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The Power of Fear

by Tom Black

Hello Folks,

Merry Christmas everyone and all the Best in the New Year. It has been a long, troubled year worldwide, with terrible human suffering. Droughts, floods, tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes, wars and Covid 19 as well as numerous smaller scale but just as devastating personal tragedies in families and friends.

As we all get older, we seem to know more people in the ‘memorial column’ of the local papers. I know this is the natural way of the world, but sometimes it just seems like it happened suddenly. I guess maybe we have more time now to reflect on life.

Looking back on two years of Covid and how the world dealt with it brings me to think of how the people were manipulated into obedient sheep by the use of fear. The constant media blasts warning everyone to get their shots or they would kill grandma and grandpa. Then they turned their sights on the children and panicked parents into getting multiple shots for themselves and then on to the children. Any dissenting thoughts were removed and doctors with doubts were canceled and fired, even those that treated patients and saved their lives (Dr. Pierre Kory, Dr. Ryan Cole, Dr. Paul Marik, Dr. Charles Hoffe, Dr. Roger Hodgkinson – FLCCC.net). The alliance between government, media and Big Pharma spread the fear that completely overpowered any common sense for all but the very strong and not intimidated who refused to get on the government train. One can forgive politicians and doctors for decisions made in the early days of the pandemic because of the seriousness of this virus and the fact that there was no treatment that had been established to cope with it. My problem was and still is that these folks doubled down and said the vaccine was the only hope, “safe and effective” even as it proved unable to protect against getting the virus or spreading it.

The other big fear that happened this year was the Truckers Convoy to Ottawa. What started out

as a protest against lost jobs because of Covid, not having the shot, mask mandates, lockdowns and closed borders eventually turned into the freedom convoy focusing on the way the current government ran the country as a dictatorship. Anyone with their own thought process intact who went downtown several times, as I did, to see what was happening, could not have come away from there thinking this wonderful spontaneous gathering of concerned hard working Canadians had any ill intent. My only criticism of the convoy was honking their horns through the night – 8 am to 6pm would have been plenty.

But the Prime Minister labeled them as a “fringe minority with unacceptable views” and refused to meet with them or hear their concerns. The CBC, Global and CTV all jumped in with the mayor of Ottawa, Jim Watson to sell the terrorism plot to the gullible citizens of the city who by nature have a huge allegiance to the government because about 75% of all jobs in Ottawa are related to the government in some form.

Fear of these so-called terrorists allowed Trudeau to bring forth the Emergency Act with about 70% approval from regular citizens. Now after a month of testimony, the general public got to hear from the people of the convoy and saw that they were pretty regular Canadians – not unlike the soldiers that fought for freedom in the two world wars so that we could have freedom of thought and be able to protest our government if it stepped over that line in the sand.

I know this doesn’t seem like an uplifting Christmas message, but in my way of thinking, God sent his son Jesus to walk with us to give us the courage to do what is right and not to live in fear. Where did all our professed faith in God go when we let small-minded politicians and the greed of big Pharma drive fear into our souls to the point that we ignored the facts and common sense. **



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/>.

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Jemima

by Roger Graves

Christmas is approaching as I write this, and it seems fitting to talk about the good in all of God's creatures rather than the usual diatribes about the ills of this world.

One of the benefits of being retired is that most mornings I can take my dog for a walk in the forest behind my house. Roo is a fairly large girl who takes her self-imposed duty as my forest guardian quite seriously and will see off any other creature she meets, be it rabbit, wild turkey or coyote.

One day last year I heard what sounded like another dog barking in the forest. Since there was no other human in sight my first thought was that it must be a stray that had wandered into the forest. Although Roo got her hackles up and growled I would have expected a stray to come up to me with a 'please look after me' look on its face, but nothing happened so Roo and I continued on our way. The next day the same thing happened, and the next and the next. Finally after a few days I caught a glimpse of a what looked like a small, slim German Shepherd between the trees, but it didn't come any closer.

About this time it dawned on me that our barking companion wasn't a dog at all, it was a coyote. While I'm used to coyotes howling and yipping, I never knew they could bark like dogs. I now know they have a whole range of sounds, but that's a different story.

In the next few weeks Roo and the coyote performed a kind of ballet. The coyote would announce its presence and briefly show itself, Roo would react by chasing it away, the coyote would retreat a short distance, Roo would come back to me with honour temporarily satisfied, then the coyote would return and the whole cycle would start again.

After a few days of this I decided that our friend was a young female and was trying to be friendly. Of course, being friendly is not something that coyotes as a whole are famous for so Jemima – well I had to give her a name, calling her 'that-coyote-that-keeps-following-us' was a bit too long for everyday use – didn't really know how to go about being friendly. Although she was there almost every day I never had the impression that she was

hostile in any way. Gradually as the days went by Jemima came nearer, Roo's rushes at her became almost perfunctory, until she would come to within about ten yards of me.

It was at about this point that I started talking to Jemima. The conversations tended to be somewhat one-sided, but by speaking in a gentle tone of voice she would stop and seemed to be listening. I could of course have thrown a rock at her or shouted angrily, but when a creature comes close to you without any hostile intent it seems natural to speak gently to it. (I must admit I am not a sheep farmer, for instance, who tend to have entirely different views about coyotes.)

As well as coming closer, Jemima began following us for longer periods. Initially she would follow us only in the deep forest, but as time went by she would follow us further and further until she almost came back home with me. I was a little nervous about this because I wasn't ready to adopt her as a pet and some of my neighbours have cats and small dogs which coyotes tend to think of as lunch, but I don't think anything untoward ever happened.

