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# Concerns for Canada

by Tom Black

*Hello Folks,*

**F**inally! The Prime Minister has relaxed the restrictions on travellers taking trains and planes. It's about time! Now I know that everyone is sick of people talking about Covid 19, and I am too. But I think we have to learn some serious lessons from what happened and how we were so vulnerable because many of our critical supplies were produced in other countries. From PPE's (Personal Protection Equipment) to Tylenol, computer chips and almost anything you could imagine were all made in some other country.

So, we could blame this on big companies, or politicians and to a certain extent we would be right, but we really should blame ourselves for wanting to get cheaper products even if we put our own Canadian Companies out of business when they couldn't compete against the low wages and lack of regulations in other countries.

The main competition to our manufacturing is of course from China, where the communist government is part and parcel of the companies that compete in our economy. From my point of view, I would protect our entrepreneurs at home from uneven trade situations. Free trade is not always fair trade. Canada has finally rejected Huawei from 5G installations here. Most countries we trade with are not trying to infiltrate our society, but the CCP has an expansionist agenda and many people who come to our country are acting as spies for the CCP.

This is why I was surprised to see Patrick Brown, cozying up to pro-Beijing groups in Canada led by an endorsement from Conservative Senator Victor Oh. Senator Oh is supported by the Confederation of Toronto Chinese Canadian Organization (CTCCO) a pro-Beijing group.

Senator Oh suggested that one of the reasons to support Patrick Brown was because he was sympathetic to Beijing while some of the other candidates were racially discriminating. It seems to me that those accused of discrimination against Beijing, recognized that communism is the greatest enemy of democracy, and anyone soliciting the support of people with a communist agenda would seem to me to be approaching an act of treason against Canada.

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# WHAT TO DO WHEN THEY COME FOR YOU

Updated version

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

## ALWAYS REMEMBER:

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

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# JAILBIRD



by *Mel Fisher*

A page from Willie Brant's Diary -- I am writing this from jail, if you are reading it, I was successful in smuggling it out.

Today was the worst day I can remember. It all started at about 6 am when I was awakened by a flurry of flashing lights and sirens, then a heavy knock on the door. Looking out, there was a young lady in some kind of a uniform, and a couple of cops, with a couple of cruisers in the yard, lights flashing. This was pretty alarming; I thought maybe an escaped mass murderer was hiding on my property.

Turned out the young lady was in charge, representing the SPCA. "We have a complaint of cruelty to animals here; you need to understand that gives us complete authority to search your property. Apparently you have a goat which is limping around the pasture, get dressed and we will go for a look."

I explained as we walked to the barn that my Billy goat had footrot in his right front hoof, I am treating it and he will be just fine, he is eating and pooping and his eyes look clear, just turn your back if you want to see how much energy he has! Turns out none of them had a sense of humour.

"Is he under the care of a veterinarian?" She asks. "Of course not," from me "nobody can afford a vet every time a critter has a sore foot, I am treating it with copper sulphate and it is coming along nicely."

"I see chickens running around, how many do you have? You are only allowed one hundred without a quota from the Egg Marketing Board!"

"I really don't know, there's a skunk hanging around, picks one off every once in a while, haven't counted them lately", says I. "You realize the law requires you must provide protection for your livestock?" from the young lady. I countered with "Well, I could keep them in the barn, but that wouldn't be 'free range' anymore would it?"

Anyway, by the time I find up a key and open my gun case, then find up another key and open my ammunition case, then load up the old 22, the darned skunk has disappeared into the bush."

"We will have to examine that gun case", from one cop. "No you won't", says I, getting mad and therefore unreasonable, "you have no business anywhere near my house, we are talking about a goat with a sore foot here". The cop draws himself up to his full six foot three, and says "we have full authority to enter any house any time if we suspect any kind of wrong-doing, and we do not need a court order or any such silliness, you only think you own your house!" "Over my dead body", says I, and he responds "That can be arranged. You can come with us to answer questions, but do not try to get in the way". "OK", says I, "but be careful you don't knock over my still, it is busy working away in the basement".

So we go into the house, and head straight for the basement, more of a cellar, really. "Oh, Oh, I see a grow op here" from the cop, as he gets on his 2-way and requests the drug squad come out. "This is strange looking Marijuana", he says, to which I reply "these ones are tomatoes, and these over here are sweet potatoes. Your drug squad might be able to identify them, with a bit of help from a lab".

"So, where is the gun case?" "I don't have any guns", I say, "I got rid of them all when you made it too expensive and tied up with red tape for a farmer to have guns. That's why the skunk is still around. I was just making a point"

"OK, I don't see any still, but this bottle of booze has no LCBO sticker on it, and it smells like homebrew, so I suppose the still is hidden", to which I reply "that is Mexican vodka, it is pretty much like homebrew, my nephew brought it back from Mexico for me, I use it for disinfectant and cleaning fluid, cheaper than anything I can find in the drugstore."



“That’s a strange place for a door, where does that go?” to which I reply “Oh, that’s my powder room, I keep a few boxes of dynamite in case I need to blow a beaver dam or a big stump.” He gets right on the 2 way again, requests a swat team, says he has a guy with a lot of hidden guns and explosives.

“I was joking, there is no dynamite, there are no guns, there is no still, and this is all so silly. I am a navy vet, and have never had even a speeding ticket in my life. Mr. Law-Abiding, that’s me. That’s just my root cellar, nothing in there but some potatoes which should have gone to the pigs by now! Here, I will show you—“as I reach for the door, he draws his gun and throws me against the wall and puts handcuffs on me, saying “we will leave it to the swat team to open that door”

A couple of hours later, the drug squad and the swat team are gone. The young lady and the cop approach me. “OK, we have you down for

possessing illegal booze, electrical work which has not been inspected, breach of the building code as your root cellar is not properly vented, obstructing officers in carrying out their duties, cruelty to animals for the lame goat, and failure to properly protect your livestock. We will withdraw all these charges if you will sign this form admitting guilt to cruelty in the case of the goat. That will involve a fine of \$200, and you will have to have a vet certify that the animal is not suffering, or that he has euthanized the goat. We are giving you a break, on account of your age, and so on!”

“Absolutely not”, say I “I have done nothing wrong, you guys are completely exceeding any reasonable authority, I will not sign anything, I will not pay a fine, take me off to jail!”

