://fightthegunban.ca/> This is a project which the OLA supports.

- Our OLA Speaker Series continued into the new year with speakers Sylvia Rhodes who worked as a grass roots volunteer with United Shoreline Ontario to “spread the message of the IJC’s (International Joint Commission) policy failure” and to hopefully garner support for the countless Lake Ontario shoreline property owners who had lost acres of land as a result of IJC’s policy. In February, we heard Jean-Serge Brisson speak about our rights as a person, how to defend them, and why he joined the OLA.

- Also in February, the Carleton Landowners Association heard about the City of Ottawa’s attempt to introduce a Gold Belt designation into their new Official Plan. President Tim Mount spread the word (many had not heard of the new designation) and the Gold Belt was removed, following a barrage of calls and emails to City council and staff.

- In April, we learned that municipalities were updating their tree-cutting bylaws. OLA Director of Research, Elizabeth Marshall updated her report on the subject. First published in 2012, the report explains that the Municipalities need to consider other pieces of legislation, prior to implementing the “tree cutting by-law” and how limited municipal by-laws must be. See the report here <https://ontariolandowners.ca/product/tree-cutting-by-laws-what-municipal-councils-need-to-know/>.

- In May, we published an article called “What to do BEFORE They Come for You” <https://ontariolandowners.ca/news/what-to-do-before-they-come-for-you-by-the-ola/>, a guideline 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.

- Also in May, the Carleton Landowners Association started an information campaign to let rural residents know that the City of Ottawa was planning for the installation of 710 Industrial Wind Turbines (IWTs) on agricultural land in rural Ottawa. The campaign resulted in the City finally, in November, banning the IWTs on prime agricultural land. The fight to save our rural lands continues.

- In June, the federal liberals were once again voted in with little change to the seat count. Also in June, the Ford government did a cabinet shuffle which placed David Piccini as minister of Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks. OLA President Jeff Bogaerts wrote to Minister Piccini to congratulate him on his appointment, saying: “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”.

- In September, Co-Vice President Donna Burns wrote about new information on legal non-conforming rights. <https://ontariolandowners.ca/news/new-information-about-legal-non-conforming-rights-submitted-by-donna-burns-ola-eastern-vice-president/>

- In October, the OLA continued its Back Off Government sign campaign. This campaign has been very successful and is still in effect. For more details, see <https://ontariolandowners.ca/news/signs-of-fall/>

- In November, came the news that the Supreme Court of Canada has granted intervenor status to the Ontario Landowners Association (OLA) in the Annapolis Group Inc. v. Halifax Regional Municipality court case. What this means is that the OLA will be arguing, along with the appellant, that a municipality cannot just take away your right of ownership. “This case is significant in that it may potentially result in a formulation of the test for government expropriation of Private Land that is more generous toward the Landowner”, said Jeff Bogaerts, President of the OLA. “Government regulatory expropriation of Private Land must be compensated. Leaving the Landowner in a position of owning the land but being unable to use it is unfair and presents a financial burden.”

- And last but not least, the OLA has continued to publish our bimonthly Landowner Voices online magazine and our monthly OLA ENews. See <https://ontariolandowners.ca/news/>. The OLA also has a **Facebook** page.

## ***Our Wish List***

We are looking forward to a time when we can meet again in person. The Ford government had signalled that the province may fully open on March 28, 2022. Given the current Omicron situation, this now seems doubtful. Nevertheless, the OLA Executive is discussing the potential for an in person OLA Public meeting in 2022.

In the meantime, we are considering having a booth at the 2022 Ottawa Farm Show. The show is scheduled for March 15-17, 2022 at the EY Centre, Ottawa. We’ll let you know if this is a go! We’d love to see you at our booth.

Our very best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2022 from the OLA Executive to all our members and supporters. We could not do what we do without you.



# 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*

## *Update letter on windmills by Ruby Mekker*



*Hello everyone,*

I am pleased to report some good news in terms of progress that was made today about the harm that people are suffering under the blades of industrial wind turbines built near our homes. Though it does not bring immediate relief to any victim, I think it is an important step forward in the journey toward achieving truth and reconciliation about the injustice.

Some of you are aware that I have made a request that a Public Inquiry should be held about the fact that the Health Protection and Promotion Act of Ontario duty imposed on local Medical Officers of Health to investigate complaints related to occupational or environmental health hazards “to determine whether a health hazard exists or does not exist” has not been carried out with respect to complaints about wind turbines.

Today I spoke with the Honourable Minister of the Environment on the telephone about the issue. He is concerned about it and stated that he would discuss the matter with the Attorney General, Doug Downey.