And then one day Jemima just disappeared. She had been a near-constant presence on my morning walks for a couple of months, and suddenly she was gone. Roo and I gradually forgot

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her. I was sorry to see her go and I think Roo might have missed her as well because she was becoming more and more relaxed about Jemima's presence.

A few months later I was walking out of the house for our usual morning forest inspection when I saw Roo sniffing at something in the back yard. I walked over and there was a dead coyote on the grass. There was blood on the insides of its thighs, and since it was a female I surmised it had haemorrhaged while giving birth. Now one coyote looks much the same as any other, to me at any rate, but I think this was Jemima. What reason would any other coyote have to come to a human habitation when near to death? I may be completely wrong but I think that when Jemima knew she was dying she came to the one place in all her world that might give her comfort and protection in her last hours, the place where lived the two-legged animal that spoke gently to her.

Am I ascribing human sentiments to a wild

animal? Possibly, but I don't think so. I have never seen any other coyote come openly near to our house, if for no other reason than our dogs would always chase them away.

We tend to put creatures into fixed slots and automatically think of them in terms of that slot. Dogs – good, man's best friend. Coyotes – bad, shoot on site. But what Jemima did was to show me that there can be exceptions, possibly many exceptions. Dogs can be vicious and unfriendly, coyotes can be gentle and friendly. And it occurred to me, particularly in this Christmas season, that we might just be too prone to apply the same fixed thinking to our fellow humans. **





WHAT YOU WILL LOSE IN THE **NET ZERO CRAZE**

by MP Cheryl Gallant
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

TRUDEAU'S NET ZERO AGENDA IS COMING FOR YOUR LAND

Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (ISEO) has released a report, *Pathways to Decarbonization*, detailing what would be required to reach the Trudeau Liberals' goal of Net Zero by 2050.

- **\$425 billion in spending;**
- **A 600% increase in workers to maintain the electric grid; and**
- **An area of land 14 times the size of Toronto.**

Even more troubling is the reports call for "streamline siting and regulatory processes". In order to acquire an area of land 14 times the size of Toronto, close to the people who need electricity, the province would need to fast track expropriations and short circuit avenues for appeal.

This report was prepared by ISEO in response to calls from environmental activists to shutdown natural-gas power plants by 2035. While Conservatives are resisting calls to pave over Southern and Eastern Ontario with solar farms and industrial wind turbines, the anti-nuclear Ontario Clean Air Alliance is running a public lobbying campaign calling on Trudeau and Singh to trample on the province and to establish "Clean Electricity Regulations", then **move Ontario to a Net Zero grid by 2030.**

After the Supreme Court cited a so-called climate crisis as justification for the federal carbon tax, it opened the door to further federal government intrusion on provincial jurisdiction. Combined with Trudeau's declaration of a "climate emergency", the costly federal Electricity Regulations set the stage for exactly the kind of fake-emergency expropriations my Private Members Bill, C-222, would have prevented.

TRUDEAU'S NET ZERO AGENDA IS COMING FOR YOUR CAR

Ontario must double electricity production by 2050 to meet the government-mandated demand for Electric Vehicles (EVs). The Trudeau Liberals have introduced regulations to prohibit gas-powered cars and light duty trucks by 2035. As part of this Net Zero Agenda, the Liberals are introducing EV sales quotas. By 2026, at least 20% of all vehicles sold must be electric. That quota climbs to 50% by 2030 and reaches 100% in 2035.

The Liberals have released their sales quota targets. In British Columbia, which has provincial sales mandates, car dealerships that do not meet the sales target face fines.

These Soviet-style sales quotas will trigger serious distortions in the car market. As is typical, this policy will be popular amongst the wealthy, Liberal voters who can afford expensive EVs. Working Canadians will either be priced out of



owning a car or placed on a waitlist. Canadians living in smaller towns and rural communities cannot switch to public transit. Those Canadians who rely on a vehicle to get to work, or do their work, will be forced to take on more debt just to keep driving.

COSTLY FUEL REGULATIONS NOW IN EFFECT

For those Canadians lucky enough to get their hands on a gas-powered vehicle, prepare to pay up. Along with Trudeau’s plan to triple the Carbon Tax, the Liberals have introduced the Carbon Fuel Standards. This is another Carbon Tax, on top of which Canadians will pay GST/HST, a tax on a tax on a tax. Ethanol, in effect, waters down your fuel. It costs more, and you fill up more often.

TRUDEAU’S NET ZERO AGENDA IS COMING FOR YOUR WALLET

The Net Zero Agenda is not based on science. It is a political agenda to extend government control over the market. From Soviet-style EV sales quotas to carbon fuel regulations, purchasing and fueling a gas-powered vehicle is quickly going to become a luxury only the privileged and well connected will enjoy. As more and more land is converted to industrial wind turbine and solar farms, the price to feed and house your family will only go up.

Canadians will not learn the full price of Trudeau’s Net Zero Agenda until it is too late. **







by Liz Marshall

RECAP...The inquiry into the Emergencies act is still going. Next week are the politicians...

My Letter to the Senate:

“Senate of Canada

February 23, 2022

Re: Emergencies Act Implementation

Dear Senators

I am writing to you today, not as Chairperson for the Canadian Justice Review Board; not as Director of Research for various entities including legal, legislative, and historical researcher, for elected officials and/or lawyers. I am writing to you today as a very concerned citizen as to what has been happening in our Nation.

