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Time to KICK out the Disciples

by Tom Black

Hello Folks,

Well here we sit at the kitchen table, 10 am on a mid February morning, sun shining and - 8 Celsius. Isn't this just awful weather? Damn this Global Warming! What are the people of the world thinking? Don't they know their wood stoves are warming the earth up so fast that by 2030 we will be on a runaway train to extinction from the heat under our feet caused by carbon in the atmosphere by the lowest form of life on the planet. PEOPLE!

Al Gore, who back in 2006 in his documentary an "Inconvenient Truth" said that the ice would be all gone from the North Pole in the next 10 years. Then in 2008 he said that the oceans would rise by 20 feet by 2016. Well that didn't happen but Gore didn't stop. He joined his GREEN Religion friends in Davos, Switzerland in January 2023 and went into a vein-popping, raging rant of how the oceans are currently boiling from the equivalent of 600,000 Hiroshima nuclear bombs going off every day. This coming from a man with mansions big enough to house three generations of families in underdeveloped nations. He flies all over the world in his private jet that spews out ten times as much carbon pollution as taking a commercial flight. As a matter of fact, Gore met with his friends in Davos at the World Economic Forum (WEF) to sign promises to reduce emissions in the world. They flew there in 150 private jets (in 2019 they went there in 500 private planes) in an effort to save the world for the rest of us.

John Kerry, former United States Senator, also Secretary of State and presidential candidate was also there talking about how miraculous it was that this group of elites just happened to be in the right place at the right time.

"When you start to think about it, it's pretty extraordinary that we - select group of human beings because of whatever touched us at some point in our lives - are able to sit in a room and come together and actually talk about saving the planet", he said. "I mean it's so almost extra terrestrial to think about saving the planet". (John Kerry, 2023 WEF)

The tactics of this WEF is to pressure willing apostles of their environmental theology to force their ideas on their own countries. One leader getting great praise from Klaus Schwab was our own Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau who brought real hardship for farmers last year with his war on fertilizer and applying carbon tax.

Another disciple was the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mark Rutte considered the golden pinup boy of the WEF. He imposed unbelievable green pressure on farmers and they expect to put 3000 farmers off their farms.

The president of Sri Lanka, Gotabaya Rajapaksa took this religion one step farther and faster, shutting down fertilizer use in his country causing huge loss of food production to the point where the hungry citizens rebelled and on July 13, 2022, the leader had to run for his life out of the country as huge mobs of people hit the streets and broke into his official residence looking for revenge.

As Elon Musk stated, "the WEF is increasingly becoming an unelected world government that the people never asked for, and don't want". To prove that point, Musk did a poll on social media, January 18, 2023. It said:

The World Economic Forum should control the world.

Yes or NO

- 2,420,521 people voted.
- 14% voted **YES** and
- 86% voted **NO**.
- 22.5 million people viewed the site.

I agree with Musk. The WEF is an un-elected, want-to-be world government that has no power what so ever in our country or any other country, unless we elect some fool that belongs to that hyperventilating religion of man-made Global Warming. These people are willing to drive the world into the biggest famine it has ever known, by shutting down modern farming without figuring out how we can reduce chemical fertilizer first. It

can be done, but not overnight and the religion has no patience and no forgiveness. It is absolute.

On the other hand, with a bit of history behind me, this warm winter doesn't surprise me. In February 1953 my younger brother was born. We had a very long laneway, 4/10th of a mile and no tractor to clean the snow. My dad drove my mom and baby brother right up to the front door with his two-wheel drive, ½ ton truck. Up until that time he had driven in the lane all winter without plowing. Global Warming hadn't been thought of at that point in time.

So I am enjoying the warm winter in Ontario and expect the weather will continue to change, and change back and make those who cry "the sky is falling" look a little foolish for a few more centuries.

Enjoy the spring, folks,

Tom Black



Klaus Schwab at the WEF

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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Did You Know?



What about my well water?

An investigation into the effect of industrial wind turbines on well water in Chatham-Kent is not going well. Christine Burke writes "... the Investigation in North Kent 1 failed at one of its primary objectives which was to sample and analyze the sediment that is causing the discoloration and turbidity of the water from many wells ... known to contain potentially toxic substances (antimony, arsenic, barium, cadmium, lead, and nickel). The laboratory analysis, approximately US \$685 per sample, along with the additional expense of an accredited hydrogeologist to retrieve the water samples, represents an expense that is beyond the reach of many families.

Therefore, we hope to raise funds to help other residents to defray all or part of the costs of analyses for potentially toxic metals in their domestic water supply." **You can donate through Go Fund Me or send a cheque to Christine Burke at 7268 Bayline, Dover Centre, ON. N0P 1L0.**

Many rural residents are unaware that the City of Ottawa is planning to build more than **700 industrial wind turbines** on rural Ottawa farmlands.

Yet, there is no cost-benefit analysis, no impact analysis, and no full honest accounting of what reliance on costly intermittent renewables such as wind (and solar) will cost Ottawa's energy consumers.

Ottawa Wind Concerns

www.OttawaWindConcerns.com writes:

- Independent, Electricity System Operator (IESO) is accepting proposals for wind, solar, and battery storage.
- Bylaws regulating wind turbines in Ottawa may not be in place until 2025.
- If you think, as we do, that industrial wind turbines are NOT a good solution for Ottawa, let your councillor know before it's TOO LATE!



Water from Christine and Terry Burke's well



Questionable Drinking Water

The water above and on the previous page, is from Christine and Terry Burke's well of Bayline, Dover Centre, Dover Township which joins Chatham-Kent Township.

A little history:

Dr. Colby, Medical Officer of Health repeatedly told the public the water was safe to drink. He recommended people use filters. There are no filters small enough to filter out the micron size particles. Here is the link to a 2018 news report which includes Colby's statements. He refused to do the sediment testing. In another article he called the sediment "sand" which Dr. Benn recently refuted.

<https://chathamvoice.com/2018/03/07/colby-reiterates-water-is-safe-to-drink/>

This is the link to Christine's GoFundMe page and you can read her description of why the well testing is necessary. She states, "Those results are especially alarming because we, and other residents are not able to filter the extremely fine, clay- and silt-sized metals-rich particles from our domestic water supplies."

https://www.gofundme.com/f/what-is-in-our-well-water?utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer

Dr. Benn, who is working with her, wrote the following in a letter to the editor. "One household situated in Ward 4 of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent recently took the initiative to have a sample from their private well analyzed by a reputable, certified laboratory. The analytical results for the sediment reveal that several metals are present in rather high concentrations, notably antimony, arsenic, barium, cadmium, lead and nickel."

<https://www.chathamdailynews.ca/opinion/letters/letter-more-water-sampling-warranted-in-rural-north-kent> Author of the article:

"Because of their high degree of toxicity, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead, and mercury rank among the priority metals that are of public health significance. These metallic elements are considered systemic toxicants that are known to induce multiple organ damage, even at lower levels of exposure. They are also classified as human carcinogens (known or probable) according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the International Agency for Research on Cancer. This review provide"
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4144270/>

Submitted by Ruby Mekker



A World Without Children

by MP Cheryl Gallant
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

I recently attended my local Renfrew County Chapter of Ontario Landowners meeting. The first item on the agenda was a review of the history of Crown Letters Patent. The next item featured a speaker who outlined changes in our society through the education system, and the on-going controversy at the Roman Catholic Separate High school in Renfrew. “So, what is the connection?” asked some landowners I spoke to.

Understanding land patents and protecting your right to use and enjoy private property you bought and pay taxes on go hand in hand. You own something and are happy! If you make a living off the land, you want to preserve the land for family. Strong families and private property rights are the basis of a strong society.

The push to redefine the Canadian family by the radical NDP/Liberal left-wing government in Ottawa in the name of “man-made global warming” is anti-human and anti-children. It is not surprising that some of those who dream of erasing all distinction between the sexes claim to do so in the name of “climate change.”

These same environmental extremists do not hesitate to openly consider children as a nuisance by reducing them (after cattle) according to the amount of CO2 they emit. No less than 58.6 tons on average per year, they say with the chilling precision of a communist technocrat in Stalin’s Russia rounding up peasant farmers. What is the value of an ecology that no longer marvels at a child’s smile?

State sponsored suicide, euphemistically referred to as “MAiD”, is Liberal climate change environmental policy. Canada under the Liberals performs more state-assisted suicides per capita

than any other country in the world. Not satisfied, Liberal MPs recently recommended expanding the state sponsored suicide policy to include people suffering from mental illness and to children (minors under the age of 18).

This brand of radical eco-communism is based on the absurd belief that we live in a closed universe with resources defined once and for all. This is what humans believed before they mastered fire, and before the computer revolution. This is also what the famous Club of Rome believed in the 1970s, which predicted the depletion of oil resources at the beginning of the 2000s and the collapse of society under the weight of too many people. In 1968, based on the same arguments, the eminent Professor Paul R. Ehrlich of U.S. based Stanford University considered a massive famine inevitable in the 1980s. Forty years later, hunger has never been so regressed in human history thanks to fossil fuels.

In Renfrew County, and elsewhere in Canada, many small family farms are barely scraping by, and those who grew up on such farms are leaving



the fields and barns, enticed by high sale prices or careers elsewhere.

Ontario is losing approximately 70 hectares of farmland per day, according to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. In Renfrew County it's being swallowed up by speculators, who sit out the recession waiting for land prices to continue the inflationary spiral caused by the Federal government printing money to run its huge deficits.