While there is a long ways to go yet, to have the Minister of the Environment acknowledge that there should be clarity about whether wind turbine projects in the Province are considered “health hazards” is a step in the right direction.

Recently former Premier Kathleen Wynne admitted that she regrets how she ignored evidence about her government’s ill-conceived “green energy” programme that she found to be inconvenient. [1] The media reports that Wynne feels guilty that she intentionally neglected warnings about the obscene cost of such useless policies. Not mentioned was that she’s also

accused of showing callous disregard about the harm that industrial wind turbines developed in residential communities were causing to people and families. Though Ms. Wynne is to be recognized for admitting that she acted inappropriately, now the Government of Ontario faces the burden of trying to remedy the harm that was caused by her deliberate carelessness. Good on Minister Piccinni for acknowledging the burden.

I will keep you updated of any progress.

*Yours sincerely,  
Ruby Mekker*



# Local lawyer pens sprawling look at the controversial history of the Haldimand Tract

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## **HALDIMAND—**

Ed McCarthy, of McCarthy & Fowler Barristers & Solicitors, has practiced law in Haldimand County for over 50 years. He recently released a report on the history of the Haldimand Tract and how that history informs the current land rights disputes taking place in Caledonia.

“In acting for a purchaser of real estate one of the lawyer’s main jobs is to search title and certify that the same is valid. When this is done in accordance with Ontario Law for properties within the former Haldimand Tract and then someone from Six Nations claims that the original surrender is not valid, it is very unsettling,” said McCarthy on why he decided to research the issue.

Over the years he has consulted many historical texts to try and paint a concise picture of how the lands that now make up Haldimand County, the Six Nations reserve, and surrounding areas became such a divisive issue.

“I am not connected with the ownership of McKenzie Creek, but I was slated to act for two individuals who had signed agreements to purchase houses therein. I was involved as a lawyer representing the Haldimand Law Association in connection with the legal proceedings involving Douglas Creek,” explained McCarthy on his connection to the current dispute. “I

think it is important to educate the public on the history of these land claims because I believe there is simply no basis to the claim being made that the lands are unceded. The only outstanding issues relate to whether or not all monies were collected for the sale of these lands and whether the monies that were collected were properly invested.”

Summary of McCarthy’s Report

The following is a summary of the information contained in McCarthy’s report provided in the February 18, 2021 Haldimand Press. Below it you will find the report in full.

The Haldimand Proclamation took place on October 25, 1784. It granted lands to the Six Nations along the Grand River that had been purchased by the government of the time from the Mississaugas. Those lands covered a space ranging from the mouth of the grand river to its head, near present day Dundalk. This deal was attended by government officials and members of both the Mississauagas and Six Nations, including Chief Pokquan of the Mississaugas and Joseph Brant. The Chiefs made it clear that they did not own all of the land included in the purchase request, but that they would transfer those lands they did own over for the use of Loyalists as well as the Six Nations.

Defining the limits of the Haldimand Tract fell on the active deputy land surveyor of the time, Augustus Jones. The results of that survey became known as ‘The Jones Baseline’. The survey found that the acquired lands did not strike through to the headwaters

of the Thames River, but rather struck the Conestoga river, a northern tributary of the Grand at a point between Fergus and Elora. This meant that a portion of lands around the headwaters of the Grand in the Luther marsh near Dundalk, originally considered part of the Tract, were not owned by the Mississaugas.

Jones set out, with Joseph Brant accompanying, to mark the precise limits of the Tract. The two agreed that straight lines would be drawn from the midpoint of principal bends in the Grand river as well as the six miles laid out on each side of those lines. This plan was presented to the government Land Board in Niagara in 1791 and was approved by members of the Board and Chiefs representing Six Nations.

The final tract contained 675,000 acres of land.

In more recent times, land claims made by Six Nations included an additional 275,000 acres between Elora and Dundalk, which were not owned by the Mississaugas at the time and therefore were not part of the 1784 deal. McCarthy claims in his report that Joseph Brant and the other Chiefs of the time acknowledged and accepted that sections of the land in the tract were not included.

After the Haldimand Proclamation, Brant invited many friends and comrades who had fought with Six Nations during the Revolutionary War to settle on the banks of the Grand, where he granted portions of land to several families or individuals in what is now Haldimand and Brant counties.

Some of the more prominent

grants included 5,760 acres to Henry Nelles and family in Seneca; 19,500 acres to Captain John Dochstader, encompassing most of the present township of Canborough; and 4,000 acres to his lawyer William Dixon, now known as the township of Sherbrooke. In total, Brant gave away 38,360 acres in Haldimand County and an additional 7,075 acres in Brant County.