There has been much political back and forth as to government’s ability to deal with the truck convoy that entered into the core of Ottawa, as well as the blockades, at various border crossings. All of these issues have been dealt with, but it did not take implementation of the Emergencies Act to accomplish this. One merely has to look at the Criminal Code of Canada to realize that the implementation of the Emergencies Act is a bridge too far.

As a Canadian I look to our laws to ensure clarification on various issues. I look to the Constitution and the larger documents to ensure I fully understand how our representatives are to fulfill their obligations, to Canadians. In this instance I have looked to the Criminal Code of Canada and have found all of the necessary sections needed, to facilitate the objectives of Parliament, without using the Emergencies Act.

Any of various sections could have met the needs of Parliament without venturing into an Act which could be seen, to Canadians, as over-reach and abuse of power, by government. In the Criminal Code of Canada there is, PART XII.2, Proceeds of Crime, including special warrants to arrange for tow-trucks.

As we all know warrants can be issued in very short notice and, therefore they were available to enforcement, if they had been applied for. It would seem everything that would have been needed was already available and instead of using the Emergencies Act, perhaps it would have been easier to simply have the various levels of government co-operate. Now it seems this isn’t an exercise of mismanagement but an exercise of abuse of power.

There has been much spoken of the purported sedition and insurrection that had been erroneously expressed in a document to the Senate and the Governor General. The persons who wrote that document were merely average Canadians with little or no knowledge of the law, and to some that is not an excuse. When that information came to the authors of that document, with discussion with the various Grandmothers of certain Indigenous Nations, that they were expressing seditious statements, they immediately withdrew the document as they had not intended to violate the Constitution or violate

the sanctity of government, including violating Canadian's democratic rights. They were average Canadians pushed to the point of needing to express, in the only way they thought they could, the harm that the expanded unsubstantiated mandates were causing and that said mandates needed to stop. It is unfortunate that those authors hadn't reached out to legal counsel to ensure their document wasn't an affront to Canadian culture or law.

The concerns I have, are merely being expressed by other Canadians, even if some haven't ventured into the Criminal Code of Canada. The continued push to enact what government purports to continue with, does not fit with the Charter nor what is established in the Criminal Code. As the Emergencies Act wasn't even used during one of North America's most trying incidents, September 11 attacks, it is unfitting that something of a lesser seriousness has spurred Parliament to use such unsubstantiated force. The September 11 attacks were, at that time, considered an act of war with North American air-space being cleared and various persons having to be detained, etc.

It is hoped that the Senate, as Canadian's entity of sober second thought, will stop the madness, that seems to have closed the eyes of our Parliamentarians. It is also hoped that the Senate, with the thought of protecting Canadians from government over-reach, will see what the Parliamentarians seem not to see, that the enactment of the Emergencies Act is a bridge too far, is unnecessary and needs to stop before irreputable damage is done to Canadians and Canada's reputation on the World stage.

Sincerest regards,

E. F. Marshall



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Kemptville College Alumni Association Scholarships

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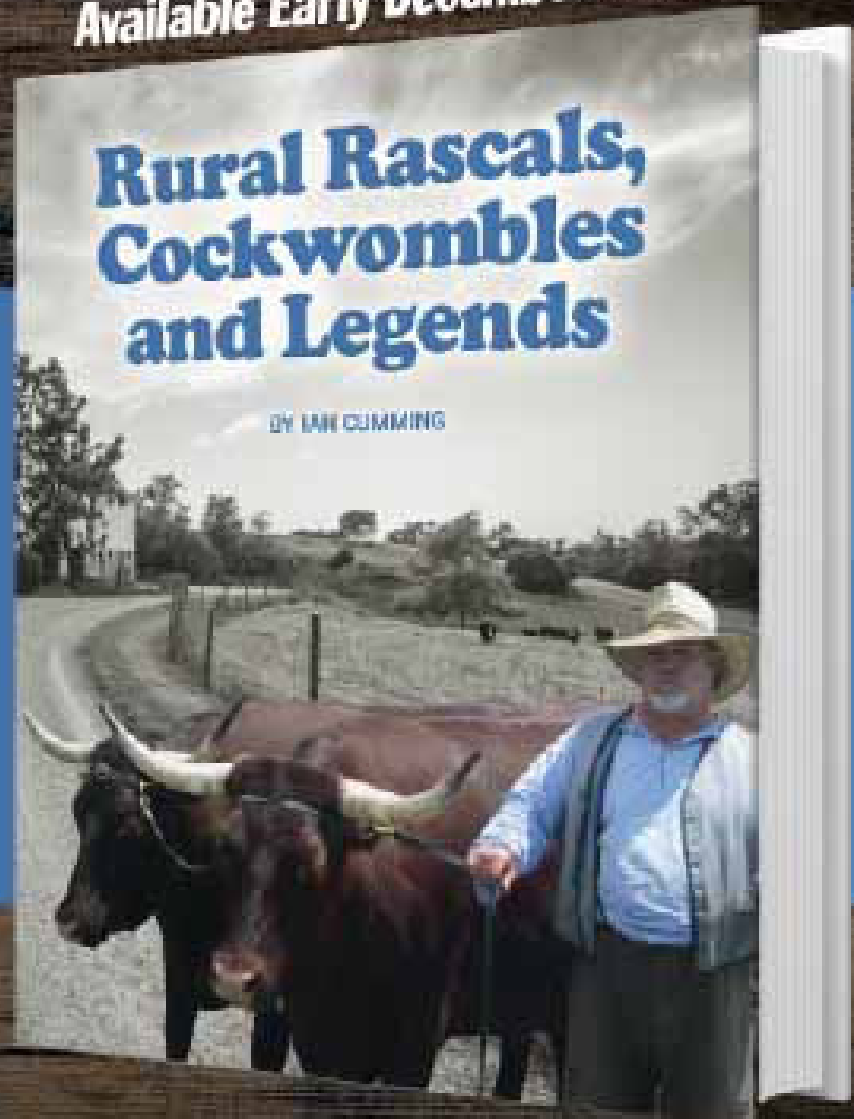
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FREEDOM UPDATE