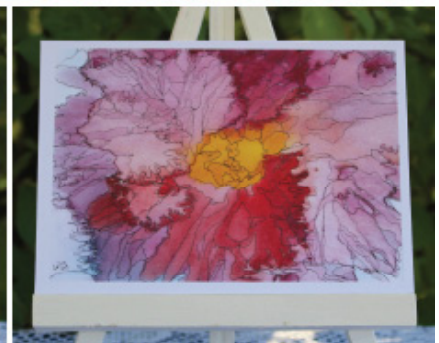
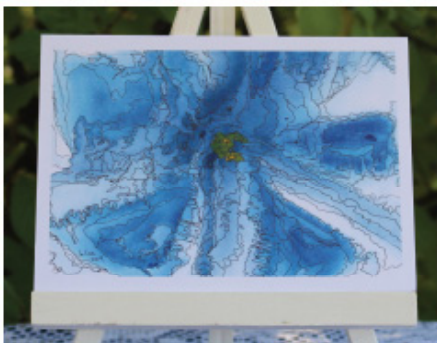
So they did. I called Joe instead of a lawyer; I figure he will find a way to spring me. If not, the food is pretty good here. \*\*



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# Its time to put private property rights at the centre of the housing crisis

Too many Canadians cannot afford to buy a house today.

*by MP Cheryl Gallant  
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke*

**T**he policies of the current Federal Government are not working. The carbon tax is an inflationary policy designed to raise the price of everything, including gas prices and homes. Trudeau together with his cold-blooded Finance Minister have made the affordable housing crisis even worse by endlessly printing money. This erodes the value of savings as another cause of inflation in addition to the liberal carbon tax. It is time to take a market-based option to the housing problem.

The solution to the housing affordability crisis starts by recognizing the property rights of landowners. This includes the right to add value and generate income as they see fit. Not only does this offer the best solution, it is the only option that relies on market forces to get the job done. Depending on costly, meddlesome and inflationary taxpayer-funded subsidies, tax breaks, special programs and government interventions in mortgage standards or interest rates only makes the situation worse.

The problem with the social housing lobby in Canada is the attitude of the NDP/Liberal socialist coalition who like to spend other people's money, yours!

True affordable housing, to be most affordable for low income earners, must be low cost housing. It must be able to compete fairly, (without massive taxpayer subsidies), with housing available at market prices.

Housing, whether publicly subsidized, private sector or non-profit, should be basic,

addressing housing needs rather than housing wants. All health and safety codes must be met.

Affordable housing would not have to depend on substantial, perpetual subsidies if built on the basis of providing shelter, and if taxpayers stop the gatekeepers, who block development. Although not everyone will be able to afford the housing they want, those who want housing should be able to afford the housing they need.

I support the Honourable Pierre Poilievre as Leader of the Conservative Party and the next Prime Minister of Canada because he understands private property rights and the housing crisis.

This is about giving back local control to property owners themselves, where it belongs. Reforms that provide “as of right”\* abilities to owners represent a push-back against the claim that land-use decisions are a community right to be decided collectively. Even worse, are land use decisions made in secret by bureaucrats and municipal politicians, rather than an individual right to be exercised by the land or building owner.

With “as of right” housing reform the self-interest of homeowners is in putting their property to its highest and best use. This benefits the public good by increasing the stock of housing and lowering prices.

Beyond its political implications, shifting the housing supply decisions away from municipal administrators, and onto individual homeowners also has an important significance.



It recognizes the superiority of capitalism, and a society based on voluntary transactions in a competitive market. It is in relatively free economies that ordinary people enjoy the best access to clean water, abundant food and affordable housing.

Anyone who wants to maximize the value of their land by splitting a single property into a duplex is obviously acting out of self-interest. At the same time, those interests are aligned with that of homebuyers who have been priced out of the market. Homeowners, buyers and renters all have the same goal in an “as of right” world: to create more supply. Allowing a piece of land to be directed to its highest and best and most profitable use by removing arbitrary zoning laws permits property owners to put additional housing on their land, which can be sold or rented out. This new supply immediately benefits potential homebuyers and renters by providing more and cheaper options.

Canada is experiencing a historic drop in the homeownership rate as well a shift away from the single-family detached home. The housing crisis is being further inflamed by the decision to import more than 430,000 permanent residents per year for the next three years into Canada. These newcomers need to be housed. With the new Liberal Federal Home Equity Tax that is being discussed in Ottawa, renting out a

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\*Property Law, Land-Use Planning, “As-of-right” – Entitlement of the owner of property to use or develop it, without recourse to a public hearing process or a vote of municipal council, if the proposed use accords with zoning by-laws.



# OLA Meeting in Cobourg a Success

## Published May 1, 2022

We didn't know what to expect on Saturday at our first Spring Directors' Meeting in three years. Our last meeting was in 2019, also at the Cobourg Legion. On Saturday, our guests arrived at a brand-new building with ground floor entrance and a beautiful hall with plenty of room. It was a delight! Catering was excellent with a light breakfast of coffee, tea, donuts and muffins followed at noon by a hardy lunch of rolls, cold cuts, salads, and dessert.

Rather than a strictly business meeting, the Executive chose a more relaxed agenda with guest speakers but plenty of time for informal and formal discussion. It was time for old friends and new to

chat and catch up.

The meeting started with welcoming remarks and an overview of the agenda by President, Jeff Bogaerts. Jeff also spoke about continued harassment of landowners by Conservation Authorities. Eastern Ontario VP Donna Burns spoke about the need to watch for the development of comprehensive bylaws in your municipality while Western VP Bob Weirmeir noted the importance of knowing your rights and the law.

Mark Snow, leader of the Ontario Libertarian Party spoke of the importance of property rights and encouraged people to be aware of what's happening around us. Ade Olumide is considering a bid for Mayor of Ottawa. He outlined some of his ideas which he says should appeal to voters as they are unique.

The OLA also welcomed the Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks who generously answered questions mostly about Conservation Authorities. MP Philip Lawrence, Northumberland-Peterborough South who agreed that the war in Ukraine will put pressure on Canadian farmers as they are pressured to produce more food.

To end off the afternoon, Peter Novotny described his family's experiences with Quinte Conservation.

Jeff closed the meeting around 3 PM, thanking all who came and announcing that the OLA expects to have our Annual General Meeting in October at the same location. Stay tuned!

Thanks all who attended and to all the volunteers who made this meeting possible.









# What's New with Wind Turbines in Ottawa

*by Shirley Dolan  
Published May 1, 2022*

**On** May 8, 2018, online news outlet Newsbug published a letter to the editor from Fulton County landowner Lynn Plummer-Studebaker, M.Ed. In the letter, Ms. Plummer-Studebaker outlines the devious practices of industrial wind turbine companies to get landowners to sign contracts. This is how its done, according to the letter:

“ ... during a meeting last spring with the wind company at our family's Fulton County farm (located about three miles east of Pulaski County). The reps jovially said our neighbors to the south were signing and so we might as well, too, because we would be looking at wind turbines, anyway. We expressed concern about our private airport because wind turbines would ruin the approaches to our runway. When it was clear we had little interest in their offer, the parting shot was that we should sign the wind lease because as a private airport we have no FAA protection from obstructions. We quickly decided we weren't signing, not for any amount of money.