McCarthy states that Brant's decision to invite white settlers was a strategic move, designed to benefit the Six Nations. Brant saw the size of the tract as too large to be managed solely by Six Nations members, and saw benefit to inviting in the settlers who could teach them new farming methods and would construct mills and other facilities. With game sources on the land depleting in comparison to population growth, Brant saw this a solution to a growing problem.

Brant was given Power of Attorney by Six Nations Chiefs in 1795. Following these moves, he sought to sell more of the land in the tract in 1798 to create revenue to purchase needed provisions. Those lands covered over 350,000 acres, consisting of the entire portion of the tract located north of Brantford, including the townships of Moulton and Canborough.

The government believed that Brant's actions could lead to the total depletion of the land protected by the tract, and tried to block Brant from making those sales, but under threat of attack they acquiesced and allowed the sales to be completed.

Further sales took place during the 1830s, including the sale of the town plot that would become Brantford, as well as portions of what is now Cayuga and Dunnville, totalling another 119,689 acres. By 1840, approximately 515,000 of the initial 675,000 acres of land included in the Haldimand Tract

had been sold by Six Nations.

The problem of white encroachment on Six Nations land became clear by the 1830s, with population of the land split evenly at 2,000 Six Nations people and 2,000 white settlers, most of whom had acquired their land from individual Six Nations people or through unsanctioned dealings with the Six Nations.

In 1841, the government presented Six Nations with plans to reserve certain lands for their benefit, while selling the remainder. The next three years were filled with a series of debates leading to the 1844 Surrender of Land signed by 45 Chiefs, including six from Six Nations. The agreement led to the creation of the reserve south of Brantford, with the Crown being able to sell the lands outside of the reserve.

The details of those reserve lands were agreed upon in a meeting in September 1845, with the reserve to consist of the lands adjoining a tier of lots on the west side of Plank Road in the township of Oneida and the whole of the township of Tuscarora, certain lots in the Burtch tract, 200 acres surrounding the Mohawk school in Brantford, and a tier of river lots in Onondaga.

Although the actual council minutes from that meeting were not preserved, a public notice from the time warning squatters to remove themselves from the reserve lands is consistent with the agreed upon land designations.

McCarthy claims that all evidence from the time shows that there was no challenge from Six Nations to take back any of the lands surrendered through sale or agreement between 1841-1848, and that any meetings that took place during that time were to iron out

details about which portions of land could be sold and which would be retained for use by Six Nations.

In conclusion, McCarthy commented on the sympathy being expressed for present day self-described land defenders at the McKenzie Meadows site in Caledonia, renamed 1492 Land Back Lane.

"I hope the foregoing gives a better understanding of what actually happened to these lands. There appears to be no question that the various Six Nations leaders authorized all the lands except the present reserve to be sold," summed up McCarthy in his report.

"I am not trying to disparage or denigrate Six Nations people, but I am only asking that they seriously consider what actually happened to their lands. I have attempted to review the historical record as to the reason these lands were surrendered and most of them sold. I suppose that it is only human nature the individual Six Nations members would be inclined to sell the plot of land in their possession in order to gain some fast money. The atmosphere was such, promoted by Brant, that Six Nations should have the right to sell their lands free of government interference."

## **McCarthy's Report – Full Version**

### Introduction

The Haldimand Proclamation of October 25, 1784, indicated that the Six Nations were to have lands on the Grand River that the government had purchased from the Missisauagas north from the mouth

of the river to the head of the river which is near present-day Dundalk. To accomplish this purpose and to provide additional lands for loyalist settlement, the government had purchased lands from the Mississaugas earlier in 1784. At a meeting at Niagara on the 22nd of May, 1784 with government officials, representatives of the Mississaugas and the Six Nations including Joseph Brant, the Mississauga Chief Pokquan, made it clear that the Mississaugas did not own all the land between lakes Ontario, Erie and Huron that the government was seeking but agreed to transfer for the use of the loyalists as well as the Six Nations that part of their lands westerly of a line running due northwest from the mouth of Burlington Bay to the headwaters of the Thames. (The Mississauga Grant) This line according to the Mississauga deed was supposed to strike the headwaters of the Thames River northeast of present-day Stratford.