On Wednesday, Nov 30 from 12 to 2 pm, a large group of about 75 landowners and freedom lovers came to the Gloucester Lions Hall to meet and hear John Carpay speak. It was hosted by Patrick Meagher, editor of the farm paper, Farmer's Forum. We were treated to lunch which was a large selection of buns and wraps as well as an endless supply of coffee. It was a great event and you could tell by the people who gathered around at the end to chat with John, ask questions and meet other like-minded people that it was successful.

John Carpay is a lawyer and is the founder and president of the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms, (JCCF) which is located in Calgary. Previously,

John served as Alberta Director with the Canadian Taxpayers Federation which "advocates for lower taxes, less waste and accountable government". Much like the landowner cause, John has been an advocate for freedom and the rule of law in constitutional cases across Ontario.

John Carpay was a key speaker in Calgary when a group of landowners attended the event and award ceremony for Tamara Lich. The Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedom takes on cases and represents those people who they feel were unjustly charged and they have taken on Tamara's case. They do not receive government funding and instead raise the funds for



these cases through donations. I believe they have 5 lawyers and 15 paralegals working in their office. He explained that they have often resolved cases without having to go to court as when it is determined that the JCCF are taking on a certain case, the prosecutor may meet and try to resolve it before hand. This is not always the case and they do go to court with some



great successes and some not so great losses but that seems to be ‘life in the legal lane’.


People asking questions wondered how the JCCF decides which cases to take on as they receive hundreds of requests each year. John explained that they try and pick cases that will have the biggest impact to the most people so someone’s individual ditch problem may not be chosen while the government closing innocent peoples bank account may be taken on. When they do take on a case, that person does not have to pay them and hopefully the media coverage of a case will bring in donations.

John comes across as fairly humble and he has

said that he considers it a privilege to advocate for courageous and principled clients who take great risks – and make tremendous personal sacrifices – by resisting the unjust demands of intolerant government authorities.

From that meeting, John was rushing off to another event that he had in the area. Afterwards, he will be continuing his speaking tour around Ontario.

It was a very interesting meeting and it was a great relief to know that there is a legal group of dedicated JCCF employees willing to take on such cases. They welcome donations and their website is: www.jccf.ca. **



JOHN CARPAY
FREEDOM UPDATE

WHAT
An afternoon with John Carpay
President, Founder JCCF

WHY
To meet John and share:
feedback, ideas, comments
on the status of freedom
in your community today!
John has been one of the
strongest voices on battling
for the Freedoms of all Canadians,
come hear him speak!


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In Canada, our Laws are Based on Common Law

Don's Thoughts !

*Don Johnson
President Hamilton Halton
Landowner Association*

I am a Canadian .

In Canada our laws are based on Common Law which goes back over a thousand years. These laws have evolved but the principal is simple “ what is yours is yours and what isn't yours is not yours “. This is combined with the principal of “do no harm to your neighbour by your actions”

If you do harm, the system is simple - you can be held accountable - financially, with terms of confinement and at one time even removal of your life .

The parliamentary system evolved to curb the power of the crown and to establish our rights as citizens.

To make the system work we evolved the power of an unfettered press to expose rights and wrongs and we enshrined rights of citizens to exercise their unfettered speech and criticism of government policy/actions.

When the government outlaws the right of citizens to express their opposition to government policy, and when the government chains and controls the content and function of the press - we become a nation moving to become a dictatorship in which your rights and freedoms will become restricted.

The thought police will ensure you are only able to affirm support not opposition to government actions.

We see what is happening in Putins Russia, China, and other nations in the world.

As such the trucker convoy became a challenge of government policy and the government response was the same as in Putins Russia when it comes to the Ukraine - how dare we challenge the wisdom of the government .

I am a Canadian and as a Canadian it is my duty to challenge and effect changes to government policy I disagree with. It is also my duty as a citizen to challenge government actions that infringe on the rights and freedoms we as citizens are suppose to have.

We must be the keepers and protectors of these freedoms so that our children and grandchildren will have these similar rights and freedoms.

As such, “It is freedom of speech that makes the system work” .

So as an example - if there is a parade or a week long community event to foster and glorify sexual preferences - for some this may be totally opposite to what other onlookers and neighbours would support - we don't arrest the organizers or charge the organization with fines and jail unless it gets out of hand and damages occur. We recognize the right to express ones freedom of speech and accept that this may make others uncomfortable and cause them temporary discomfort and some restrictions in getting around.

If a Stanley cup is won and the city celebration gets out of hand we do not arrest the winning team captain.

But when Canadians rose up and challenged Trudeau and the Canadian governments politically driven Covid policy - Challenged the science and actions that appeared to have conflicts - the government response was that of a bully and tyrant - rather than meet and diffuse the situation Trudeau inflamed the situation for his political reasons with the result Canada and all Canadians have suffered significant damage to our rights and freedoms.

In Canada conviction of crimes results in fines and sentences that are suppose to be based on severity of the action. Murder someone you get 25 years, liable someone you get sued , rob a bank or use a gun - there is a range of results but they are suppose to reflect severity of the crime.