A few days later my mom stopped by our long-time neighbor and friends' home to talk about the wind project. As it turns out they had not signed and

were upset to find out the wind company was using their name to promote the project. Later a different neighbor said that wind reps told him that we were supportive of the wind project! I've learned this is a common practice of wind companies. You can be sure the wind company is counting on you NOT talking

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to your neighbors. In this area, neighbors look out for their neighbors. Talk to your friends about the wind project and warn them about the predatory practices of this company. Don't leave it up to the wind rep to speak to your neighbors for you.”

Read the full letter here [Fulton County landowner gives warnings on wind turbines | | newsbug.info.](#)

Will it be any different in Ottawa where the Mayor and Council that 710 industrial wind turbines can be located in rural Ottawa? I am told that in Chatham-Kent that 7 out of 10 wind turbines are on land not owned by community members.

Let's recap. In September 2020, the Energy Evolution document was published. This document, following the City's Climate Change Master Plan, outlines what it will take to achieve the ambitious targets to reduce “community emissions by 100% by 2050 and reducing emissions from City operations by 100% by 2040”. This includes a plan for 710 large scale wind turbines.

The document was released during the pandemic when we were solidly locked down. No notice was given to the public about the document. We are told that the next step is to develop a bylaw which regulates the siting and noise levels for the turbines and that development of the bylaw will extend into the next term of Council with plenty of opportunity for public engagement. But so far, little

information has been made available.

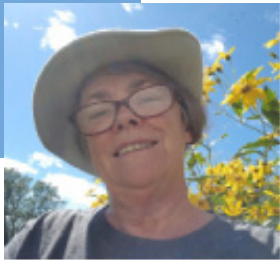
This is my understanding of how the process works:

- The City is in the process of developing the zoning bylaw which will govern the siting of wind turbines.
- Wind turbine companies will have to follow the City's zoning bylaws and will also have to apply to the Ontario government as per regulation 359/09 for Renewable Energy Approval (REA).

Wind Concerns Ontario has petitioned municipalities to consider a setback minimum of 2 kilometres. Will this recommendation be considered by the City?

Since our municipality is so enthusiastically promoting industrial wind turbines as a solution for emissions reduction, we wonder if wind turbine companies are being encouraged to visit landowners in rural Ottawa and adjoining rural counties to sign contracts. Anyone out there had a visit yet?



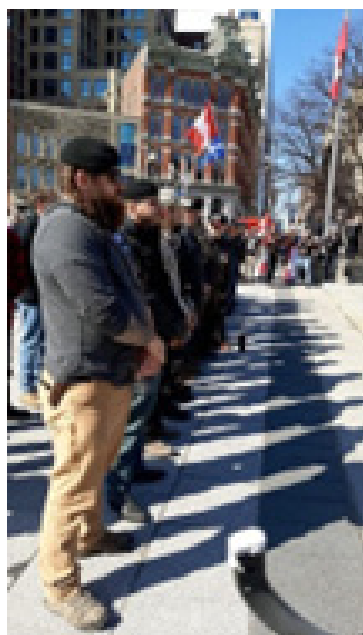


# ROLLING THUNDER - VIEW FROM THE GROUND UP

by Shirley Dolan

As I write this article, it is now several weeks since Rolling Thunder came to Ottawa on April 30. I attended the rally, in part, because I knew I could not rely on media to report a balanced or even accurate description of what took place.

Just like in the weeks leading up to the Freedom Convoy, there was a significant amount of fear-mongering and negative branding from the Ottawa politicians. One of the best, and in my opinion, balanced recounts of the rally was the one written by the Western Standard (May 1).



While I agree that it was sometimes difficult to get a clear handle on “what the rally was all about”, it was obvious that there would be a memorial service at the National War Memorial starting at 10 AM. This would be followed by hundreds of motorcycles rolling through downtown Ottawa on a route designated by the police. It seems that

the City had reneged on letting the bikers circle the War Memorial. When we headed out on Saturday morning for the memorial service, we didn’t know if the streets would all be blocked. However, we had no problems exiting at Nicholas Street and parking at the Rideau Centre.

There was already a good crowd when we reached the National War Memorial. The more than hour long ceremony included speeches from veterans who recounted their experiences in places like Afghanistan. Certainly, a theme of frustration and angst caused by the lockdowns and vaccine mandates was evident. It is a sad commentary that veterans who answered the call to fight for freedom in other countries were not allowed that freedom at home and were dismissed for not being vaccinated. Many of those attending had also been present during the Freedom Convoy in February and like that one, this rally was also peaceful. At one point, a small group protesting the ceremony became somewhat vocal hurling insults at the veterans and their supporters. The response was to not engage, they had a right to protest also. Most of the counter protesters left soon after. The ceremony ended with the laying of a wreath.

Following the ceremony, the crowd scurried down towards Elgin and Laurier to see the bikers.



Some reports say that as many as 3,000 people gathered to watch the bikes (around 350 of them) roar down Elgin Street and up Laurier. It was impressive, to say the least, although it was very tightly controlled by police. I spoke to a couple from Cape Breton who were staying at the Lord Elgin. They said the hotel was moving them to another location for the night. A bit of over reaction if you ask me. The rolling thunder lasted only about 20 minutes.

After the rolling thunder demonstration, we returned to the cenotaph for closing remarks. Curiously, a group of police on motorbikes roared around the monument at least three times, to the annoyance of some of the attendees. We were told by the organizers that though they had not signaled their intentions, the police were showing their respect for the veterans present.

According to the organizer, Neil Shearn, the rally was to give back dignity to the National War Memorial in reference to placing of fencing around the memorial during the Freedom Convoy. Shearn and the veterans introduced us to Veterans for Freedom, who according to their website, is” a grassroots organization comprised of Canadian

Armed Forces veterans who are mobilizing a nation-wide movement of peaceful, lawful, civic action. We join our brothers and sisters across the country to restore fundamental freedoms for all Canadians, and to honour our Fallen, who made the ultimate sacrifice for these freedoms. We stand on guard to uphold Canadian laws that are governed by the Constitution and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. We call on all able-bodied veterans in Canada to STAND-TO.” Check it out at Veterans for Freedom (veterans4freedom.ca).

I couldn't help comparing the Rolling Thunder rally to the Freedom Convoy. Both have at their core a desire for peaceful protest and a return to a more normal life without the vaccine mandates and lockdowns which have harmed so many and divided households, families, and friends. I could see the hope and happiness in people's smiles. Can't wait 'til the next one. \*\*

*Photo credit to Danno. Thank you very much and for always showing up with your camera to record the events.*



# Why I Support Pierre Poilievre

*by Roger Graves*

Unless you've been hiding under a rock lately, you've heard of Pierre Poilievre. He's the Conservative MP for Carleton riding, just south of Ottawa, and who is gunning not only for the leadership of the Conservative Party but also to become Canada's next Prime Minister. And of course to unseat Justin Trudeau from the position he now holds.