Automation and technology are driving the consolidation of farms, which has led to a stark decline in mid-sized farms. The number of farms across the country has fallen by 44 per cent over the last 45 years — down from around 338,500 farms in 1976, to 190,000 farms in 2021.

Our farmers aren't getting any younger, either. According to Canada's 2021 Census of Agriculture, the average age of Canada's farm operators increased to 56 in 2021. Our farmers are also increasingly struggling to make ends meet. In 2020, 48 per cent of farm operators in Canada reported working off the farm for supplemental income.

Agriculture should be considered a strategic industry that needs to be safeguarded.

I have always been a big believer that any country that can feed its own people without relying on imported food is a truly an independent, strong and stable country. That is why I support supply management, particularly for our dairy farmers.

In other words, national food security should be a priority. It will be harder to achieve that if we allow our family farms to disappear.

We also need to ensure that our family farmers make enough income to support themselves. They carry out backbreaking work, day in and day out, that puts food on our tables. They deserve to make as least as much as a civil servant.

Trudeau has pledged 30% of land and water in Canada to the United Nations by 2030.

In the decade ahead, many of our aging farmers will retire. Government environmental policy that discriminates against having children means no kids to take over the family farm. Instead, the farms will be sold — many of which

have been around for generations.

Young Canadian families or individuals who want to take up a rewarding career growing food should be government policy, not promising our land to the globalists at the U.N.

So in answer to the question what do crown land patents have to do with government family policies, the answer is lots!

The days when Canada was an agricultural nation and farms were the backbone of our country will never return with the current mindset in Ottawa. But family farming is more than just a vestige of our heritage — it should play a pivotal role in ensuring a healthy and prosperous future for all Canadians. **



WHY PATENTS CAN'T BE CHANGED

by Joan Olech

It has come to my attention that many landowners do not understand why Letters Patent for land granted cannot be altered, amended, ignored or destroyed. First and foremost, a grant of land being the original grant from the Crown, is the prerogative of the Sovereign. If it was to be changed, the Sovereign, as the grantor, would have to be the one to make the change. And with respect to the particular grants I'll be speaking about, an act called Nullum Tempus barred the Sovereign for making any changes after the passing of 60 years. But let's go a step further.

I will try to explain with reference to the Imperial Letters Patent for land granted prior to Confederation in what is now the Province of Ontario. I will only speak to these particular patents as they are the only patents I have studied in depth, and although I certainly have not seen all patents of the era, I believe certain themes were apparent and thus certain assumptions can be drawn based on the documented intent and instruction of the Sovereign(s). So if your patent is granted by King George III, King George IV, King William IV or Queen Victoria, this may be useful information.

I have to proceed by using a number of generalizations. Many, if not most of the patented lands granted prior to Confederation in the Province of Upper Canada or the Province of Canada were for large parcels of what continued to be called wasteland right up to the reign of Queen Victoria. As I said in a previous article, an intent was to inhabit the province with English speaking protestants who would remain loyal to the Crown. The early grants during the reign of King George III were typically free grants that came with the condition of clearing 10 acres and building a suitable residence. On completion of the conditions, the grantee could swear an oath confirming the same, and letters patent would be

issued in his name, followed by the words heirs and assigns forever.

If the original grant was for 200 acres as was not unusual, the patentee often divided off a parcel and sold it to another, essentially an heir or assign. This was typical as a type of land division or severancing, allowing the patentee to sell part of his land, earning himself money for necessities and allowing others who may not have qualified for free grants to become a landowner. The transfer of all or part of the land was done by creation of a deed, whereby the original patentee became the grantor of the parcel so severed and the person who acquired the separated parcel was the grantee. To be clear, the patent remained unchanged, as a matter of record. Transfers of all or part of the land subsequent to the original grant of land was accomplished by deed.

Deeds were wonderful as they referenced the original grant of land from the Crown and then described the current land parcel being conveyed, amongst other things. The conversion to the land titles system from the registry system seems to have eliminated the need for truly descriptive deeds. An in depth look into that major change will be addressed more fully in a future article. For now though, I'll just continue as if further severances may have been accomplished by either the original grantee or subsequent heirs or assigns who became owners of part(s) of the originally granted lands. And this should explain why, in no uncertain terms, why original land patents cannot be amended or annulled.

Imagine the following scenario: the original grant of land in say 1813 to John Smith was for 200 acres. Upon patenting, Smith severed a 100 acre parcel and sold it to Tom Brown. Over the following years, both 100 acre parcels were further divided and sold off to others and now, in

2023, there are 26 owners of the land patented in 1813 to John Smith. For one of the current owners to attempt to change the original grant from the Crown, not only would the Sovereign need to be consulted, all of the current 26 owners would have to have their original grant amended. In other words, the patent may not apply to you alone, but to some or many and you don't get to make changes that affect others.

If you understand what I've tried to explain here, you may also have questions about how current regulation can be applied, often varying from parcel to parcel in the same original grant of land by our legislators and municipal leaders. Where one parcel may be acceptable for a school to be built, the neighboring parcel may be restricted to limited agricultural use.

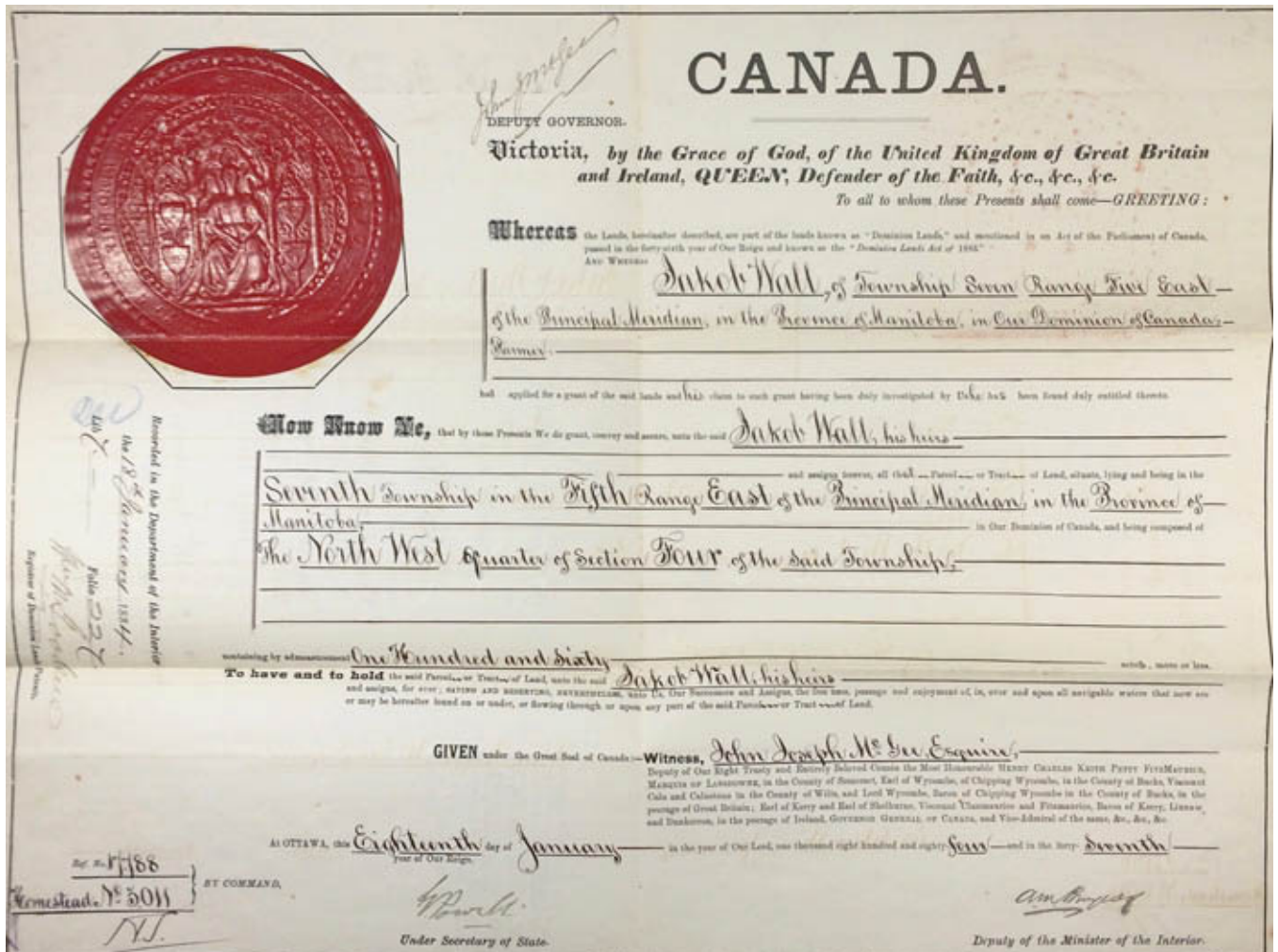
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Thank you.



One Year Ago

Freedom Convoy Shook the Nation

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There was a noticeable increase in vehicles sporting Canadian flags in downtown Ottawa and it was not Canada's birthday. Snow was piled high on the sidewalks and it was -8 C. Government employees were told to keep an eye out for strangers who might enter a federal building. There was also a conspicuous increase in police officers downtown and fewer parked cars. The city restricted parking for three days over seven blocks in front of Parliament Hill and five blocks south from Wellington Street to Laurier Avenue. The subliminal message was clear: Be nervous.

It was the first anniversary of what was arguably the most effective peaceful grassroots demonstration that Canada had ever seen. The inspiring movement saw grown men reduced to tears as Albertans hugged Quebecers and transformed the Canadian flag into an icon of patriotism and love of freedom. This is not the officially-revised government version of events. This is mine and it's a lot closer to the truth. I was there everyday and spoke with dozens of people, including truckers, farmers, supporters, detractors and police.