Tamara Lynch became a figurehead of the trucker convoy. Her actions may have been incendiary but in whose eyes and to what level did they result in actual damage.

Cities shut down streets for months, creating significant noise and dust pollution, hurting business's client access and interfering with citizen travel through an area. So should the mayor of Toronto be arrested and jailed for 60 days without bail when he shuts down a Main Street downtown and takes 18 months to resurface or build bike paths -

One must ask" what is the threshold determination we use to limit freedom of speech and freedom of assembly

I don't know Tamara Lynch. Maybe Tamara is the terrible and absolute villain the Canadian government claims, but if she is guilty of the dastardly and unforgivable crimes against Canadians that warranted total removal of her rights and freedoms and 49 days in jail denied bail on 5 separate times bail for a non violent crime- then to, we must also investigate and hold Justin

Trudeau and his Government also accountable for their actions in this case.

Justin Trudeau and his government have caused far more lasting damage to Canada both through their economic mismanagement that has inflated the public debt and by their ideologically driven their consuming pursuit of political goals when their real function as a government should be oriented on the betterment and security of the economic future of Canadians.

In my views "The Freedom convoy was a political statement to our government and it was appropriate! Trudeau and the Canadian government were not listening to Canadians and it took a massive movement to get their attention.

The actions the government took were uncalled for and indeed were unconstitutional restrictions on our rights to express our views.

The political system appears broken and perhaps we need a change that makes politicians complicit and subject to fines and prison when they take actions that interfere with our constitution rights and our rights and freedoms based on the bill of rights.

Don Johnson
Grimsby On

I am not a lawyer. I exercise my right of "freedom of speech" and welcome supporting or opposing comments. The most precious property you own is that of your own "personal liberties and freedoms". If you are not prepared to stand and defend your rights, you will have no rights and you will be poorer !



Story of the Year

by Ian Cumming
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Perhaps in hindsight it was impossible for the Canadian media to adequately cover the story of the year in 2022, and possibly the greatest historic story of most reporters' lifetimes.

Perhaps in hindsight they didn't even try, were scared to try, or perhaps didn't comprehend what was in front of them.

The trucker convoy last winter gripped the national and international news and was the only time, other than when Rob Ford was mayor of Toronto, that Canadian events got discussed in passionate detail at New York's Cherry Knoll diner.

That first Saturday when the transports and vehicles that had clogged Wellington Street, arriving individually or in small groups from across the nation and the U.S. over the previous 36 hours, at noon hour there were over 110,000 people at or around Parliament Hill who joined them – confirmed by multiple drones footage. Or by anyone who was there.

The Canadian national media, who were scared to exit their van the night before at Herbs Truck Stop, or to be on the Ottawa streets the next day past 8:15 am, reported from their home computers, "with dirty pickups outside on the street" the police estimation that 8,500 people were there that Saturday.

That's when your spine shivered, at how this was going to possibly be reported. Expanded to 14,500 people for the official inquiry months later.

Herbs Truck Stop, a truck stop east of Ottawa, has the receipts that he fed over 6,000 the night before, not including nearly as many who ate hot dogs and hamburgers outside.

Also at that noon hour, heading into Ottawa with the streets already clogged with transports, was a 57 km convoy, personally witnessed by Ontario Farmer. They were from the Maritimes, Quebec and far eastern Ontario heading west on 417. At the same time there was also a 70 km convoy coming east from Peterborough on 401 into Ottawa – confirmed by a father and son, leading farmers, who were at the

front and end of that convoy with their grain trucks. These were vehicles travelling at that distance side by side on these freeways. Not single file.

The huge convoy from the west was just leaving Arnprior, coming in on single laned Highway 17 and nobody was willing to fathom a guess at how long it was. But it was way longer than the other two.

There was the convoy, about 20 miles long side by side, from South Carolina. Picking up transports on the way north, that crossed as best they could at Champlain, south of Montreal.

By then the scope of things was beginning to be understood and the painfully slow truck by truck government inspection of the American contingent, caused a large number to turn around in no mans' land between the borders and head back home.

What the drivers in all those convoys did, was on an individual basis. Head for home, or finding a parking spot somewhere in Ottawa, or down here in Glengarry county on a snow blown soccer field, and settling in. There was no leader telling them what to do, or not to do.

Finances caused most of them to head home. But now realizing the incredible amount of cash that was handed out daily – not the online funds salivated over by the media as the supposed main source of funding – many in hindsight would have parked in Ottawa

Every overpass, for every convoy across the nation, was packed with people coming out in sub zero temperatures. Diesel filling stations across Canada were flooded with donations to fill up those trucks on route.

It costs my cousin \$900 in diesel to make a round trip from the Quebec border to Whitby on the 401 with one transport, so one can only fathom the fortune in diesel that the Canadian public paid for. Church ladies, including nuns, brought heaps of food and offered beds for the night across the nation. Some set up cots in Ottawa churches.

The whole thing was just too vast and multi faceted, especially for journalists who had no

comprehension why this was inevitable, were not on a first name basis with anyone from a convoy, but were with the appalled Ottawa politicians.

Who soon found their footing and started to spin. Which instantly became the media narrative. There was some lad with extreme views posted online that had gotten a hotel room in Ottawa – who I, nor virtually no working person had ever heard of – that was labelled the “leader” of this protest.

The main convoy organizers in eastern Ontario had a dad fight in D Day and another young cash cropper organizing the farm tractors and border closure at Cornwall days later, had served in the military in hell holes of the world.

Yet “shaming the military” because someone’s bladder busting had an outside whiz – being they closed all the washrooms - became another easy, within Ottawa narrative. One could write a book.