At the time, the Mississaugas owned all that part of southern Ontario north of Lake Erie, from the Niagara River around the west end of Lake Ontario to the Rouge River, (present easterly boundary of Toronto), north to the area of present-day Newmarket, westerly towards present-day Orangeville to a point west of present-day Arthur on the Conestoga River, down the Conestoga River to the headwaters of the Thames northeast of present-day Stratford, down the Thames to present-day Woodstock and southerly and westerly to Catfish Creek emptying into Lake Erie at present-day Port Bruce, halfway between present-day Port Stanley and Port Burwell.

### Marking the Limits of the Tract

It was therefore necessary to

mark the limits of the Haldimand Tract within the Mississauga Grant. Arrangements were made to have the acting deputy land surveyor, Augustus Jones, survey the easterly boundary of the lands purchased from the Mississauga from the mouth of Burlington Bay. It turned out that this line, later known as “The Jones Baseline,” (the boundary between Halton and Wentworth County’s now a portion of the boundary between Burlington and Hamilton), did not strike the headwaters of the Thames River but struck the Conestoga River, (a northern tributary of the Grand), northwest of present-day Arthur, crossing the Grand River at a point between present-day Fergus and Elora. The Mississauga Tract therefore did not include the headwaters of the Grand up in the Luther Marsh near Dundalk.

This problem, along with the meandering course of the Grand made it necessary to mark the precise limits of the Grant. Jones was instructed to survey the tract. Joseph Brant was a friend of Jones and accompanied him and his surveying party in preparing this survey. It was agreed that straight lines would be drawn from points marking the midpoint of the principal bends in the river and the six miles laid out on each side of these straight lines from the mouth of the river to the limit of the tract acquired from the Mississaugas. Jones presented his plan in the company of Brant and other Six Nations chiefs to the governments’ Land Board at Niagara on February 1st, 1791. This arrangement on the plan was approved and signed by members of the Land Board and by the said Chiefs. This tract contained 675,000 acres.

### Claims Above Elora

Recent Six Nations’ land

claims have also laid claim to an additional 275,000 acres between Elora and Dundalk which were lands which the Mississaugas did not own and which therefore the government did not acquire and hence could not give land to the Six Nations which it did not own. It appears that Brant and the other Chiefs accepted the fact that the Haldimand Tract did not include all the lands as far north as Dundalk and as indicated earlier agreed with the Jones survey previously mentioned. Owing to the manner in which Joseph Brant fought with government representatives in subsequent years over disposition of lands within the 675,000 acre tract, I am sure that if he thought they had a legitimate claim to the lands above the line between Fergus and Elora, that history would have recorded the same.

### Lands Given Away

In any event after the Haldimand Proclamation, Brant began inviting many of his friends and comrades from Butler’s Rangers to settle on the banks of the Grand. These Butler’s Rangers had lived among the Six Nations in the Mohawk Valley in present-day upstate New York and had fought with the Six Nations during the American Revolutionary War. The following lands in Haldimand were given by Brant to various members of Butler’s Rangers and others as follows:

- Henry Nelles and family, Nelles Tract
  - o Seneca 5,760 acres
  - o Oneida 400 acres
- Adam Young and family, Seneca 3,000 acres
- John Huff, North Cayuga 400 acres
- John Dochstader, most of present township of Canborough

19,500 acres

- John Dochstader, nephew of Capt. John, Fradenburg Tract, South Cayuga 1,200 acres

- Hugh Earl, married Joseph Brant's sister, Dunn 1,000 acres

- The Sheehan Family, Sheehan Tract, Dunn 1,200 acres

- William Dixon, lawyer, compensation for legal services, Present township of Sherbrooke 4,000 acres

- William Dennis, Dennis Block Oneida 300 acres

- Nicholas Cook, accomplished flute player favourite among the Indians, Cook Block, Oneida 200 acres

- Thomas Runchy, inducement to build mill on MacKenzie Creek subsequently known as Adross Block, 800 acres

- Robert Anderson, bonus for having erected a grist mill, sawmill and distillery, Anderson Block, Oneida 600 acres

#### **Totaling 38,360 acres**

In Brant County the following lands were given by Brant (or the Chiefs after his death) to the following persons:

- William Kennedy Smith, married a Mohawk lady and his son, William Kirby, the Smith and Kirby Tract north east of Brantford 1,300 acres

- Kerr Sisters, nieces of Joseph Brant, Kerr Tract SW of Brantford 2,000 acres

- Jacob Brant, second oldest son of Joseph Brant, south of Kerr Tract 5 acres

- John Brant, the youngest son of Joseph Brant, south of Jacob Brant 5 acres

- Robert Addison, son of Capt Ralph Clench, Butler Ranger, married into Brant family, Clench Tract S of Brant Brother's farms 1,500 acres