In memory of this century's most uplifting winter event, that sparked international protests and attention, Ottawa stepped up. Police chief Eric Stubbs told reporters that police will not tolerate vehicle-based protests in the downtown core. For the Jan. 27-29 anniversary weekend, "People want lawful, peaceful and safe protests on Parliament Hill," the chief said. "If it's not lawful, peaceful and safe, that's when we have to be more assertive."

Lawful, peaceful and safe protests did not stop them from becoming more assertive last year. The glorious freedom movement was taken down by its own and grown men wept when they saw the horror. Police with weapons beat up protestors, tearing apart the good name of law enforcement

and bludgeoning Canada's reputation as an oasis of fair play. Police pounded peaceful protestors with fists and the back-end of rifles. Freezing bank accounts sounded alarm bells all the way to Washington.

But it all began so well. Police negotiated the Freedom Convoy trucks to their protest positions on Wellington Street — leaving a lane open for emergency vehicles — and the surrounding area, so you can't point fingers at the illegal parking. The police themselves said the protest was peaceful and safe. Police, not truckers, unnecessarily blocked off Laurier Avenue to prevent vehicles from getting across town. The Freedom Convoy protest with about 300 vehicles and thousands of supporters, was a better party than Winterlude, the annual Ottawa winter festival. On weekends, there were parties at four different intersections. There were bbqs, pigs on a spit, bouncy castles, popcorn





and burgers, bible studies, prayer meetings and fire pits to warm the hands.

The federal government encouraged an anti-freedom convoy hearing in which only protestors against the protest were allowed to speak. The Ottawa People's Commission was a rant-filled encounter of rage that contorted the freedom convoy into an imaginary monster. The honking was wildly exaggerated and the legacy news media swallowed and perpetuated all of it. All we really learned is that only ineffective protests are allowed. The official hearing skewed the focus away from the real issue: did the government have a legitimate reason to unleash the Emergencies Act?

Of course it didn't. All the noise after the Freedom Convoy protest has been about damage control and changing the narrative. But the fabrications don't explain the outpouring of gifts and hugs and song over three weeks. They don't explain the endless envelopes of cash pressed into hands of truckers and farmers and the ubiquitous greeting of "God bless you." They don't explain the families with young children who loved it. Then the police turned ugly. On the last day, as police moved in wearing riot gear, you cannot explain away the self-restraint of the unarmed. Lines of protestors locked arms and struggled to "hold the line" as police yanked them out of the crowd. But not one person was arrested for throwing a punch. As the day wore on, a few blocks away, a lone woman sang Amazing Grace in front of a line of police officers as the crowd began to swell into the hundreds. Another stood facing the officers and prayed for each one while holding a three-foot

crucifix. There was a wave of calm and I was close enough to see that police officers were visibly moved.

The Freedom Convoy protestors and all of their faithful supporters hauling in gas cans and firewood, muffins, coffee and cash, changed more than the flag. They got rid of a weak Conservative leader in Erin O'Toole. They forced the end to pandemic restrictions.

The Freedom Convoy protestors are the heroes of February. Their protest was peaceful and effective. Their love of freedom pierced through the calumnies. They stood for those who had been psychologically beaten up for two years and who lost their jobs and were told they were bad people. A young man from Seaforth drove to the capital to see it for himself and his voice filled with emotion when he said, "I haven't felt this good in years."

They achieved more than most politicians in their lifetimes. They emboldened people who thought they had no power outside the ballot box and now see that love of freedom seeks and finds novel ways to stop injustice. They made the people feel proud of their country again. **

Patrick Meagher





by Liz Marshall

Canadians do have rights but perhaps they just don't know it.

For a number of years I have been expressing, to the angst of some politicians, bureaucrats, etc., that Canadians have a multitude of rights – inviolable rights – they just don't know it. These rights are the hard fought for rights that exist in our Constitution.

Ah, but where does it say Canadians have rights? Not in the Charter, because the rights contained in the 1982 Charter can be removed by a failed section 1, which allows the Courts to make law taking away those rights. And, of course section 33 – the notwithstanding clause, can arbitrarily remove those purported protected Charter rights.

Less likely are Canadians aware of the Preamble of the Constitution Act of 1867. That preamble brings in the ancient laws and the constitutional convention and principles of a some very heavy hitting constitutional documents, as well as the Common law.

To ensure everyone is on the same page, and this is where I find some security and hope, is section 26 of the 1982 Constitution. For a very long time I have stated that Canadian's rights – the inviolable rights – have been quietly under the protection of section 26. What does section 26 say? It states:

“Other rights and freedoms not affected by Charter

26. The guarantee in this Charter of certain rights and freedoms shall not be construed as denying the existence of any other rights or freedoms that exist in Canada.”

Property rights exist in Canada and there is constitutional protection for those rights. But this can be said about a number of rights. The

Charter, itself, cannot over-ride any other section of the Constitution and therefore the purported rights incapsulated in the Charter basically mean nothing. Whereas those rights mentioned in the Charter, according to the Canadian Bar Association, in 1948, were already included in the Constitution, (From my book).

1948 Year Book of the Canadian Bar Association and the Minutes of Proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Meeting 166-69 (1948), at 166.

“those freedoms and rights which under our democratic form of government are considered to be inalienable...If then the freedoms and rights with which we are concerned are really inalienable, it must be because they are or ought to be beyond the reach of legislative action. ...Therefore it becomes immediately apparent that if those freedoms and rights are inalienable it must be because they are already part of the constitution and cannot be conferred by legislative enactment. The moment it is conceded that they are within the power of gift by the legislature it must be conceded that they are vulnerable to further legislative action and can be withdrawn at any time.”

With that said, now we need to return to section 26 of the 1982 Constitution and that the Charter “shall not be construed as denying the existence of any other rights or freedoms.” Those rights and freedoms previously existed under the Confederation Act through its Preamble therefore the question for all of those legal minds out there is –

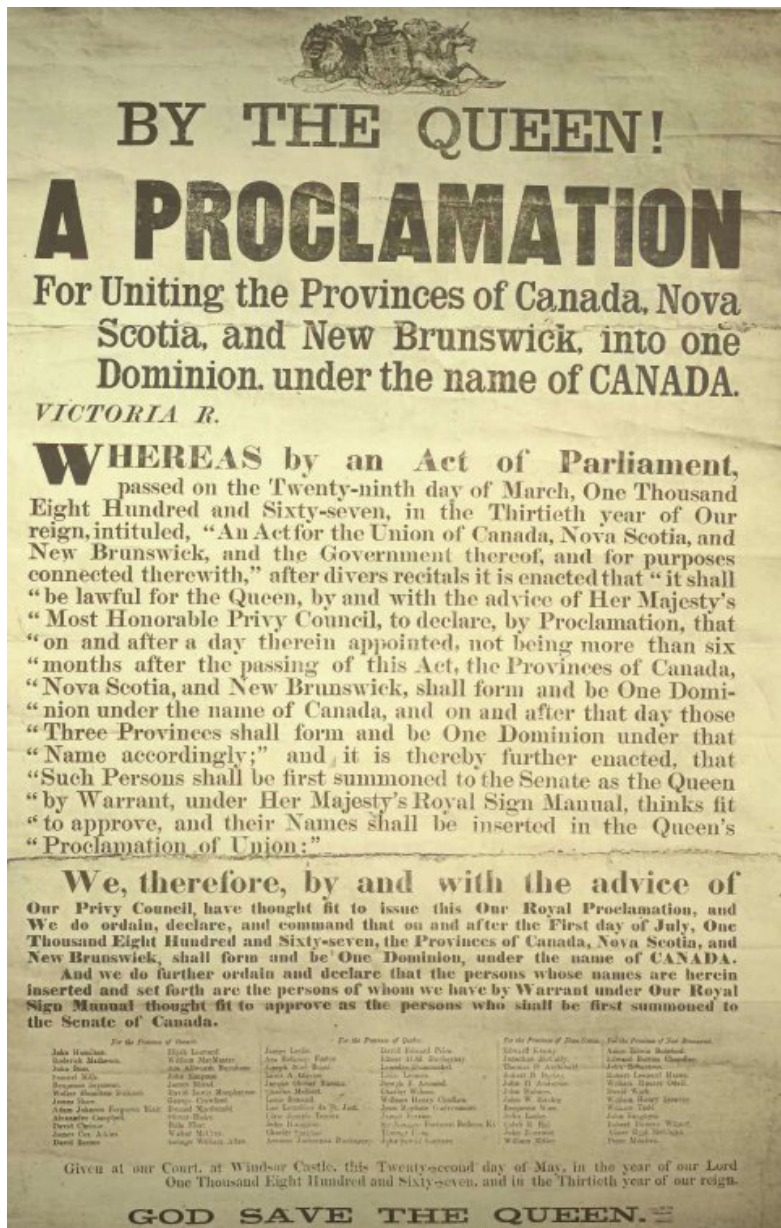
Are Canadians rights Constitutionally protected? When one considers that:

- the Charter cannot over rule any other part/section of the Constitution;
- and as the Constitution Act 1867 is part of our Constitution;
- and as the Preamble has been used by the Courts on a number of occasions, expanding the constitutional convention and principles of which (i) protect Canadian’s rights and (ii) restricts our government’s authority;
- and as the Supreme Court of Canada had upheld section 26 of the 1982 Constitution in 2022.