I've known Pierre for a long time, from before he ever became an MP. Back in 2003 my wife Penny and I decided for no particular reason one evening to go and listen to a 23-year old kid who was trying to become the Conservative candidate for Nepean-Carleton riding, as it was then. He'd rented a meeting room in a motel near the Hunt Club bridge and a couple of dozen people turned up. At that time Nepean-Carleton was held by a Liberal, David Pratt, who was the Minister of Defence, so it looked like a pretty solid Liberal seat, but we went anyway.

We were blown away by the speech that this young kid named Pierre Poilievre gave, so much so that Penny went up to him afterwards and said "Young man, one of these days you are going to be Prime Minister".

Subsequently we were volunteers at the candidate nomination meeting, which was hotly contested with five or six people vying for the nomination. I can claim to be the first person to know that Pierre had become the Conservative candidate because I was the person tallying up the votes as they came in, and the rest is history.

A couple of things stand out in my memory of the early days of Pierre's tenure as the MP for Nepean-Carleton (it didn't become just plain Carleton until 2014). The first is that Pierre made a determined and long lasting effort to get to know the people in his riding. Every municipal event, church supper, Legion fish fry, you name it, Pierre was there. He'd rented a house somewhere in Barrhaven but he didn't bother to put much furniture in it because he was rarely there.

The other thing that stands out in my memory is that Pierre gave a constant, unwavering message to the people in his riding: "I work for you. You are my boss." That message hasn't changed, as long as I've known him.

And now Pierre is a very senior member of the Conservative Party and is vying to become its leader and our next Prime Minister. On his leadership campaign trail he is giving another constant message: freedom. So what does he mean by this?

In the last fifty years or so, Canada has gone from a nation of free and independent people to one divided into elites and commoners, in which the elites give the orders and the commoners are supposed to shut up and do as they are told. Our society is one in which no one dares speak their mind for fear of saying the wrong thing and being hounded by the politically correct mob, while the elites live their lives cushioned from the attentions of the common people. When I came to Ottawa nearly fifty years ago and was dealing with government officials, if you wanted to see a particular civil servant you just walked into their building in downtown Ottawa, poked your head in their office and that was that. Nowadays if you want to see anyone you must make an appointment, go through security checks when you walk into the building, and be escorted to the appropriate meeting room as if you were a dangerous criminal.

I remember reading a veteran journalist's account of being with Prime Minister Diefenbaker at Ottawa airport to meet a visiting foreign dignitary. The flight was delayed, so Diefenbaker and the journalists found a quiet space to wait, passed around a pack of cigarettes (remember them?) and began swapping stories, some of them quite disreputable. None of this was subsequently written up in the press because free people don't do this to each other. Can you imagine any of this happening today?

There have always been elites, if only because some people have more drive and

initiative than others and so get ahead in life. However, what has changed in the last fifty years or so is that we have become an elite-conscious society. Too many of us with pretensions to grandeur want you to know that they are important, that they are, to however slight a degree, a member of the elite. That any decisions they make, such as locking everyone down for health reasons, are not to be questioned because the elite decision makers are superior in all respects to the common people, particularly to those impertinent enough to ask questions in the first place.

Pierre Poilievre is a transformative phenomenon. He wants to transform society so it is no longer so elite-conscious. He wants to transform society so that we no longer constantly need to watch what we say in case we hurt someone's feeling, we no longer have to fear that some petty government official can freeze our bank account if they don't like what we say or do. As Prime Minister he can do some of this

by repealing some of the more restrictive laws brought in by recent governments, but the real task is to change the way we see ourselves.

Today's society is based upon victimhood. The world is divided into oppressors and victims. If you are a straight white male you are automatically an oppressor (did you know that?), and most of the rest are victims of one sort or another whose apparent function in life is to feel sorry for themselves and demand recompense and privileges as a result. I think what Pierre really wants to do is to get rid of this attitude of mind and create a society in which we not only respect each other but respect ourselves. You can't do this just by making laws about it, but I think with Pierre as Prime Minister we could start this transformative process.

Can Pierre do this? Only if he is given the chance, and this means voting for him as Party leader. Which is why I am supporting Pierre. \*\*







# The Media Spin got it all Wrong!

*by Ian Cumming  
Agricultural Journalist*

Pierre Roy quit school in grade 11. Now pushing 80 he made that shocking admission in a book he just put out. Shocking, because he was in charge of some of the biggest engineering and aerospace projects throughout the world. Both for private companies, and the Ministry of National Defense. Everyone just assumed he was an educated engineer.

Now Pierre never lied on his CV, saying he had been educated at this or that university. That stayed blank. What he did truthfully list on his CV was the army certifications he had received at a young age, as his natural mechanical ability improved a fighter jets engines propulsions, plus put him on the vanguard of computer technology. Combined with an incredible work ethic to self educate and ability to organize a large crew of people, both governments and private industry would drop him into a project to rescue, that was stalled or going off the rails.

He developed a reputation of turning such projects around and then repeatedly got sent into places and touchy situations that no highly educated engineer seemingly wanted to deal with.

Russian, European and Chinese officials worked with him in their countries, where he lived for months on end, as they interacted on mega projects. Which included a nuclear power plant in the Ukraine. So, over time, his CV of actual work experience and successful projects wasn't matched by anyone.

As Pierre pointed out, he had learned as a French speaking kid from south of Quebec City moving to Ontario, then stocking store shelves or working deep in a mine as a teenager, still too young for the army, how to negotiate in different territory and with different people. Plus, he could

drink most anyone, including Russians, under the table.

The government knew his level of education, which prevented them from raising his salary. So he left for the better pay of private industry, with government hiring him back for certain outsourced projects at top contract pay. Pierre sits at our local Coffee College and had never even hinted at the breadth of what he had accomplished. The book of his life, partially motivated by the pain of having great relationships in both Russia and the Ukraine now involved in war, stunned the several of us he handed it to.

He had his bottom lines, with whom he would interact. When a Minister from the Chretien government showed up for a photo op and publicity at some foreign project he was heading, Pierre couldn't be bothered meeting him or going to the reception. The reason was quite simple. Liberal politicians, he wants no part of them. Then, and now.

His life experience has developed an acute radar in Pierre of what constitutes eroding freedom and where that brings a society. They might be small, July 1 you can't have a loose farm dog or the consequences are a \$75,000 fine, compliments of our provincial Conservative government. But pile them up, with the concept that governments can and do exert such levels of control, and Pierre can tell you what the consequences are, that he repeatedly witnessed firsthand.