- John Thomas, helped build the Mohawk Chapel 200 acres

- Jemina Stewart and Sarah Ruggles, daughters of Brant Johnson, Sachem and Warrior, gift for his services during French Wars and American Revolution 1,400 acres

- Rachel Parker, wife of James Parker 100 acres

- Aaron Helmer, reward for his help in 1837 & 1838 during smallpox outbreak 100 acres

#### **Totaling 7,075 acres**

Brant's practice of inviting white settlers to the district should not be attributed solely to a gesture of friendship. He realized from the beginning that the tract was too large to be managed productively by the Six Nations and that if white merchants and farmers were invited to live amongst them that the Six Nations would benefit by learning farming skills and so that mills and other facilities would be constructed to benefit Six Nations. The Six Nations men were basically warriors and hunters. The war was over and the game for hunting was being depleted so Brant felt that they needed to be trained in new skills involving the arts of husbandry.

#### **Brant's Power of Attorney and Sales**

After the Grand River Tract had been about 10 years in the possession of the Six Nations, the Chiefs thought it best to sell parts of the Reserve and use the interest on the proceeds to purchase various provisions. With this object in view Joseph Brant was given Power of Attorney by the Chiefs in 1796 for the purposes of negotiating sales of land with purchasers and for surrendering the parcels sold to the government so that patents could be issued.

In 1798 Joseph Brant sold over 350,000 acres being all that portion of the tract north of Brantford., consisting of the present townships of Dumphries, Woolich and

Pilkington, Waterloo and Nichol and those lands in Haldimand County comprising the present townships of Moulton and Canborough for a grand total of 352,707 acres. Brant had always taken the position that he on behalf of Six Nations had the right to sell lands to whomever he wished. Six Nations did not have this right without government consent. However his practice in this regard became alarming to the government for fear that if restrictions were not put in place, that there would be no Six Nations land left. Accordingly, there was pushback from the government over the above mentioned sales that Brant had made based on the principle that the lands were supposed to be kept for the benefit of Six Nations. However Brant threatened to attack York, (original name for Toronto), if the government did not accept a surrender and issue patents for the sales he had made. The government officials capitulated and Brant was present at the LandBoard in York on the 5th of February, 1798 to ensure that proper deeds were issued to persons to whom he had sold the lands.

#### **Surrender For Sale**

During the 1830's the following surrenders took place so that the lands in question could be sold for the benefit of Six Nations:

- 1830 – original town plot of Brantford 807 acres

- 1831 – northern part of present townships of north and south Cayuga on the lower part of the river 20,670 acres

- 1834 – residue of township of Cayuga and present township of Dunn and part of the townships of Canborough and Moulton 50,212 acres

- 1835 – part of the township of Brantford 48,000 acres

**Totalling 119,689 acres**

**What Was Left**

By 1840, Six Nations had disposed of approximately 515,000 acres comprising the lands above mentioned which were given away, 45,000 acres, the lands sold by Brant 350,000 acres and the lands surrendered before 1840, 120,000 acres. Subtracting that total from the 675,000 acres determined by the Jones survey, there is left approximately 160,000 acres comprising the remnant of the townships of Oneida and Seneca, the Townships of Onondaga, Tuscarora and those parts of the Township of Brantford consisting of the Johnson Settlement on Fairchilds Creek, the Martin Settlement near Cainsville and the Eagle’s Nest Tract all on the north side of the river and the Oxbow Tract and the Burtch Tract on the south side of the river. These tracts in Brantford Township were largely settled by white loyalists or white persons of European extraction who had leased their lands from Six Nations. In total these tracts in the Township of Brantford comprised approximately 11,500 acres.

**The Problem**

During Joseph Brants lifetime and following his death in 1807, the grants, leases, and surrenders began to expand out of control. Brant’s youngest son John became superintendent of Indian Affairs and carried on the Land Policies of his father. The matter was further complicated by the fact that individual Six Nations persons were selling the plots they occupied to incoming white people. These sales were also made by various Chiefs. By the 1830’s the problem of white encroachment on Six Nations lands was becoming acute, there being

approximately 2,000 Six Nations people on the Haldimand Tract and approximately 2,000 white settlers. There were some squatters without a vestige of title, but most of the settlers had bought land from individual Six Nations persons or who had acquired some sort of right to their land through transactions with the Six Nations although these dealings did not have government sanction. The government was concerned that this practice of selling individual parcels of land would eventually mean that there would be no land left and the Six Nations would end up scattering to other areas. Quoting from the Historical Atlas of Brant County published by Page & Smith in 1875:

“In their Councils the Indians were not always consistent; sometimes they complained of the whites encroaching on their lands, and then again they would loudly assert their right to lease and sell as they choose. Had the Chiefs been allowed to do as they liked, they would soon have got rid of their lands. Governor Haldimand gave it to them and their posterity: so that they may enjoy it forever.”