The guarantee in this Charter of certain rights and freedoms shall not be construed as denying the existence of any other rights or freedoms that exist in Canada.”

Could it, also, be said that the 1982 Charter, and in particular sections 2 and sections 7 through 15, actually doesn’t mean anything and that Canadians should seek out, learn, understand and uphold their inviolable unwritten rights under the Constitution Act 1867 and all of those constitutional conventions established under the preamble of that Constitution?

We understand it is easier to understand a document that has the words readily available, but what good is that document if it expresses that you have rights and then, in a minimum of 2 sections, takes those rights away? **



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Don's Thoughts !

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Unfortunately preparing this month's thoughts is difficult as I am in "not so" sunny Spain till mid March; so my thoughts are questionable.

Having just heard the news re the results of the Emergency Measures Act hearing I must say my belief in the Canadian political /judiciary system based on the findings - leave me inclined to want to stay here.

I and millions of fellow Canadians are of the opinion that our prime minister and his cabinet mishandled the Trucker situation, indeed if anything they appeared to want it to escalate so they could make political points as being decisive and in control.

The results of the hearing make me fear for my country and for our rights as citizens.

As such, it is even more important each of us stand up and demand accountability of our government officials.

The world is changing and one thing is apparent to me - the government of Canada that we have right now is way out of its league.

The governments naive belief in a fairy tale world in which social engineering can triumph over economic and military realities is truly scary.

The attitude that we as citizens need to subordinate our rights and assets to the greater good, is a definite issue for me.

I believe in the rule of law but when the lawmakers appear to abuse their power - well it certainly enters my thoughts that this presents a "clear and present danger" to all Canadians .

So it is important we stand together in defence of our rights and two small ways comes to my mind. Firstly support an alternative party that is not the current liberal party and secondly support the legal Tony Kaluzny in his battle regarding our property rights provided by the crown.

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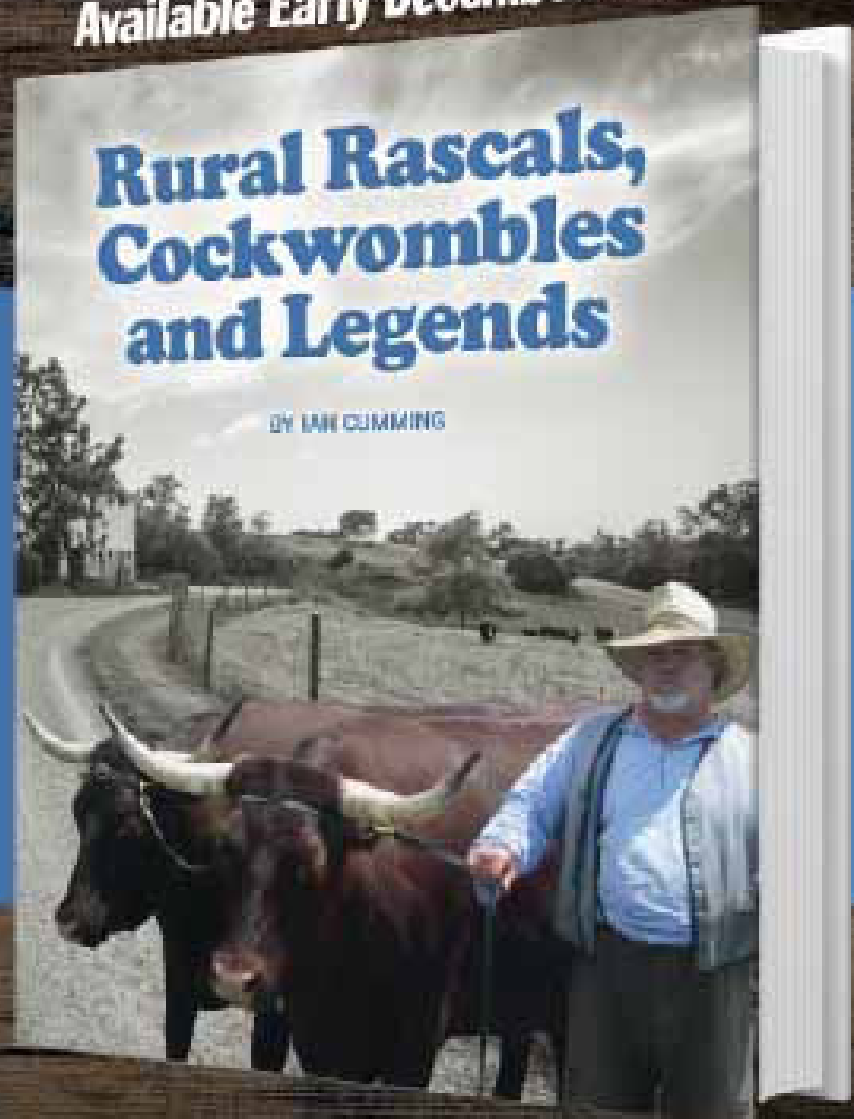
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The Woke Puritans

by Roger Graves

The term 'Woke' has crept into our language. Those who self-identify as Woke can be guaranteed to babble on about diversity, equity and inclusion, with the proviso that whatever these words actually mean in practice they don't include straight white men. Anyone who is not self-evidently Woke counts in the eyes of the Woke as something along the lines of things they find sticking to the soles of their shoes.

The Woke are an earnest, joyless bunch. Humour is regarded as a moral failing, and as for telling jokes, forget about it. The Woke are haunted by the fear of committing what they call microaggressions, which means in practice the possibility that something you say or do, or possibly don't say or do, will offend someone somewhere. The fact that you didn't mean to offend anyone is no excuse; merely having offended someone, even though you didn't know they were within earshot, is enough to condemn you. (Unless of course that someone is a straight white male, whose mere existence is an offence to the Woke, so you can offend them as much as you like.) Did you cheerfully say 'Merry Christmas' to someone? Shame on you, many of the Woke will take offence at that. The correct term is 'Happy Holidays', and don't you forget it.

Just be aware that whatever you say will probably offend someone, somewhere. The possibilities of committing microaggressions lie everywhere as traps for the morally unwary. Guard everything you say – in fact, better not to say anything until you have at least ascertained the preferred pronouns of your listeners.

Which brings us to another aspect of Wokeness (or should it be Wokeity?). The Woke live in fear, dread and loathing of what they call the patriarchy, which in effect means the way the world used to be run, largely by straight white males. Dividing the human race into two categories called men and women was merely a device of the patriarchy to subjugate women, who before Wokeness sprang into existence were always and everywhere oppressed by their male counterparts (try telling that to my wife, but that's another story). If you are Woke you know with a certainty that excludes all doubt that sex is merely a social construct, that there are an endless number of different genders, and each one has its own set of pronouns (he, she, they, ze, and for all I know, zhing, whang and b'dong). Addressing or referring to someone by the wrong set of pronouns is a microaggression of epic proportions.

Finally, the Woke have a nastily vicious streak in them. Anyone who offends them can be cancelled, which means that not only will the Woke not speak to them, but they will do their very best to get them fired from their jobs, to disrupt their families, and in general to make their lives a misery.

You think Wokeness is something new? Think again. In the 17th century England was infested with a religious frenzy known as Puritanism. Like today's Woke, the Puritans were a joyless bunch who spent their days worrying about pretty well everything that made life worth living (no singing, no dancing, clothes were to be plain black and white, stained glass windows in churches were replaced with plain glass, and

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Oliver Cromwell

so on). It was the journalist H.L. Mencken a hundred years ago who described Puritanism as the haunting fear that someone, somewhere might be happy. Like today's Woke the Puritans had a vicious streak in them and would mete out dire punishments to anyone they felt did not measure up to their moral standards. The Salem witch trials, to take but one

example, were largely run by Puritans.

In the middle of the 17th century England was taken over by a Puritan-based political movement. Following the English civil war in the 1640's the monarchy was abolished, the king beheaded, and England was ruled as a de facto military dictatorship with one of the more successful Army Generals, Oliver Cromwell as the so-called Lord Protector. Cromwell and his allies were a joyless bunch, and a year or two after his death in 1658 the monarchy was restored, and life came back to normal.

Looking at the way the Woke have taken over our universities, schools and much of the public sector, we seem to be heading for our very own Puritan revolution where the modern equivalent of witch trials will be held to mete out

punishment to the undeserving. We don't call them witch trials nowadays, we call them cancellations, but they serve the same function. Those who displease the Woke are destroyed by the Woke, and a reign of terror begins in which we hide our thoughts and guard our tongues.

It is of interest to note that shortly after Cromwell died the British heaved a collective sigh of relief and invited the son of the previous, beheaded monarch back in what is known to history as the Restoration of the Monarchy. Charles the Second restored all the things that made life worth living as far as the Brits were concerned, and as a footnote had Cromwell's body dug up and the head impaled on a spike and placed on top of Westminster Hall for all to see. *



Puritans



How did my trees become their affairs?

How did my trees become their affairs?

This is a favourite question that Anthony Kaluzny asks when speaking to the tree bylaw in the Niagara region. And in order to understand why he asks that question, a little background is required with respect to land ownership in Ontario. The origins of privately owned land in Upper Canada largely began in the late 1700's. The Indigenous peoples that were encountered by the Europeans were not conquered using force of war. They were willing to enter into agreements and those agreements were confirmed through treaties that meant the Crown became the owner of certain lands in Upper Canada.

As a right of ownership, a statutory right as per the Letters Patent Act of 1571 and a prerogative right of the Sovereign, King George III granted free land to English speaking protestants who would most likely be loyal to the Crown. His purpose

was to turn the waste lands, as they were then considered, into viable and productive farmland as well as increasing the forces required for defence of the Realm. These settlers, along with soldiers and loyalists were granted large parcels of land, most typically 200 acres.