Also sitting at Coffee College is farmer and former pro hockey scout Willy Terry. Willy only went to grade eight, when he left to work in the bush a year before the Chicago Black Hawks – back in the old six team league – “bought him”

at 14 years of age for a \$100 bill and sent him to their Junior A affiliate.

But it was in later years, as a pro hockey scout for St Louis, that Willy made his 25 to 30 trips to Russia to scout players. Frequently describing for us the intense poverty that communism and its partner of socialism has created throughout that country, both urban and rural.

He came into breakfast the other morning just seething. The mainstream media and even a fellow farm columnist had lambasted a top NHL Russian player for not condemning Putin for the Ukraine invasion, and Willy was livid at them. He had discovered that player when he was only 14 in some impoverished town, had met the family who he thought were great, humble hard working people, who were delighted their sons talents would bring him a better life.

“Do they (media) not realize that if he condemns Putin, they will shoot his mother?” asked Willy. With Russian being a hockey power, “can you name one Russian coach in the NHL?” he asked. We couldn’t.

Then Willy related for us the story of the bright, young Russian coach that Philly wanted to come over and coach their farm team, with the potential of advancement of coaching in the NHL. The Russians in control of hockey “including former KGB guys” told him not to go. The coach said no, he was going.

Two days before he was to leave for America, “he was machine gunned to death in front of his daughters,” said Willy.

So these days, when Canadian elites mock fellow citizens protesting against their continual loss of freedoms, one should tell them to have a chat with Pierre and Willy.

Who know where all this government control is inevitably taking us. \*\*



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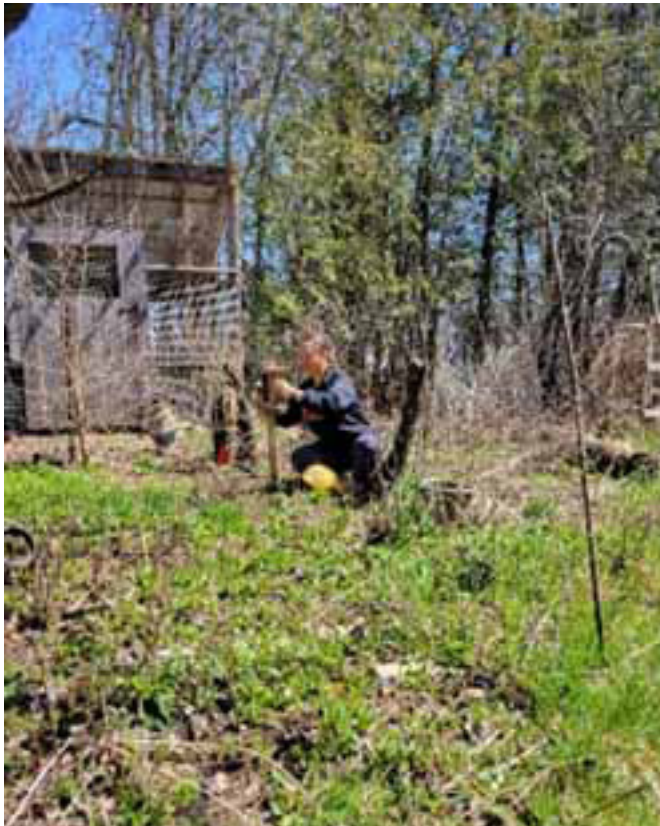
by Judith Cox



Greetings fellow gardeners,

This Saturday Lydia Wong, the PhD student who was conducting an experiment in my yard, returned with her two bee hotels and temperature gauge. Last year she collected the hotels and extracted the bee cocoons. She weighed and measured the cocoons and brought them back to be released. The hotels have been returned and installed and the little cocoons are in a holder underneath each hotel, waiting to emerge.

that made her day. I was over the moon that my double flowered bloodroot came back!



Lydia Wong installing bee hotel

Lydia was very enthusiastic about my garden, remarking that it was ‘so alive.’ There were bees out already and we were able to watch several miner bees on the bloodroot flowers. Two miner bees began mating on the bloodroot flowers and



My beautiful double bloodroots

The bee cocoons were in little plastic pill-bottle type containers. There was one cocoon for each container and there were about thirty of them.

Lydia carefully removed the cocoons and even gave me one to hold. It was tiny and fuzzy. The cocoons were transferred to another container that will hold them safely until they are ready to come out.





Containers of bee cocoons

Life is coming back to the garden. I had a glorious full day of puttering about in the garden and was so happy. I checked out all the bulbs as they started to break through. The early daffodils are starting to bloom while the later ones are just peeking through the dark earth. Last year at this time I had cherry blossoms and this year they are just starting to form. I am hoping that this means they will form more fruit. The forsythia is gloriously yellow and the spent blossoms flutter down like tiny birds.

I planted up some of the cooler crops like peas and left them in my new greenhouse. It is not an overly fancy arrangement: basically, a shelving unit with a plastic cover, but I love it because it will make hardening off my plants a lot easier. I like to give my peas a bit of a head start before I plant them because I have such issues with chipmunks. I plant the peas in cardboard tubes that continue to protect them when they are planted out. I am using a mixture of garden soil and compost for my seeds and plants outside.



My new greenhouse

Inside, the little seedlings are starting to grow. I have been able to pot up a few of them and am dreaming of the wonderful things I will be eating this summer. This weekend I should think about starting the vine crops like cucumbers, squash, and pumpkins. They only need about a two-week advance. You are not too late to plant anything! You can start seeds now and be in time to get a good crop of vegetables, or you can plant the seed directly in the soil around the 20th of May.

The tree in front of my window is starting to leaf out and the too-many cats are lined up to watch the birds. The goldfinches are enjoying the Niger seeds and the chickadees are singing all about spring. Take a minute to smell that spring air and enjoy your week.

Judith

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*Greetings fellow gardeners,*

I am sparking joy all over the place! As I wandered over to visit the chickens, I saw that my lovely crabapple tree, that has been doing so poorly these past few years, is covered in deep sweet-smelling burgundy blossoms. I am hoping that means lots of tiny crabapples that will lead to delicious dark garnet-coloured jelly. As I stood there gazing at the blossoms, I noticed a branch of pale pink blooms growing up the side of the tree! Years ago, I had a sweet cherry tree that died from a disease. The cherries were so sweet that you could eat them without sugar. The branch with the blooms had been a sucker at the base of my crabapple tree, and I hadn't removed it. I am hoping with all my heart that it is a branch from my old cherry tree. The fruit will be the test.



Crabapple with mystery blossoms

As I turned from the tree, one of the many birds that live in my back yard zipped past me. She is a flycatcher, and she built her nest over the door to my gazebo. I won't be using this door for a while, I guess. Flycatchers are really interesting birds. They are about the size of a robin, but they flick their tails like a wren. I think that mine is a Willow flycatcher, and she is catching a lot of bugs.