Faced with this situation, both government representatives and the Chiefs recognized that only by consolidating their lands would the Six Nations people be able to remain in the Haldimand Tract. So the challenge was therefore to determine how many acres of land and which townships were to remain reserved for the Six Nations people and which would be surrendered to the Crown and sold off for their benefit.

**The Solution**

Matters come to a head in 1841 when the government laid before the Six Nations Council plans to reserve certain lands for the benefit of the Six Nations and to sell the remainder. The problem

is set out in the background papers of the 1841 surrender which papers were dated the 5th and 15th of January, 1841 and were prepared by the subsequently much maligned, (because of accounting irregularities), Samuel Peter Jarvis. He pointed out that among other things:

“From a careful inquiry into the nature of the claims of white men to the lands in their occupation, it is but too plainly apparent that they have been invited by the great majority of Indians, and that the latter have received large sums of money.... So far, indeed from the government receiving any cooperation from the Indians, notwithstanding their repeated remonstrances and calls upon [the government] for protection, [the government] find every measure proposed thwarted by the conduct of the Indians themselves, by their repeated pretended sales of their public property, and that, to, not only within the last year, but within the last fortnight, by some of the Chiefs and Indians who had been most urgent in their remonstrances.”

He went on to say that in these circumstances it could not be expected that upwards of 2,000 white persons should be removed from their homes, “for which in some instances they had paid so dearly to individual Indians.” It was therefore suggested that they approve of the government disposing for their benefit of all their lands with the exception of the farms that were at that time in their actual occupation and cultivation and an additional 20,000 acres as a further reservation, the selection of which would be deferred until after a general survey of the tract. The Surrender document following these presentations was signed on the 18th of January, 1841 by six Chiefs “in full Council assembled

at Onondaga Council House.” The six Chiefs were Moses Walker, John Smoke Johnson, (grandfather of Pauline Johnson), Peter Green, Jacob Whitecoat, Jacob Fish as well as two others with native names, Skanawate and Kanokaretini” being deputed by the said Six Nations in full Council assembled to assent to the same on their behalf.”

### **Problem With The Solution**

Within months of the 1841 Surrender some Six Nations people protested and petitioned against the Surrender claiming the Chiefs had not been given enough time to deliberate. However there was pushback against this position from John Smoke Johnson, senior Six Nations Chief and signatory to the 1841 agreement. He sent a letter to the Crown indicating that the Chiefs disclaimed any participation in the said petition. He also disagreed that the Chiefs had not had sufficient time to deliberate saying “That is not the case, for we had nine days altogether to deliberate on the Chief Superintendent’s proposals.” There followed various meetings between the Crown and Six Nations in which the Six Nations leaders debated which lands they wanted to reserve and which lands they wanted to have sold. Finally on Wednesday December 18, 1844, David Thorburn, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, obtained an agreement with 45 Chiefs from the Six Nations of the Grand River. Those 45 Chiefs signed a document, (of which the writer has a copy), in which they unanimously agreed that they would accept the reserve south of Brantford and unanimously agreed that the Crown could sell the land outside the reserve.

### **The 1844 Surrender**

As pointed out in the Holmes report, the 1844 agreement resulted from 2 meetings held on December 13 and December 18, 1844. The

archival records of these meetings consist of a two part document. The first part is Thorburn’s report of the meeting on each of the two days and includes the signatures of the Chiefs. The second part of the document is a minute of Council recording how each day proceeded, including the count of the number of Chiefs present from each nation.

The 8 page report begins with an account of the December 13 Council meeting at which Thorburn recommended to the Chiefs that the reserve be confined to the township of Tuscarora and that the remainder of the land be sold for their benefit. The Council convened five days later on December 18. The minutes indicate that David Thorburn, his assistant James Winniet and 47 Chiefs were present. The meeting was opened by Chief Buck and Chief Henry Brant delivered the reply of the Chiefs. The minute indicates that they were reluctant to surrender all their lands with the exception of the Township of Tuscarora. A discussion ensued, their answers were taken down by the Commissioner and each read and recited by paragraphs to the Council by the interpreter and assented to by their speaker as the unanimous wish of the Six Nations after which the respective Chiefs confirmed the same by their signature before the rising of Council.