Upon requesting a grant of free land, the grantee was charged with clearing a portion of the land and building a home within a three-year period. That condition being met, the grantee was required to swear an oath and the grant of land to the original grantee, heirs and assigns forever, was made patent. Those Letters Patent became the original root of title to the land and were so recorded in the land register.

Just as the agreements made with the Native populations and confirmed by Treaty are protected in our Constitution and upheld by the Courts, so too are the grants of land from Sovereign to

first grantee, heirs and assigns forever, to be respected and upheld by the courts. But unlike our Indigenous communities, most Canadians don't even know that the root of title to their land, the agreement from which all right, title and interest stems is the original Crown grant, published as an open Letter for all to see, and commonly referred to as Letters Patent or patent of land.

Think of our original grant as an agreement between 2 or more parties. The Crown is the owner and therefore the grantor, and has the right to enter into a private agreement to gift land to a willing recipient. The grantee accepts the gift of land and all of the associated conditions and provisos and in order to complete the conveyance, valuable consideration, which in most cases was service, work or loyalty is undertaken. The grant becomes patent when all of the conditions are met and the Great Seal is applied. This agreement has all of the essential elements of what we consider a contract: willing grantee/grantor, valuable consideration and confirmed under seal. So what is standing in the way of these contracts being upheld and respected in Ontario?

Here are some basic facts. Ontario, formerly Upper Canada, was largely granted to private ownership before Confederation. Those grants of land were Imperial. Although over 87% of the land in Ontario remains in the Crown, the balance that is in private ownership was mostly granted by the Imperial government.

Is it wording on these Imperial grants that makes them special? I would suppose that the granting of all right, title and interest in the granted tract of land along with all the woods and waters laying and being, heirs and assigns forever has something to do with it. But it can't be argued because that was the express will of the Sovereign, and the Crown is bound by its grants.

Most Imperial grants have some rights that were reserved for the Crown. Generally, the rights reserved, commonly called reservations in the original crown grant, were mines of gold and silver and all white pine trees. These rights or interests so reserved were passed to the Province of Ontario at Confederation. (And if you check your parcel register, available for purchase through Onlands,

it will state "subject to the reservations in the original Crown grant"). Ontario has since released those reservations, passing any rights or interest to white pine trees and mines of gold and silver to the respective landowners. No other trees were typically reserved!

What is the current status of the lands so granted? Well, on patenting the fee became vested in the grantee subject only to the reservations in the original Crown Grant and the obligations of fee simple. Most simply stated, those obligations are limited to police power, escheat, compulsory purchase and taxation.

A few more facts regarding land. Firstly, land has a very special property designation: it is referred to as real property. The conveyancing act of Ontario, in Section 15(1), details what is conveyed when real property transacts.

What is included in a conveyance?

15 (1) Every conveyance of land, unless an exception is specially made therein, includes all houses, outhouses, edifices, barns, stables, yards, gardens, orchards, commons, trees, woods, underwoods, mounds, fences, hedges, ditches, ways, waters, watercourses, lights, liberties, privileges, easements, profits, commodities, emoluments, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to such land belonging or in anywise appertaining, or with such land demised, held, used, occupied and enjoyed or taken or known as part or parcel thereof, and, if the conveyance purports to convey an estate in fee simple, also the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, yearly and other rents, issues and profits of the same land and of every part and parcel thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, inheritance, use, trust, property, profit, possession, claim and demand whatsoever of the grantor into, out of or upon the same land, and every part and parcel thereof, with their and every of their appurtenances. R.S.O. 1990, c. C.34, s. 15 (1)

Real property rights run with the land, regardless of ownership. So unless an owner, being the original grantee, heir or assign gives up a right granted by the Sovereign of the Crown in the original grant from the Crown, that right remains with the land regardless of who owns it.

The question then becomes when and how did the municipality acquire the right to impact in any way Anthony Kaluzny's trees?

This is what our Constitutional Challenge is about. The case we presented in Superior Court was unsuccessful, so we are now appealing the decision to the Ontario Court of Appeal. The court chose not to address many of the issues we presented and additionally disregarded the importance of an Imperial Patent as the only place the rights associated with real property are spelled out.

We have a Facebook group called Upper Canada Land Titles and Patent Research and all are welcome to join. Upper Canada Land Titles has also established a you tube presence to help educate with respect to real property rights, case law, the Constitution and Imperial Letters Patent.

If you would like to read the decision, please go to Canlii.org and check out Upper Canada Land

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Why so quiet about something that will change rural life in Ottawa forever?

Plans to develop an all-electric city under the management of Hydro Ottawa are contained in the Energy Evolution document approved by council in October 2020 ... while we were thinking about COVID.

The previous council unanimously accepted the plan to construct more than 700 industrial wind turbines on rural lands. Now that IESO is accepting proposals for green energy, what will the City do to protect people and property? Will they revisit the Energy Evolution document and invite comment from the public? Will they insist on due diligence to ensure protection of people and property and cost effective solutions for Ottawa's energy system? Will they protect our wells? Talk to your councillor today.



An Unexplained Tragic Trend...

by Ian Cumming
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In the January 14 to 20th *Economist*, an article “Deaths of Delay” finally moved a troubling issue from the fringes of the internet, where it was mocked, to respected journalism. The *Economist* generally gets its facts right and presents all sides.

You pay attention when they write that, “a glance at the data suggests that something is awry. Excess mortality in England and Wales – a measure of all deaths from all causes compared with a baseline period - in the four weeks to December 30th was 17 per cent higher than the average of this period in 2016 – 19. That is an extra 1,700 deaths per week.”

It had been at well over 1,000 excess deaths per week in the UK throughout 2022, but if you clicked on the telly news, or bought a newspaper for your information, you wouldn’t know about it.

With the exception of GB News, and internet sites, who solely used the governments own data. Which also uncovered that the UK government had been paying some people settlements, that medical facts proved had killed their loved one by a vaccine reaction.

Canada isn’t considered immune. Federal government data put our excess deaths ranging from 6.5 to 8.6 per cent extra, over the past two years, as compared to before. Some provincial data has a 19 per cent increase in deaths for people between 20 and 40. One can only hope that there are experts behind the scenes attempting to find out, why? The *Economist* article, without making conclusions, states what some experts are saying.

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine had published a study in 2022, linking delays when arriving at the hospital or emergency rooms, to excess deaths. By waiting six to eight hours, rather than under four hours, increased your chances of

dying by 1.7 per cent, all other things being equal, the study concluded.

The *Economist* developed its own model and found that waiting over four hours resulted in an additional 1.2 deaths per 1,000 people.

The UK’s National Health Service (NHS) “do not accept this figure,” stated the article.

But the article, which focused on this scenario and its experts quoted, never made any attempt to deal with the elephant in the room. Which is why the majority of these excess deaths? Nor should they, as journalists. They need to expose the facts, have concerned and outraged people demand answers and someone in the medical community, not afraid of online hate and government spinners, to start researching why.

Another breakthrough on this front, to make people notice, happened during a recent televised NFL football game. A young player in his early 20’s dropped from a heart attack, but thankfully was rescued by medical personnel on site.

The game was fittingly cancelled. Depending on where you “got your news” in the past two years – as was the case in this house – this wasn’t unusual, but a two year trend, I told the shocked better half. With the nations public broadcaster and her related online feeds giving this nary a mention in past months.

Personal information was my friend calling from Peterborough heartbroken weeks before, saying “I knew the kid” having dropped dead playing hockey. She had no idea of the painstaking work done by renowned cardiologists in Texas and Italy, who had begun tracking athletes under 35 years of age, who had dropped with heart attacks.

Listing every individual, they had documented 1,676 athletes in the past two years suffering from cardiac arrest, 1,148 who died.

The world has a lot of people, but in a prior 34 year period, the average was 29 athletes per year. The several years just prior to the last two, it went up to 60 per year suffering heart attacks.

There is the sudden rise in numbers of people (government data again) contacting stage 4 cancers, progressing far faster than before.

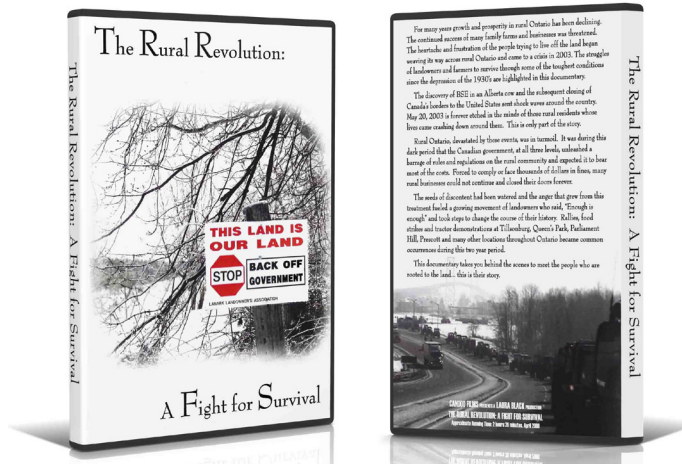
Media is scorned for what it doesn't do, rather than what it does.

The fact was these top doctors were, for the first time, on national American television hours after that football game, and there is no one medically credible disputing them.

We don't know what's causing these deaths.

But we do know we'll never find out if media continues cringing to authoritarian simpletons. Both actually, appearing terrified about what might be found.