A reporter did already. Who got a warm hotel room and from the perspective of talking to self

appointed folks who perceived themselves protest leaders, and bitch fought others, got down that groundhog hole and missed the big picture.

History doesn’t look kindly on policeman Bull Connor in Birmingham, 1963, turning the fire hoses and dogs on black people protesting for their rights. It’s Martin Luther King’s statue in Washington DC, not Bull Connor.

Nor will it look kindly on horses trampling people, billy clubs cracking ribs and pinch bars smashing transport windows, legally justifiable under the Emergencies Act.

Months later there is nothing more pathetic than the same reporters who were gobsmacked and cringing during the Convoy, following the supposed inquiry.

Just randomly, one was standing at a nighttime dairy barn fire east of Ottawa during the Convoy and the organizing of closing international bridges spawned, plus adding farm tractors to the mix was



done in detail, along with a former MPP on speaker phone who helped facilitate it. But that former MPP is “not allowed” to testify. Plus is facing criminal charges.

It’s painful and laughable watching lawyers at the inquiry who don’t know, ask politicians who don’t know, and the ongoing narrative written by reporters who don’t know. Or who don’t want to know.

Then there is the money trail. “Funding had been cut off” just before the Emergency Act was implemented, thundered a leading Ottawa journalist in print, during the inquiry. Really? Good God! There is no comprehension, but perhaps there can’t be if you don’t see, or live it.

Years ago my dad came back from attending a wedding in rural Georgia. Shaken to the core of seeing two black youths brought home from haying, sitting in the open trunk of a car, feet out the back, because “you would never get the smell out of your car.”

How they had to eat outside the back kitchen door like a cur dog at lunch time. “Somethings going to break, you can’t treat people like that,” dad said. He only sat for six years at a school desk, had a prior vague comprehension of the Jim Crow laws in the south

But seeing it, he understood When you slap the cuffs on preaching pastors, take away peoples’ livings and freedoms, for a threat fairly irrelevant for a person, or rural community who isn’t remotely afraid of what happens to us all, one knew something was “going to break.”

You can’t treat people like that.

Lawyers can question politicians and bureaucrats about their mindless tweets of tanks, angry Americans at the White House and Nazis. But what profoundly changed that day with over 100,000 gathered with no masks, with no increase in folks going with COVID to area hospitals, was how we lived our lives.

Up to then people were masked outside due to a fear of COVID, for theatre, or for fear of being yelled at for not being so.

The huge majority in the last category, found courage, threw the masks away and through quiet example, turned it on those who thought they ruled society through fear. Plus, never went back for a fourth vaccination.

That is history.

Ian Cumming



Ten months before Christmas
And all through the land
Martial law was declared
The Emergencies Act was on hand

Everyone's accounts could be frozen
with nary a word
You didn't have to do anything
wrong
Yet your cries would go unheard

The government knows
You don't know how this all works
Taking away your civil liberties
Is one of government's little perks

Government didn't use it
During the 9/11 event
NATO declared war
And we're part of that big tent

Some think it was just the truckers
Who were under this Act
It was every Canadian
And that's the complete fact

It didn't meet the bar
9/11 had set
Government said it's the truckers
We're out to get

A small fringe minority
The truckers had been named
Hundreds of thousands of
Canadians
The government had been shamed

The inquiry is over
The Commish is to rule
If he says "YEA" government
Every Canadian is the fool

That door has been opened
There's no where to go
Give yourself a big present
Call your MP and just tell them "NO"

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by Liz Marshall

GAME of CARDS



by *Mel Fisher*

Having a chat with the young fellow who cuts our grass, he had left home, says his parents are idiots, lives in my neighbour's basement. He complained how the cost of everything is so high, he can never get ahead, never own anything, sees nothing but a dismal future. So I say "How often do you have coffee at Tim's?" Well, almost every day, he says, but it is only a few bucks! I follow up "How many Teenburgers in a month?" "Oh, between that and Big Macs and Subway, most days" from him, then he goes on that this kind of trivial expense does not matter, not going to buy him a house or anything. Pushing it a bit, I put out "How often do you have to fill that jalopy of yours with gas?" "Well, every week, so what is your point?"

"Just this", from me "There is an old rule, if you want to get ahead in this world, you invest the first dime out of every dollar you get, then you can spend the rest with a clear conscience. If you do that, put that first dime in a bank account or bond or whatever, you might have to stay home more or even cook more so you don't run out of money by the end of the month. You could cook a Kraft dinner for say \$2, instead of that \$15 at McDonald's. You can brew up coffee at home for say two bits a cup. Wash those clothes more often, instead of replacing them. Go for a walk, instead of a drive. That old rule works, save the first dime in every dollar and you will get ahead, if you just spend it all you will die a bum!"

Too long a lecture, and got an angry response "But you just don't understand, it is a different world now, not the same as you grew up in, rules have changed, society has changed, hell, you can't even use an iPhone, much less understand my world. Mind your own business"

Silence for a minute, and then I came up with "That fiddly diddly phone is a great way to waste your time, but I have news for you, I have an even

better device for playing games. Don't have to pay to download all kinds of games, no battery so you don't have to plug it in, no monthly internet fees, and you can play it all by yourself or with a group of family or friends, so it is much more sociable than that silly phone! Of course it takes much more effort to learn to use it than your fiddly diddly, but it is worth it!