Flycatcher nest

Another joyful discovery is that all of the lilacs have started to flower. My white lilac is a personal favourite as it stands firm against all the green of spring. At its base is a shock of yellow in the form of a euphorbia while the weigelia is just deciding if it is time to put in an appearance.





White lilac

While I am trying to encourage my vegetables to get started, I am still reluctant to bring all of them outside. I have succeeded with some and soon they will be in the ground, while others find it much too cold. This is what spring weather is all about.

My pepper plants are the right size to go outside, and one even has a flower, but I am reluctant to expose such a sensitive plant to the open air. I like to wait until the end of May before my tomatoes and peppers consider leaving my protection. I have pots of earth in my little greenhouse setup that I am planting with cucumbers, zucchini, and squash. I think my mini pumpkins can get started now as well. I have a few seeds left from what I had collected from my father's Queensland Blue Hubbard squash, and I am hoping that they will germinate.

The catnip has grown a lot since it has rained. It seems that rain was all that was needed. Catnip is a fun herb to grow, and it will spread all over the

place if you don't monitor it. You can make catnip tea if you wish but I carefully selected a number of stems to take in to the too-many cats. I found it remarkably quiet for the rest of the day.



Maggie and her catnip

Please continue to keep an eye on the weather. If it is cold at night your tender plants will need protection and for some of them it is still too early. Enjoy the bright greens of the spring and remember to take breaks and drink water.

Judith

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# Canada Marches

**H**ave you heard the news? James Topp is marching from the Terry Fox statue in Vancouver, BC to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa, a journey of just under 4,300 kilometres. His journey is chronicled on the website [www.canadamarches.ca](http://www.canadamarches.ca). He is protesting federal government mandates that require, as a condition for employment or continued employment, vaccination, testing, quarantine, and/or isolation.

According to the website, “James Topp is the author of this idea (Canada Marches). James went public with his story wearing his Canadian Armed Forces uniform sharing his own story of being released from the Armed Forces. This is a huge move to use the uniform as a tool for spreading awareness. James announced in early February of 2022 that he would be marching from Vancouver to Ottawa to protest what is going on, collect stories of Canadians along the way, and get a conversation with the employees of the federal government.

The Freedom/Trucker convoy re-invigorated James spirit to do something; it now has him and the Canada Marches team moving across the country aiming to start a conversation which wasn't had with the truckers. This is being done

on instinct, with resourcefulness in mind; a key trait of a good soldier. Solutions are what James is aiming for, not scratching the itch of talking about how we got here.

The division in Canada is high at the moment but there is still that wholesome Canadian spirit which will invite you over to dinner after meeting you and open up our homes to each other. We love Canada because of Canadians.

There are great ones who have gone before us, and this is honoured by the starting location of the Terry Fox Memorial in Vancouver, British Columbia and the finishing location will be the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa. This monumental task will produce some powerful results and the movement along the way is providing new hope for Canadians across the Country.”

James' estimated time of arrival in Ottawa is late June. In Ontario, he is following highway 17 to Arnprior where the team will announce the remainder of the route due to Hwy rules on the 417.

Will you be there to welcome James along the route? [www.canadamarches.ca/route-updates](http://www.canadamarches.ca/route-updates)





The Terry Fox memorial is Jame's destination.



# Peterborough Beef Farmer feels the sting of injustice with the removal of his cattle

*Nelson Zandbergen  
Farmers Forum*

**P**ETERBOROUGH — Peterborough-area beef farmer Walter Ray could be out \$144,000 and he's not taking it lightly. The province confiscated 101 of his beef animals and he was billed between \$20 to \$50 per head per day for their care over six weeks.

Treatment of the cattle was never an issue until Animal Welfare Services, spooked the herd and accidentally killed two cows.

Ray, 76, has not been charged with any legal offence in connection with the Dec. 16 seizure at his Warsaw farm. Animal Welfare Services inspectors acting under the new Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act (PAWS) scooped up more than half his herd after he failed to comply with orders to clean up "hazardous debris" on parts of the property a month earlier. The herd ran free over 200 acres.

He appealed to the Animal Care Review Board for the return of his cattle and relief from the six-figure boarding bill incurred over six weeks at undisclosed foster-farm locations, where the animals still remained at the end of March. Four days of hearings wrapped up March 28.

Ray's lawyer, Kitchener-based Robert Scriven, who is also a beef farmer, told Farmers Forum that Ray's bill was driven up by the foster farm's "exorbitant" daily fee of between \$20 and \$50 per head.

That rate stood in stark contrast to the \$5 per head per day that longtime salebarn operator Dave DeNure said he charges to keep, feed and water cattle for brief stays at his facility before

a sale. The Hoard's Station sale barn proprietor testified March 28 that a PAWS official told him he could be charging more. "I said, we don't need to charge any more than that. That's what we charge."

DeNure dealt with PAWS investigators in the Ray case as the agency brought the farmer's animals to his facility to be tagged and pregnancy-checked before PAWS whisked them away to the foster farm.

Ray maintains that PAWS should have at least sent his cattle straight to market and given him the money, rather than placing the cattle in high-cost foster care for an extended period. While that request was made at the outset, PAWS turned it down, according to testimony at the hearings.

Scriven told Farmers Forum that his client's animals are indeed headed for market very soon under a recently reached settlement concerning the cattle.

Ray's predicament is believed to be the first time that PAWS officials have removed cattle from a commercial farm operation since that organization took over enforcement duties from the Ontario Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in 2019.

PAWS investigators "are supposed to be the elite of the cattle industry, and to me, they're the absolute worst," Ray said, his voice momentarily breaking with emotion, when answering Scriven's questions during testimony March 28. "They just terrorized that herd," he

**Welfare Services Act (PAWS) scooped up more than half his herd after he failed to comply with orders to clean up "hazardous debris" on parts of the property a month earlier. The herd ran free over 200 acres.**





Not his actual cattle.  
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Meagher*

said, referring to the Dec. 16 roundup of his cattle by a contractor, hired by PAWS.

Ray testified he felt as if he was being “robbed” when PAWS and its contractor arrived to take the animals.

The contractor used two ATVs in an attempt to wrangle more than 170 head at the Ray farm. The effort only managed to collect 101, with two animals dying and an injured contractor who spent a number of weeks in hospital. “You’ll never load cattle that way,” Beef Farmers of Ontario animal advisory councillor John Lunn testified March 28.

Ray, Lunn and a group of neighbours managed to round up the remaining 73 animals a couple of days later. Ray testified the leftover cattle were still spooked from the previous experience and consequently crashed through a cemetery fence. The 73 cows were shipped directly to the Hoard’s sale barn Dec. 19 and sold off Jan. 4, as per the owner’s wishes, fetching \$51,000.