Ian Cumming
Agricultural Journalist



Rallies, demonstrations, interviews on the wagons, tractors at Queen's Park and tractors on the 401. The early days of the landowners are recorded on this DVD which you can now watch on the link to Youtube, below.

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The Distance and Time of Astronomical Debt



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NOTE: *The bulk of this note was written at the time of the financial crisis of 2008 when governments around the globe chose to give massive bail-outs to the banking community in order to avoid a complete financial melt-down. The notes at the end bring the numbers up to date.*

November 15, 2008:

Sometimes I like to put big numbers into units that I can begin to understand, so I've done some comparisons.

Canada's Federal debt, if put into a stack of Canadian loonies, would take you 2 1/2 times as far as the moon.

The U.S. Federal debt, if put into a stack of U.S. quarters, would stretch 2/3 of the way to the sun. In other words, the stack is so tall that it would take six minutes for light to travel from one end to the other.

By the time lights get from the top to the bottom, the stack has already increased by another 69 miles. So, the coin that you see at the other end is already buried 69 miles under by the time that you see it.

Put another way, the stack is growing at about 690 miles per hour – almost at the speed of sound.

The U.S. bailout that was announced in 2008 is a small part of that. At its current height (November 2008), the bail-out for the banks is tall enough that it would take light about 40 seconds to travel from the top to the bottom, but, give it a few weeks and we'll see.

Update, February 26, 2009:

Since I first wrote this, in mid-November, 2008, it has become clear that the stacked-up debt in Canada and the U.S. will grow by more astronomical proportions.

Canada's stimulus package over the next few years will increase the height of the debt stack to about three times the distance to the moon.

President Obama's forecast budget deficit of \$1.75 trillion, this year, will make the U.S. debt stack grow by far more than that, and far faster too. Its speed of growth has now cracked the sound barrier.

By the end of this year, instead of taking 6 minutes to get from the bottom to the top (if you could travel at the speed of light), it will take 7 minutes and 40 seconds ... and by the end of next year, the stack will have reached all of the way to the sun.

The questions are: What happens then? ... will it melt in the heat? ... or will it continue on to some other star or galaxy?

... Or do some pray that it will go further still? ... hopefully zipped to oblivion by the snatch of a black hole ... or paid for in another time or another universe.

Update, February 10, 2023:

Fourteen years have passed and expenditures and debts of federal government have continued to increase – at an extraordinary rate in the last two years under Prime Minister Trudeau and President Biden.

To allow for easy comparison, I have dropped reference to the loonie and used quarters for Canada as well as for the United States.

By the end of 2022, Canada's stack of quarters, under Trudeau, has gone more than 20 times as far as the Moon.

In Biden's America, the stack of U.S. quarters has gone more than three times as far as the Sun – with not even a hint of it melting.

Our progressive governments still tell us that it's perfectly fine to keep on stacking as they promise to give more and more goodies “for free” in their attempts to continue to hold the reins of power.

Those who have not entirely closed their eyes and their ears and their minds to the truths of life in a real world, still clutch onto the faint hope that there is a chance that the sun, in time, will succeed in melting the stack away, that a black hole will swallow it up, or that a distant galaxy will take notice and carry it away.

Others may have come to the conclusion that it is possible for them to keep on stacking - at least until they are gone or until the world has been blown away.

As for the rest of them, many carry on in the blind belief that production of real wealth doesn't matter, that the debt will sort itself out, and that life will go on even more happily than before - but only if they can force all of the ordinary people to fall into line on that path that they, in their infinite wisdom, have convinced themselves is the only sound way to a better future – a future in which the world will be prosperous, peaceful, happy, infinitely-diverse, enduringly sustainable, completely equitable, free from labour, perpetually surveilled and repeatedly vaccinated against dissident thought of any and every kind.

Charles





The Emergency Act Inquiry

by Shirley Dolan

Well, here we are, one year out from the historic Freedom Convoy, the peaceful protest that started to roll into the nation's capital on January 28. Were you there? Many people were and those people made it difficult for the mainstream media to paint their unfair and dishonest picture of what took place. One of the speakers from Rebel News, in his speech, said that all the people there with cell phones were the media and the event would be recorded by them honestly and accurately. The peaceful protest lasted from January 28th when the first trucks began to roll in until the Emergencies Act was called on February 14 and the police moved in with pepper spray, guns, batons, horses, and a bad attitude. The violence was on the part of the government and the police.

So, we have had the Emergencies Act inquiry (Public Order Emergency Commission). The Commissioner, Justice Paul Rouleau is expected to table his report in Parliament on February 20. According to an article by Adam Goldenberg, a partner at McCarthy Tétrault, Rouleau's mandate is limited to inquiring "into the circumstances that led to the declaration being issued and the

measures taken for dealing with the emergency." This mandate does not extend to opining on whether the Cabinet "believes, on reasonable grounds, that a public order emergency exists" – the legal threshold for invoking the government's extraordinary powers under section 17(1) of the act. Opinion: It's not Justice Rouleau's job to say if Ottawa was right to invoke the Emergencies Act – The Globe and Mail

The article goes on to say, "In appointing Justice Rouleau to lead the inquiry, Cabinet directed him "to set out findings and lessons learned, including on the use of the Emergencies Act and the appropriateness and effectiveness of the measures taken," and also "to make recommendations ... on the use or any necessary modernization" of the law. This is a warrant to make factual findings and policy recommendations, not to reach a conclusion on the lawfulness of last year's emergency declaration."

This will be done in other courtrooms. For example, two civil liberties groups have already started judicial proceedings against the government, according to the article cited above.

In my opinion, the Public Order Emergency



Commission (POEC) was well worth the money and time spent. It allowed everyone to have their say, no matter if you were supportive of the Freedom Convoy or not; no matter if you supported the invocation of the Emergencies Act or not, in a public forum open to all.

I watched many of the testimonies on YouTube. For the most part, I found witnesses to be open and honest save the politicians at the end who appeared to be in damage control mode. I found Judge Rouleau to be fair, with a no-nonsense demeanour, but nevertheless very accommodating to the witnesses. His sense of humour and impartiality were obvious.

No matter what the outcome of the POEC, it was well done and provided many the opportunity to have their story heard publicly without the manipulation of the mainstream media.

And good news, the Transportation Committee for the City of Ottawa has voted unanimously to open Wellington Street to traffic as soon as March 1. This is the right thing to do. Hopefully Council will agree.

Watch for Tom Marazzo’s firsthand account of the Freedom Convoy and the aftermath. Coming soon in paperback and eBook “The People’s Emergency Act – Freedom Convoy 2022”. www.tommarazzo.ca

Bravo Truckers and the Freedom Convoy 2022.

By Shirley Dolan

(written before the results of Public Inquiry) see pg.38





Private Land Part I

The Docket

By
Jeff D. Bogaerts

The Rights of the Private Landowner. Do you have Private Land Rights? Yes, you do. If you know how and where to find them.

Are you prepared to invest your time, make the effort and educate yourself to know what your Rights are? We talk about Private Land Rights, but do we really know what they are ... “if we do not know what our rights are ... then we have none”. This statement is as true today as it has for thousands of years.

We have fought over and we continue to fight over Land Rights. What wars and conflicts have not fought over Land Rights either directly or indirectly. If you are interested in Land Rights I suggest watching the TV series **Yellowstone, Yellowstone 1883, and Yellowstone 1923.**

The theme is Private Land Rights and what you can do with your land and who is trying to take it from you. The only difference between a cave tribe on one side of the valley trying to take over the hunting grounds from the cave tribe on the other side of the valley and Legislated Land Control we call Expropriation today ... is the date on the calendar.

We as human beings are the same today as were then ... convince me otherwise.

Do we live in a Democracy? Does a Democracy ensure you have Private Land Rights? What other political systems ensure we have Private Land Rights? Name some.

Where do we start to answer this question? Well, since I live in Ontario, Canada, I will start here. Canada and the province of Ontario are a Democracy. Although there are times I struggle to continue to believe it.

I always thought I could do with my land what I wanted to do with it. I grew up with my Parents, Grandparents, Great grandparents, Aunts and Uncles all saying ... “my land, my rights”. The statement ... “I can do what I want on my land” ... is not well accepted today. Our society today does not have the same ideology of Private Land Rights.

Our society has been slowly converted to believe that we are all responsible for the land and

the environment is more important than people.

What is missing today, that was not missing when I was growing up, was one very significant rule ... Respect. Respect for your Land and how you use it and Respect for the Land belonging to your neighbour and not to do anything on your Land that will harm theirs.

I remember as a kid in the Fall, we would drive out to pick fence apples. These were apple trees that grew along township roads. Some on the road side of the fence and some on the farmers side of the fence. We were only allowed to pick apples where trees grew, or branches hung over on the roadside of the fence. We could not even climb up on the fence. This was Respect.

Today, the most disrespectful organization towards Private Land is government. Government agencies, Municipalities and Provincial legislation.

When it comes to our Private Land, government controls our land through legislation. Either by Provincial Acts and Regulations or giving other agencies, such as Municipalities the authority to pass by-laws that in turn, control our Private Land, Zoning as an example.

I will speak to one of the most aggressive and disrespectful Provincial Acts and the organizations given enforcement authority ... *Conservation Authorities Act* and Conservation Authorities.

About Conservation Ontario

(from the Conservation Ontario website Home // Conservation Ontario)

*Conservation Ontario is a **non-profit association** that represents Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities.*

Conservation Authorities are community-based watershed management agencies, whose mandate is to undertake watershed-based programs to protect people and property from flooding, and other natural hazards, and to conserve natural resources

for economic, social and environmental benefits.