Joan Holmes goes on to state in her report,

“It is my opinion that the report of Thorburn, signed by the Chiefs and the minute of the two Council meetings show that the Council was properly called, time was given for consultation and deliberation, an interpreter was used and the document was carefully reviewed before signing. There were reportedly 47 Chiefs at the meeting of December 18, the document indicates that 45 Chiefs

signed the document.”

Among the Chiefs who signed the document were Moses Walker, John Smoke Johnson, Peter Green, Skanawate and Kanokarentina five of the six Chiefs who had signed the 1841 Surrender.

Of importance to Haldimand County is the portion of this document which relates to the proposition of the Commissioner that they select as their reserve the lands in the Township of Tuscarora. The reply of the Chiefs was as follows:

“Upon the foregoing proposition of the Commissioner, the Chiefs of the Six Nations do agree to make the following reply the same having been duly maturely considered in Council on the 13th of December last and again on this 18th day of the same month and now answer that they are unanimous. that the lands on the south side of the river from that which is deeded at Burtch’s Landing, [Newport], down to the west side of the Plank Road except the tier of lots adjoining the Plank Road....”

The document went on to say that their lands in the Oxbow, Eagle’s Nest, Martin and Johnson Settlements [11,500 acres] could be sold. The document also indicates that they wished to reserve 200 acres near the Mohawk school, (in the Eagle’s Nest Tract in Brantford Township), a range of lots in Onondaga Township as well as a range of lots in the Burtch Tract.

### **The 1845 Meetings**

The government was not in agreement with reserving a range of lots in Onondaga Township and the range of lots in the Burtch Tract. Subsequent meetings therefore occurred between the Six Nations and government officials dealing with these issues. At a meeting on September 17 and 18, 1845 at which 66 Chiefs were

in attendance, the following was recorded on September 17:

“After much time spent in discussion ... it was finally resolved ... reserves should consist of the lands adjoining the tier of lots on the west side of the Plank Road in the Township of Oneida and the whole of the Township of Tuscarora and such lots [certain lots in the Burtch Tract] and that in the said Township of Brantford at the Mohawk Mission School 200 acres and further in the Township of Onondaga a tier of river lots from 45 to 61 inclusive. The Council adjourned at dusk 7 O’Clock to meet again tomorrow morning at 8 O’Clock AM.”

The Council minutes for the following day, the 18th of September, 1845 have apparently not been located. However, a public notice describing the lands reserved for the Six Nations published shortly thereafter is consistent with the intention indicated at the September 17 meeting. The Public Notice which warns squatters (settlers) to remove themselves from the Reserve Lands by the 1st of January next, described the reserve lands as:

“Lying on the south side of the Grand River, West from the tier of lots adjoining the Plank Road, in the Township of Oneida, including the Township of Tuscarora, and that part of the Township of Brantford, to the deeded land at Burtch’s; and a parcel of 200 acres lying contiguous to the Mohawk Mission School, together with a tier of River lots, from 45 to 61 inclusive, on the North side of the said River in the Township of Onondaga.”

The meeting of September 17, 1845 settled the issue of the lots to be reserved in the Township of Onondaga and partially solved the issue of the lots to be reserved in the Burtch Tract. Note however that

the meeting repeated that the only lands in Oneida that were to be reserved were the lands west from the tier of lots adjoining the Plank Road.

The Council met again at various times to discuss various issues in March of 1848. Finally on March 25, 1848 they agreed to the sale of the lands in the Burtch Tract.

### **Formalization of the Reserve Boundaries**

In November 1850, Governor General Lord Elgin issued a proclamation extending a statute for the protection of Indian Lands to the Six Nations Reserve describing the said reserve by reference to the particular lot numbers in Oneida comprising lots numbers 1 to 6 in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Concessions and also River Lots numbers 1 to 12, the whole of the township of Tuscarora and a parcel of 200 acres near the Mohawk Church and the lands on the north side of the river in the Township of Onondaga being River Lots east of Fairchild’s Creek known as river lots 45 to 61 in the 3rd Concession of the said township. (Approximately 52,000 acres)

### **Policy of the 1841 Surrender Followed**

It is evident from the events taking place from 1841 until 1848, that despite objections to it at the time, the policy set out in the 1841 Surrender was followed, namely that the Six Nations were surrendering all their lands with the exception of certain portions thereof which they wish to retain for their exclusive use. Following the Surrender document of 1841 there was never any challenge to the basic concept that all their lands were to be sold except those they wanted to have reserved. All the meetings after 1841 were simply to iron out which portions of their

lands they wished to reserve and which could be sold. From and including the meeting of December 18th, 1844 and all subsequent meetings it is clear that the intention was, so far as Haldimand County is concerned, that only the lands in Oneida west of the tier of lots on the Plank Road were to be reserved and that the rest were to be sold. All the meetings after 1844 dealt with certain lands in Brantford Township and Onondaga Township and it was finally agreed that most of those lands could be sold because they were already in the possession of white settlers who had received leases from Six Nations or from individual Six Nations Persons.