DeNure testified that Ray’s animals were in good condition, describing them as “every bit as good as the other cattle in the sale as far as marketability.”

Board member Susan Clarke heard the appeal. Scriven said he doesn’t expect a ruling before the end of May on what he considers to be “one of the most consequential cases for Ontario agriculture” he has so far handled in his career.\*\*

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# The Farewell Tour

by Randy Vancourt

No doubt almost everyone has heard about Elton John's "Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour" which is travelling the globe right now. While slightly past his best-before date, Elton John is still a solid entertainer capable of bringing stadiums to their feet. Retirement is not usually on a performers' radar, partly because they love their craft but mostly because the average musician or actor can't really ever afford to stop. In Elton's case though, I suspect there's no need to take up a collection for his retirement fund any time soon.

Farewell Tours have been a focus of both fan enjoyment and derision over the years. Many musicians announce their final concerts only to reemerge again a couple of years later, now with a moneymaking Comeback Tour. Cher, The Who, KISS, Ozzy Osbourne - all did farewell tours that didn't stick. Ozzy called his comeback tour, "Retirement Sucks."

Frank Sinatra famously first "retired" in 1971 (nine years before he even recorded New York, New York), then continued to perform over a thousand more concerts before he passed away in 1998. Although his fans continued to adore him, there was something bittersweet about watching his later performances when he was so clearly unable to remember lyrics or share much banter with the audience.

Of course Farewell Tours are more about giving the fans one last hurrah, and quality is often secondary. The recent farewell concert shows with Mickey Dolenz and the late Mike Nesmith were a good example. At 77, Dolenz was still a dynamo on stage, but Nesmith, then 78 and in failing health, was almost unrecognizable. It was poignant to watch but it didn't matter once they broke into any of their classic Monkees hits.

Back in 2011 I was fortunate enough to be in the audience for the kick-off performance of Glen Campbell's Farewell Tour. The previous year Campbell had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

I watched this amazing musician with 74 hit records, plus hundreds of songs on which he performed early in his career as a session musician (everything from "Tequila" to "The Unicorn") still able to perform at a level that would challenge most healthy musicians half his age.

I think many people dream about leaving behind a legacy; we need to feel that we've left that footprint, something that shouts to the world, "I was here. I made a difference." Still most of us barrel thorough our lives, never thinking of keeping a record of who we are or what we did.

In Canada we have an amazing effort called The Memory Project ([www.thememoryproject.com](http://www.thememoryproject.com)), with the goal of creating a record of Canada's participation in WWII and the Korean War as seen through the eyes of thousands of veterans. If you are a vet, or know one who hasn't heard about this endeavor, I urge you to check it out and share your memories.

For the rest of us who didn't fight Hitler, this website can be an inspiration. Wouldn't it be nice if we all started writing down our memories, our personal histories, our unique recollections of events we've lived and people we've known? If writing is too difficult turn on a video camera and recount your stories in your own words.

The stories don't have to be about curing diseases or ending wars. Just share the simple tales, the funny anecdotes and family histories. Anyone who has ever lost a loved one knows the feeling of wishing we could have just one more conversation together. Leaving behind our unique lives in our own words is the greatest gift we can offer.

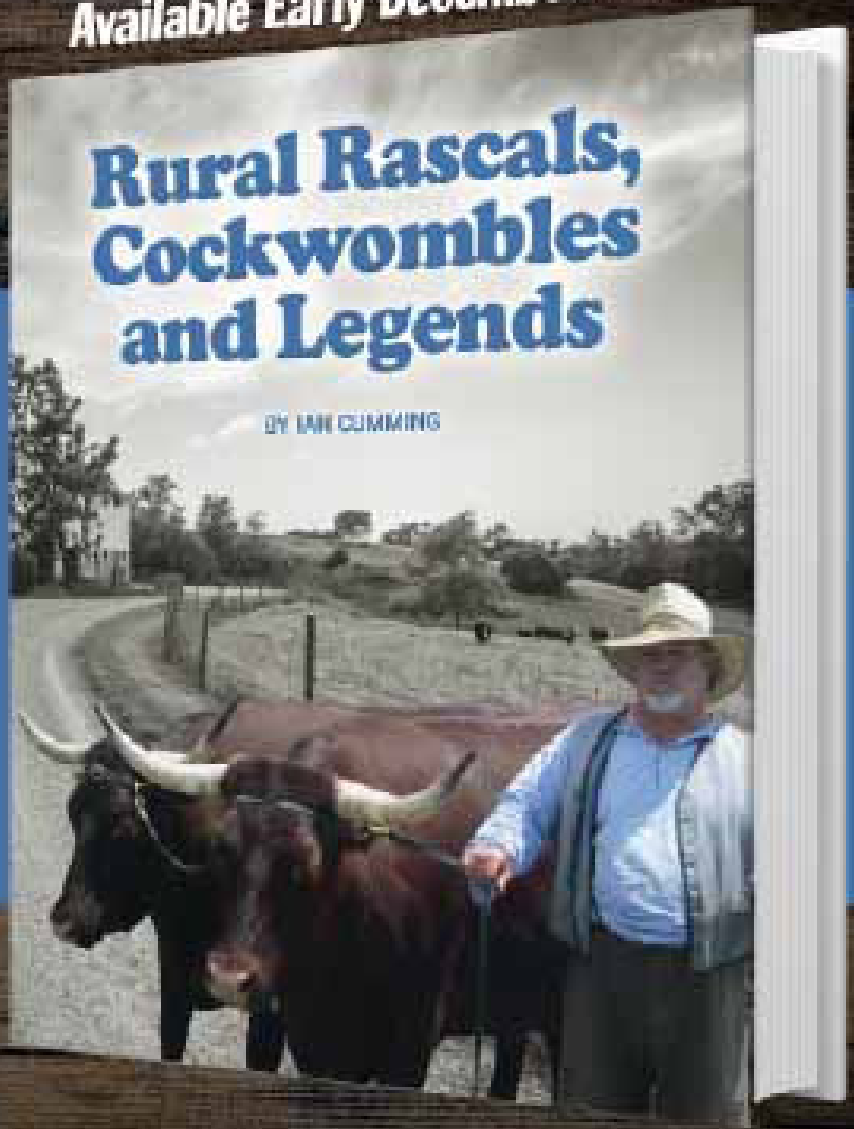
Think of it as your own Memory Project because let's face it, none of us knows when we'll be taking that Farewell Tour ourselves. Until then I take inspiration from the words of Tommy Hunter, who closed his show every week for almost three decades saying, "And be the Good Lord willing, we'll see you again real soon."

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*A copy of a letter sent to Premier Doug Ford from Elizabeth Marshall:*



Dear Premier Ford

Firstly, please accept my sincerest congratulations on your resounding win. Your government speaking of positive initiatives was, obviously, well accepted by the people of Ontario.