Young fellow forgot his temper tantrum, and said that sounded really interesting, which electronics store did I get it from? "Oh," says I, "It is not that hard to find, and not expensive at all. It is just 52 little squares of cardboard, each with its own code on it!" After a few seconds the light came on, and he came up with "Oh, you stupid old man, you are talking about a deck of cards! You are just pulling my chain; I might as well get out of here!" And he left.

And that is the root of much of our trouble in this world. In the past, young people might have looked at previous generations as a bit out of date, but generally grew up obeying the commandment to 'honour your father and mother', and as they worked with their elders they learned to respect the wisdom of the ages that has been passed down. Now they grow up welded to their fiddly diddly phone, parents do not work with them in any way that would pass on knowledge, 'self-esteem' is



drilled into them all through school, so they just assume their elders have no wisdom worth their paying attention to.

They do not see the traces of past genius – the pyramids which our present technology could not build today! The Aztec’s obsidian knives sharper than anything we can make today! The ability of indigenous tribes to find all the nourishment they need in nature! The development of language with far more vocabulary than their pitiful education gives them! Marvelous works of art and music and literature and stage!

My point is that we have been on this planet for many generations, and while you young folk see your ancestors as hopeless primitives, fact is there are guys in your ancestral family tree much smarter than you will ever be. Get used to it; you are part of the human race, not some

kind of superior futuristic model. Get used to it too that the advice you get from your elders is a consolidation of the wisdom of folks who have lived through much more trying times than you can even imagine, better listen to them.

I know a contractor who says he doesn’t hire anybody under age 30 – too smart-ass to earn their pay. You don’t want to add to his prejudice!

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The advertisement features a central graphic with a light blue background and a faint map pattern. To the left of the central graphic are two tote bags: the top one has a watercolor illustration of a basket of produce, and the bottom one has a watercolor illustration of yellow flowers in a purple pot. Below the central graphic is a grid of six smaller watercolor flower art pieces: a large orange and red flower, a pink flower, a large blue flower, a large pink and red flower, a red flower, and a purple flower.

Support from the Carleton Landowners Association for Bill 23's Limits on Conservation Authorities

by Shirley Dolan

The More Homes Built Faster Act, (or Bill 23) is part of a long-term strategy to provide attainable housing options for families across Ontario. This Bill also contains measures that help to return Conservation Authorities to their original mandate.

Since 1946, when Conservation Authorities (CAs) were introduced, they have expanded their interests to the detriment of property owners. Issues with CAs interfering with property rights is probably the number one type of call heard by the OLA. It has been pointed out that "Ontario is the only jurisdiction in North America that features CAs as a conservation construct out of sixty-three sub-national jurisdictions in Canada and the United States". No other province or state has adopted or is in the process of adopting Ontario's CA model." (EnPointe Public Affairs)

And yet, Eastern Ontario municipalities and conservation authorities warn of dire consequences if the restrictions on CAs included in Bill 23 are passed. See their Joint letter sent to Premier Ford and Ministers Smith, Piccini, and Clark here www.rvca.ca/images/Eastern_Ontario_CAs_Respond_to_Bill_23_-_Standing_Committee_Submission_-_November_2022.pdf. Were any rural residents consulted before this letter was sent? Why is it that Ontario municipalities need the overhead and duplication of CAs when all other jurisdictions operate without them?

In January 2020, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECF) initiated stakeholder meetings to discuss the Conservation Authorities Act and associated regulations, to further define the core mandate of conservation authorities and the programs and services they provide. One of the invited stakeholders was the Ontario Landowners Association (OLA). As stated by OLA President Jeff Bogaerts, "the Ontario Landowners Association agrees with the direction your Ministry is taking. We look forward to working with you, your Ministry, and the Government of Ontario to find the balance between the Private Landowner, the environment, and the people of Ontario."

Many of the recommendations that resulted from those meetings are now being proposed as part of Bill 23. Please read about these measure in the links below:

- ERO number 019-2927: Proposed updates to the regulation of development for the protection of people and property from natural hazards in Ontario. Comments close December 30, 2022. www.ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2927
- ERO number 019-6141: Legislative and regulatory proposals affecting conservation authorities to support the Housing Supply Action Plan 3.0. Comments close December 9, 2022. www.ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6141

The OLA supports the direction being taken by the provincial government with

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Bill 23. A report outlining our position has been sent to Premier Ford, and Ministers Smith, Piccini, and Clark. See the report here www.ontariolandowners.ca/product/bill-23-more-homes-built-faster-act-2022-the-good-the-bad-and-the-ambiguous-conservation-authorities/

As noted above, municipalities are pushing back against Bill 23. Municipalities will tell you that Bill 23 deprives them of much needed revenues. The Ontario government tells a different story. According to Minister Clark in an interview with the Toronto Star on November 28 “In parts of the GTA, for instance, development charges rose by more than 600 per cent in the last 13 years. Toronto alone has proposed another 46 per cent

increase over the next two years — even as the city sits on a development charge reserve fund of more than \$2.3 billion. In fact, the province estimates that municipalities across Ontario have about \$9 billion in unspent development charge reserves.”

In Ottawa, Hamilton, and Toronto, the municipal government is imposing a vacant unit tax on all residential homeowners starting in 2023. So, all residential homeowners will pay for the program annually whether their home is vacant or not. It remains to be seen whether the program will be profitable for cities or not.



The Twists and Turns of Life on the Farm



by Marlene Black

Well, it's that busy time of year again and I am sending this wish for all of you to have a very Merry Christmas and good health and family and friends to visit you on the holidays.