### **Confirmation of 1844 Surrender by a Chief**

On the 18th of May, 1852, “George Styers of the Township of Oneida and the County of Haldimand, an Indian Chief received a patent for Lot 68 on the Grand River. This patent indicates that said Lot 68 was part of the lands set apart for the use of the Six Nations Indians. George Styers paid the government 217 pounds, 18 shillings and 9 pence for this property. As pointed out by Dr. David Faux, this surrender proves, “that the Six Nations considered the 1844 surrender of Oneida Township etc. to be valid. Otherwise why would a lower Cayuga Chief purchase the lands he had been living on for 20 or more years, paying a large sum of money to the Crown in order to secure a clear title to this land in fee simple... If it was still Six Nations Land this transaction would make absolutely no sense ... this is a clear example that the Chiefs stood by their decision of 1844- there was at the time no controversy about the matter.”

## Sympathy for Present Land Defenders

I have noticed from press reports that there is a great deal of sympathy for the present Land Defenders at Caledonia who appear to firmly believe that the original Six Nations lands were stolen from them. I hope the foregoing gives a better understanding of what actually happened to these lands. There appears to be no question that the various Six Nations leaders authorized all the lands except the present Reserve to be sold. There is a great deal of dispute about whether these lands were properly paid for and what happened to monies that were paid. That is the subject of the lawsuit which is scheduled to come to trial next year and which has been ongoing since 1995. That is the only lawsuit which the Six Nations have commenced and it does not deal with the return of any lands but merely asks for an accounting of the sale proceeds of the lands that were sold. As Justice Arrell observed in the Brantford Injunction case in 2010, other than the said lawsuit,

“... the Six Nations despite 25 to 30 years of archival research on their own, have never elected to commence any legal proceedings against any entity, being either private or government, for the return of this land or title to the land.”

## Conclusion

In making the above comments I am not trying to disparage or denigrate Six Nations people but I am only asking that they seriously consider what actually happened to their lands. I have attempted to review the historical record as to the reason these lands were surrendered and most of them sold. I suppose that it is only human nature the individual Six Nations members would be inclined to sell the plot of land in their possession of in order to gain some fast money. The atmosphere was such, promoted by Brant, that Six Nations should have the right to sell their lands free of government interference. The government on the other hand was concerned that if this concept was not checked, that there would be none of the original tract left for the

benefit of Six Nations. Hence the boundaries of the present reserve.

## Further Reading

If anyone is interested in pursuing further research, the following are available in the Haldimand County Library system:

- The Valley of the Six Nations written in 1964 by Charles M. Johnson, a then professor of history at McMaster University
- The Historical Atlas' of Haldimand County and Brant County published in the 1870's by H.R. Page Company and Page and Smith respectively.
- The Report of Joan Holmes and Associates filed in the Brantford Injunction Case in 2010 is available along with Dr. David Faux's manuscript on the subject at [davidkfaux.org](http://davidkfaux.org)

*Ed McCarthy  
Hagersville, Ontario  
February 4, 2021*





# 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@ontariolandowners.ca) to let us know you want to be included in the Eastern Ontario contact list. If you have a friend or neighbour who might be interested in joining us, please let us know. Don't have email? Call Shirley at 613-623-0675. Please also let us know if you would like to be removed from our list.

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

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# AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ONTARIO LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION (OLA)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## How to keep in touch

The OLA has a website [www.ontariolandowners.ca](http://www.ontariolandowners.ca) and a Facebook page. Look for Ontario Landowners Association on Facebook. On our website, you can 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](http://www.fixthelaw.ca). The litigation fund is used to support court challenges that could help improve private property rights.

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

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

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

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

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# Wins for Private Property Owners in Ontario

## Support for Legal Gun Owners

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Trespass Bill Strengthened for Farm Properties

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

## Eastern Ontario Wins

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

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

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

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

Renfrew County's New Official Plan contained new mapping for "deer wintering areas" which upset many residents of the County because of the restrictions on development. Following conversations with MPP John 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.

# Wins...cont'd

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.

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