Conservation Authorities are legislated under the Conservation Authorities Act, 1946.

Conservation Ontario is governed by a six-member elected Board of Directors and directed by a Council comprised of appointed and elected municipal official from the 36 Conservation Authorities Boards of Directors and Conservation Authorities staff. Conservation Ontario's main source of funding is secured from its membership through levies and supplemented by project funding and contracts.

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VISION

Conservation Ontario will engage Conservation Authorities in matters of common interest and to shape effective policy relating to Conservation Authorities.

MISSION

To promote and continually strengthen a watershed-based conservation coalition in Ontario.

I find it most interesting that a non-profit organization controls your Private Land. We will discuss in a later article. There are 36 named conservation authorities in Ontario. Conservation Authorities are private corporations that have been given legislative authority.

In general terms, conservation authorities are local, watershed management agencies that deliver services and programs that protect and manage water and other natural resources in partnership with government, landowners, and other organizations.

What this also means, is that land designated as a "wetland", is part of their watershed management area, therefore part of their enforcement and whatever part of the wetland that is on your land or within 120-metres of your land, is no longer your land.

Well ... it is your land, your name is on the Deed, you pay the property taxes and the mortgage and the

credit line, but you can not touch the wetland or any area within the 120-metre setback from the wetland.

Why is that? A wetland is an important part of the environment and there is no debate about the science of a wetland. That being said, what is the issue? The issue is the "Taking of Your Private Land without Compensation".

This leads us into Expropriation ... with Compensation and without Compensation. If a township road or any road is going to be expanded and the government needs more land and you have it, they will approach you and purchase the land from you at a fair market value. You can object, but most cases you will lose as there is substantial law regarding Expropriation with Just Compensation.

Now let us speak about Expropriation without Compensation, i.e. Wetlands.

When a Wetland has been identified on your land or within 120-meter setback of a wetland the legislation will not allow you to do anything to the wetland. You can apply for a Permit to do something, but you will be turned down.

This leaves you in an interesting position. You are still responsible for the taxes, mortgage, insurance, etc. You will receive no compensation from anyone. You lose the Value of your Land and the Use of Your Land.

If the Value of a Wetland is so highly important to the environment, and the environment is important to the people, then why is there no Compensation to the Private Land Owner?

If you do something to the wetland without that permit and charges are laid against you will receive a fine of up \$10,000.00 per charge, or 3 months in Provincial Prison and a Court Order to repair the damage, which can cost 6 figures or more. Do not laugh. People have spent time in Prison.

Charges can pile up faster than apples on the ground after a windstorm. Incident #1, 14 charges, incident #2, 15 charges, incident #3, 40 charges. There are more examples.

Regardless of the importance of a Wetland, no Private Landowner should be deprived of the use and value of their land without Compensation. Anything else is just ... Theft.

Jeff D. Bogaerts

MURDER and MAYHEM



by Mel Fisher

A page from Willy Brant's diary - Joe dropped in to help me put up my storm windows a while ago, I have the old-fashioned kind that fit so badly I am not sure they are worthwhile, but hey, it's a tradition.

We went in for coffee, and while my old-fashioned perk was puffing away, I offered, "You talk about the injustices you read about in that Landowners Magazine, I was listening to a conversation at the next table at Tim Hortons the other day, and I heard a doozey". No answer, boy, he is quiet today, so I went on "guy was talking about how he got audited by the Provincial Sales Tax people, and they decided he missed charging PST on some sales, sent him a bill for tax they thought he should have collected along with a fat penalty. Didn't even give him a chance to explain. Other guys at the table said they knew of lots of bad experiences that way, and anybody who does not just pay whatever they demand gets the book thrown at them. One guy lost his business and his house and faces bankruptcy even though the ministry privately admitted they made a mistake in the first place. How does that grab you for abuse?"

Joe responds "you probably don't know about the latest case in Landowners. Old couple are serving their community by rescuing homeless dogs, fixing them up, looking after them and finding homes for them. SPCA swoops in, says they have too many dogs and do a rodeo type round-up and take all the dogs. Now they are billing the old

folks for boarding the rescue dogs they took, even though they aren't the old folk's dogs, they were only trying to help! Looks like they face bankruptcy to get out of it. How does that grab you for abuse?"

"Yeah well, that is as bad", I conceded, "What ever happened to 'innocent before proven guilty'?"

Old couple are serving their community by rescuing homeless dogs, fixing them up, looking after them and finding homes for them.

"That's the really bad part", says Joe. "These are all bureaucrats enforcing bureaucratic regulations they just made up, so there is no law, no court, no justice process, you have to tug your forelock and say 'yes sir' or they twist you into the ground -" I interrupted with "like the old joke, most lawyers are so crooked they don't bury them, they just twist them into the ground - -" Joe just ignored that and went on "If you do a real crime,

break a real law, like murder your mother-in-law or peddle drugs to kids, or swindle a little old lady out of her life savings, you get to go to court and defend yourself. But if you buck the bureaucracy, you have no recourse, they twist you into the dirt like that lawyer joke of yours".

Another swig of coffee, then he went on "It seems like the bureaucracy, whether auditors or traffic cops or game wardens or whatever have a quota to meet and have to find some kind of reason to lay a charge, however fanciful it might be, and anybody who stands up has to get squashed. And it is getting worse, now they can search you or your car and if they find any amount of cash, take it claiming

it might be 'proceeds of crime', how are you going to prove it is not 'proceeds of crime'? Now we hear they want to get rid of cash altogether – from there it is only a short step to

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computers searching people's bank accounts and taking any unusual deposits claiming they are proceeds of crime. Look what they did to the trucker's convoy!"

Time to get to work so I say "Scary stuff" and we get back to the storm windows. **

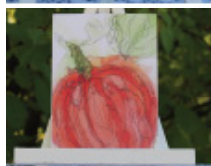
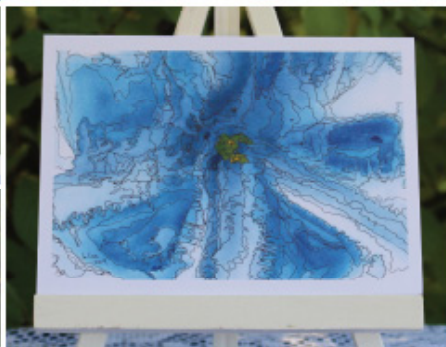
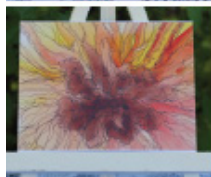


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Good News for a Change

by Shirley Dolan

Here are two news stories that I find very encouraging. Certainly, after three years of lock downs and mandates, we need a bit of good news. So here goes: the first is the news coming out of a rural county in Alberta where residents quickly organized and shut down an invasive Land Use Bylaw. Second, Dr. Jordan Peterson has announced a new consortium to challenge the World Economic Forum (WEF). The new consortium, called the Unfettered Minds Consortium, aims to provide a platform for global conversations on the most pressing issues of our time. And thirdly, the Public Order Emergency Commission (POEC) has tabled its report. Yes, Judge Rouleau did rule that the Emergencies Act was warranted but he also wrote about the failure of government and police forces at all levels.

Thorhild County Alberta Residents Mobilize to Defeat Land Use Bylaw



On February 2, 2023, at a Special Council meeting, Thorhild County Council defeated Second Reading for Land Use Bylaw 14-2022. This is a story about how one person mobilized residents in a matter of two weeks to get a bad bylaw cancelled. The municipality hired a private consultant called Green Space Alliance (GSA) to develop their Land Use Bylaw (LUB). GSA has a small office in Edmonton with a head office in Mumbai, India. What would they know about land use in rural Alberta? Turns out that their bylaw was more aligned with globalist agendas than what might be good for a rural community. The LUB was all about putting restrictions on fencing, chickens, water, and landscaping and introducing permitting to increase the County coffers.

The “Thorhild County Friends Fighting Against the Proposed Land Use Bylaw” Facebook page was established on January 23, 2023. It was a very effective call to action because a Special Council meeting was called and the LUB was defeated. Not only that, but this group alerted other counties in Alberta where residents have become municipal watchdogs attuned to bad bylaws and policies. The Facebook page has been renamed Voice of Thorhild County. They continue to monitor their municipal government and provide support to other county groups who are doing the same.

Dr. Jordan Peterson and the Unfettered Minds Consortium

Many of you will recognize the name: Dr. Jordan Peterson, professor emeritus at Toronto University who got into hot water for refusing to use non-gender pronouns. His refusal catapulted him into the world of public speaking. Peterson recently came to the Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa to speak to a crowd of over 5,000 people as part of his Beyond Order tour. Typically, a coalition of community groups called for the

event to be cancelled. The result was that more seats were made available for the event to meet the increased demand. Notably, none of the groups showed up at the event to protest!

Shortly after the event at the Canadian Tire Centre, Peterson announced on the Joe Rogan Show that he was planning an alternative to the World Economic Forum (WEF). Details of the Unfettered Minds Consortium are starting to come out. According to the Daily Wire, some of the ideas — which are aimed at providing an “alternative vision of the future ... an alternative to that kind of apocalyptic narrative that’s being put forward, at least implicitly, by organizations like the WEF” — are as follows:

- How to get “energy and resources at the lowest possible cost, as rapidly as possible, to the largest number of people around the world.”
- Engaging in a “pro-human view” of earth stewardship.
- Putting forward a “vision on the family policy front to facilitate the encouragement of and the maintenance of longterm, monogamous couples who are child-centered.”
- And discovering our “story,” specifically as it relates to “voluntary play” rather than “the spirit of power” ruling.