I'm not sure if you heard that on November 1st of this year, Tom had a run-in with a cow, not a bull just a cow, one that he has fed and looked after for 14 years. It was her time to board the truck and wave good-bye but she was having none of that. Tom in his wisdom thought it was a no-brainer. The other cows were in another yard and she was alone with Tom who thought he would just walk her into the chute. A few things were different in the yard. Our granddaughters horse was looking on and our border collie, whose border collie genes don't always work well, didn't spring into action at the needed time.

Tom who usually carries a big stick when he moves cattle just had a twig in his hand. It was good until it wasn't. The cow just turned and charged Tom from about 10 feet away. He had no time to react and she hit him in the chest and he went flying backwards. He was very lucky and he knows it. She did not come at him again and his head missed the rocks scattered around that yard. He hobbled back on the tractor, finished feeding and then came in the house where it was obvious that he was very hurt. He basically stayed two days in a chair thinking it would improve but it didn't so we headed to emergency and they said that they thought that his leg was broken, the back bone behind the main leg bone and issued him a walking cast.

A little note of interest that while sitting in the waiting room, another man came in on crutches who sat down beside Tom. They started talking and Tom asked him "what happened?". "I got smashed by a bull, he said". The two shared stories and a bit of laughter despite the pain, on the trials and tribulations of working with cattle, such as never a dull moment or a predictable one. Their mishaps were later featured in a recent Farmer's Forum paper as the editor found that very coincidental and an interesting story for his paper.

Tom spent the next two weeks in the walking cast that he couldn't put weight on and his body was full of aches and pains. He had an appointment with the Queensway Carleton Hospital in the orthopedic ward

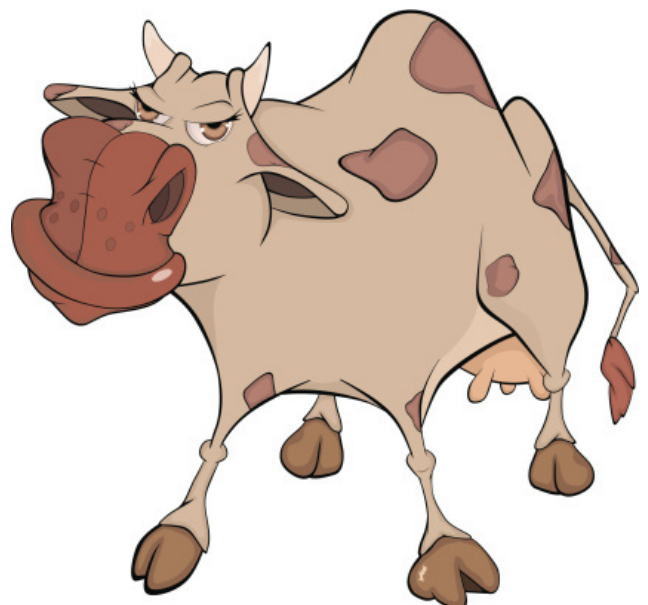
where he joined a long line of other people in casts, on crutches and in wheelchairs. The good news was that although there was a scarring on that bone, probably from an old wound, the doctor assured him that it was not broken and he could start hobbling around without the cast.

During that time, all the family pitched in to do the chores. Laura and I fed and watered the chickens in our backyard, the ducks and the few sheep that we had. Stacey did his barn chores before going to work and Jesse fed and watered the cows. Everyone was very glad that it was not broken as Tom got right back to work although at a slower pace with chair and nap breaks throughout the day.

And that was November!

I hope that all of you read MP Cheryl Gallants article on our PM Trudeau's plan for our lives. It is NOT good news and probably we should be spreading it far and wide that our gas/diesel trucks and cars are getting the boot. I'm sure that it would have been a different outcome for the Trucker Convoy if all the trucks were electric. They'd be just humming along the highway from coast to coast, quietly slipping through the towns on the cold, icy, snowy roads through our Canadian winter wilderness. The only problem may have been getting them started when they were ordered to leave.

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The ONTARIO LANDOWNERS Association

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

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

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

President of the OLA – Jeff Bogaerts: jdbogaerts@bellnet.ca
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The OLA Executive and the county group representatives meet regularly, most recently using Zoom and they are planning a Zoom Annual General Meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eastern Ontario Landowners

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

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

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3. Stormont Dundas – Christina Suffel christinasuffel@yahoo.com
4. Leeds & Grenville – Duaine McKinley 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 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 and a Facebook page. Look for Ontario Landowners Association on Facebook. On our website, you can sign up for our FREE monthly E-Newsletter which is delivered to your inbox on the first of each month. We also have a FREE online magazine called Landowner Voices. Published every two months, LV can be read, downloaded, and printed from our website.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

WHAT TO DO WHEN THEY COME FOR YOU

Updated version

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

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

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

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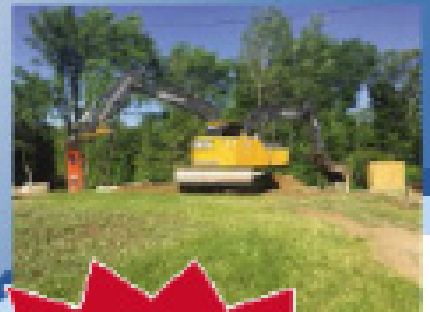
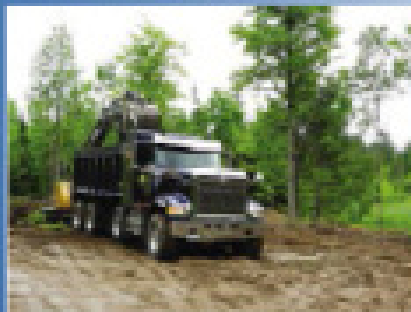
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