On a not so uplifting note, though, we are headed into Municipal Elections and having attended a “Candidates Workshop” at the Collingwood Legion on June 9, 2022, to say myself and other attendees were disappointed, is being polite.

When the speaker referenced the Municipal Act he did explain that it is long, boring and, to some, confusing. He then added that this piece of legislation would make a good doorstep. When one considers it is the rules which extend to how municipalities, their Council(s) and staff are to function, it was very disappointing to have someone of his stature make such a derogatory statement about provincial legislation.

The next issue was when the Municipal Councillor’s Guide. This document, which is produced by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, was asked about the speaker informed attendees not to bother that they should merely speak to the Clerk.

Not to take anything away from the work of the many Clerks, throughout Ontario, but the Clerks are only human and on occasion they may miss something, so, would it not be in the best interest of the residents, in Ontario, for their elected, and wanting to be elected, officials to read a document that is produced specifically for them?

Perhaps, in light of what had been brought to my attention by attendees after the meeting, etc., a memo might be sent to the Clerks (to disseminate to the registered Attendees via email) and the Speaker that the Municipal Act is not a doorstep and should be read by those who would be and are Municipal Councillors.

And perhaps, a recommendation should be made that the Councillor’s Guide be read, by potential and sitting Councillors, to have a better understanding of the operation, authority, limitations, etc., of the Municipality’s and their Council – including the role of the Clerk and staff. This may lead to less angst between the electorate and Councils (their staff) and may also lead to less LPATs, and/or Court challenges, wouldn’t one agree?

Again, congratulations on your success and we can only hope the next four years are less stressful and more productive for Ontario.

Regards,

Elizabeth F. Marshall,

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# There is Hope for the Future?



by Marlene Black

Hello to all,

The days march on and it is now mid-June. Where does the time go? I hope that everyone managed well during this last tornado/wind storm that hit Ontario hard. Our town of Stittsville was severely damaged with many trees and power lines down throughout the town. The main street was closed for several days. Power outages ranged from 3 days to over 10 so many people were dealing with a lot. Farmers in Navan were hit very hard with barns destroyed, roofs blown off and some milking parlors totally ruined. It was a mess and will be some time before all is back to normal. It was a crazy busy time for electricians and those that came from out of town to help. We are very grateful for the work that they were able to accomplish despite all the odds.

I was impressed when I received an email from a friend telling me about a new (perhaps children's) paperback book trending #1 on Amazon which was called: **How the Prime Minister stole Freedom**. The following blurb about the book says:

*“In the city of Ottawa on Parliament Hill, the Canadian Government debate and pass bills. Every person in Canada liked freedom a lot, but the Prime Minister who ran the country did not. He took everyone's freedoms and locked everyone down tight. It seemed like the lockdowns had no end in sight. Until one day, Truckers became very annoyed, so they decided to form a freedom convoy...”*

I will tell you how it turns out. I thought that was an interesting yet brave venture for the author. Hopefully he doesn't have a government job.

In terms of farming, it has been a rough go but we are “tractoring” on. A lot of time has been spent in the shop preparing machines for the field or fixing used ones that need parts and stores that

regretfully tell us that they have no parts. They are on back order with no due date in sight. However, most crops are in but the rain has delayed some of it as well as making it difficult to get a few hot days together to dry hay, so we wait and see. The rain did however, enable us to burn some of our big brush piles so that was good.

As well as cattle and calves, we still dabble in a few chickens, lambs and ducks and after the cuteness wears off, it becomes a never ending job of keeping them alive, preventing them from killing each other, fixing holes that they have made in fences before escaping to the greener grass, etc. and keeping a watchful eye on the foxes and wolves that slink around at different times of the day, ever ready to pounce. My daughter and son have lost some guinea hens to these predators. We now have electric chicken fences which seem to help out but they still like their daily tour around the backyard.

Not much else is new. We keep our ears to the news and hope that Canada eases up on travel restrictions as it is apparently, a bit of a nightmare when flying.

I hope that everyone has a great summer without getting sunburnt or too many horsefly bites. Enjoy the sun when it comes out.. \*\*







# 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*





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# The ONTARIO LANDOWNERS Association

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

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

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

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

Contacts for Eastern Ontario Landowner County Groups:

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3. Stormont Dundas – Christina Suffel [christinasuffel@yahoo.com](mailto:christinasuffel@yahoo.com)
4. Leeds & Grenville – Duaine McKinley [mckinley@xplornet.com](mailto:mckinley@xplornet.com)

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

Shirley Dolan, email: [sjdolan@xplornet.com](mailto:sjdolan@xplornet.com) Phone 613-623-0675 and Marlene Black

# 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.

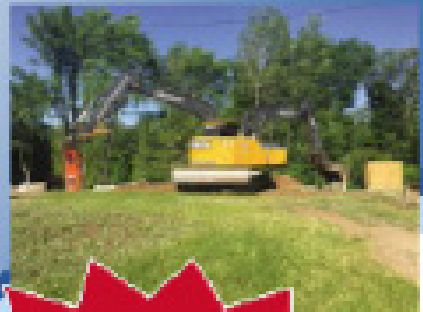
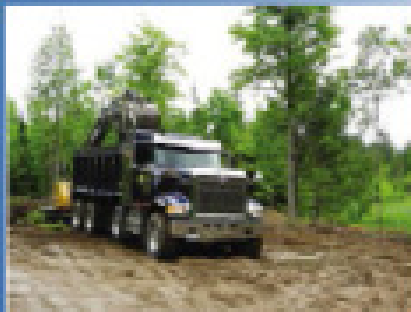
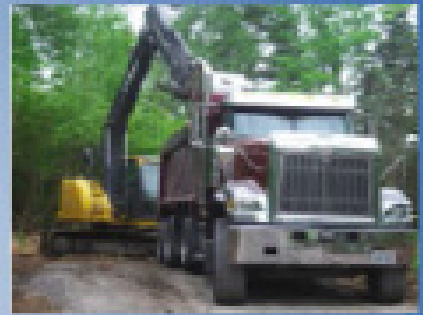
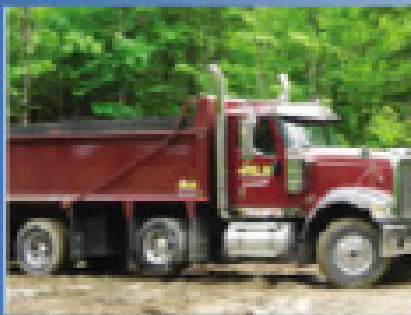
Elizabeth Marshall has been elected to the position of Chair of the Canadian Justice Review Board. Liz Marshall has been a long-time member of the OLA as a board member, speaker, author, political candidate, and a tenacious advocate for Property Rights. She is currently the Director of Research for the 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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