While this first conference will be invite-only, it will be public, and Peterson noted that if successful, he would like to expand yearly. The



Dr. Jordan Peterson

World Tribune reports that Peterson said around 2,000 business, cultural, and political figures will be invited to take part in the consortium with an initial goal of being held in October/November 2023 in London (England).



A Step Back in Time
Tractors roll along the 401 to protest government overreach.

Public Order Emergency Commission (POEC) Report

by Shirley Dolan

The POEC report is out and perhaps some of us did not get the result that we wanted in that Commissioner Rouleau gave the Trudeau government a pass on invoking the Emergencies Act. But there is so much more to the report and the inquiry leading up to it.

Maybe we should read the report before shooting the messenger. Remember: “True impartiality does not require that the judge have no sympathies or opinions; it requires that the judge nevertheless be free to entertain and act upon different points of view with an open mind”. I believe that Rouleau met this requirement.

In his report, Rouleau stated that the hearings “provided a level of insight and transparency into government decision making that is unusual”. The hearings were open to the public and if you could not attend in person, you could watch online. The interviews are available for anyone who cares to watch them. The days were long, and the atmosphere was sometimes tense, but Rouleau managed to keep the interviews civil, respectful, and moving forward. One of the best interviews that I watched was the one with Chris Barber, a trucker from Saskatchewan, who is awaiting his court date for his part in the Freedom Convoy. All proceedings are still available here: www.publicorderemergencycommission.ca/public-hearings/. Click on November 1 to see the Chris Barber interview. You can see from the video that there is mutual respect being displayed as well as a fair bit of humour in what must have been a difficult interview.

As I mentioned above, there is so much more to this report than just the sanctioning of the invocation of the Emergencies Act, which Rouleau did “reluctantly”. The report is 2,000 pages and contained in five volumes. You can find it online on the POEC website. Volume 1 is an Overview of the findings along with the 56 recommendations and at 272 pages, is a manageable read.

Although Cabinet got a pass on invoking the Emergencies Act, they did not get a pass on many other aspects. The way I read it, the report describes a major breakdown at all levels of government and within the police forces. To many of us, this was obvious from Day 1 when the Convoy was invited into the downtown.

Our Prime Minister was also chastised for this characterization of the non-vaccinated, which further fanned the flames of discontent amongst the protesters and hardened their resolve.

In the report, Rouleau says “I have concluded that in this case, the very high threshold for invocation was met. I have done so with reluctance, “and “The state should generally be able to respond to circumstances of urgency without the use of emergency powers.”

In other words, the emergency was of the governments’ own making – lack of leadership, lack of communication, lack of judgement, and more. That’s the way I see it!

Why is this good news? Because the fact that Canada is not prepared to manage an emergency has been exposed. And the real test on whether the Emergencies Act invocation was justified is yet to come.

In the Executive Summary, Rouleau declared “I acknowledge that the Commission’s role is distinct from that of a court. The Commission does not have the legal authority to adjudicate the “lawfulness” of the declaration as such. I do not intend or consider my findings on this topic to be in any sense binding on the courts. The effect or significance of the Commission’s findings and conclusions in the judicial review proceedings will be a matter for the Federal Court to determine.” And indeed, the courts shall. The province of Alberta and several civil liberties groups are challenging the invocation of Emergencies Act. **

WHAT NEXT?



Howdy folks,

After a two issue truancy from ‘Landowner Voices’ I have abruptly returned much like the mythical phoenix to incite you my loyal reader with my blunt take on current events and life in general.

It was unfortunate the repulsive year 2022 continued to create gross mayhem and untold grief right up to it’s ultimate demise on New Year’s Eve 2023. The terrifying terminal threats of Covid, Avian influenza, and the sudden dreaded presence of hideous monkey pox appeared almost as if to herald apocalyptic demise of almost biblical proportions.

My genuine apologies to the loyal anti-vax coalition but I have been pricked with more vaccines than I care to recollect or mention. As for the facial mask mandate I am a firm believer and dedicated adherent and I thrive on the murderous, unkindly stares I receive from the uneducated, selfish non-believers believing they are the chosen ones.

Being an old Jackass with European roots Christmas eve 2022 was sadly the first occasion in six decades we were mandated to cancel the event courtesy of a sudden power outage spawned by intense wind gusts. The winds were severe, fortunately the snowfall was nothing like we dealt with in the 1970’s.

With improved technology and infrastructure why is it when someone passes gas we have an abrupt power outage? Fortunately there was a simpler time, years earlier when a power failure would inspire me to quickly strike a match and set the old, reliable wood stove ablaze and bask in the welcomed heat. Banish this novel thought as big brother my devout, kindly insurance provider mandated a separate chimney flue for my wood burning saviour.

Being a highly independent, stubborn old Jackass I did not bend over and comply but now am warmed and break into a sweat swearing

vociferously at the overzealous insurance companies as I drift in and out of a shivering coma.

As if to rub salt into a festering wound a delightful pre-Christmas letter arrived from the insurance fairy mandating I also replace the oil furnace tank as it may leak. With a premonition like that I predict I may blow a gasket and require a heart transplant thanks to their never ending costly mandates and zero risk policies.

Regardless of fiscal hardship and dictatorial demands we can be thankful we’re not suffering the horrors of war currently being inflicted on the poor folks in the Ukraine.

You can forget our once cheap food policy and I suggest you go on a slim fast diet in the New year. Ice berg lettuce selling in excess of \$6.00 for a puny head. I’m sure the lowly producer saw very little in this extortionary price hike. The retailers and assorted middlemen are all no doubt wearing masks to hide their smiles as they skip merrily to the banks to deposit their ill got gains.

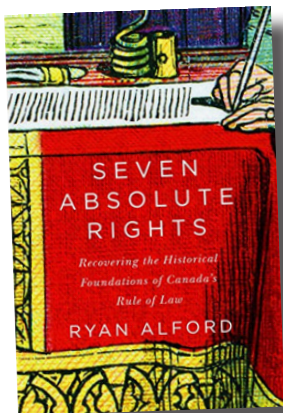
Blame high prices of vegetables, lumber, fuel and most consumer goods on covid, global warming, labour strife, Russia or in reality human greed and price gouging.

Here’s hoping 2023 shows some relief but I’m certainly not going to bet my life on it.

As for the immediate future, I’m looking to rescue a ‘distressed’ generator and give it a forever home. It will be well fed if I can afford the gas.

Sincerely,

THE OLD JACKASS



BOOK REVIEW - of Professor Ryan Alford's

“Seven Absolute Rights – Rediscovering the Historical Foundations of Canada’s Rule of Law”¹

by Liz Marshall

“All the greatest things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom; justice; honour; duty; mercy; hope.”² Winston Churchill

These words, by Winston Churchill, are words that have been an inspiration of mine for many years. Finally, after over a decade, I can say I continue to have hope, as it seems the knowledge, I have garnered, is finding its way through to Canadians and the Courts. For this I am truly thankful. This statement of “hope” has been brought on by the Annapolis ruling,³ by the Supreme Court of Canada, and a book I just finished.

The book is Professor Ryan Alford’s “Seven Absolute Rights – *Rediscovering the Historical Foundations of Canada’s Rule of Law.*”

In this book are statements that I have been reciting time and time again. The book even brings forward the confirmation, from my book (Property Rights 101: An Introduction), that law schools are failing, not only their students’ understanding of law, but, all Canadians.

Some lawyers and law professors seem to be attempting to change the lack of instruction, in these halls of higher knowledge, but it isn’t and won’t be easy.

Professor Alford brings forward the many older Constitutional documents that I refer to, as in the Bill of Rights 1689, the Abolition of the Court of Star Chamber, the Petition of Right, the Settlement Act, the Coronation Oath Act, etc., etc.,

etc. These, he/I say, flow through the Canadian Constitution by means of the Preamble of the Constitution Act, 1867 (British North America Act, 1867 [BNA]).

His book makes reference to what he distinguishes as “non-derogable” rights. To me said rights are referred to as “inviolable rights” meaning they can never be taken away, diminished or destroyed. His “seven” rights he speaks of, in his book, are:

1. Not to be subject to extrajudicial killing
2. Not to be subject to emergency measures that have no legal or constitutional jurisdiction
3. Not to be tortured
4. Not to be subject of arbitrary detention
5. Not to be subjected to cruel and unusual punishment or excessive bail
6. Not to be punished for what is said in the course of parliamentary proceedings
7. And to have the right to be tried by an impartial judiciary.

According to⁴ Blackstone, of which Prof. Alford makes reference, “the principal [of] absolute rights” are found in our Constitution and those documents living in the Preamble of the BNA (Constitution Act, 1867), as is Canadian’s rights to the unwritten laws which also protect our rights. This includes fundamental justice.

¹ <https://www.amazon.ca/Seven-Absolute-Rights-Recovering-Foundations/dp/0228000785>

² <https://www.historic-uk.com/Blog/Winston-Churchill-Top-12-Quotes/#:~:text=%E2%80%9CAI%20the%20greatest%20things%20are,duty%3B%20mercy%3B%20hope.%E2%80%9D>

³ Annapolis Group Inc. v. Halifax Regional Municipality, 2022 SCC 36 (CanLII)

Blackstone⁷ lays out our rights as:

1. The right of personal security including his right to move freely
2. The right of protection of his life, limbs, his body, his health and his reputation
3. The right of property including the free use, enjoyment, disposal, control, selling and buying, and not to be divested or disseised of his freehold or liberties/free customs, nor be disinherited

When reading Blackstone, though, one must also read the extensions of these rights and that these rights can only be interfered with by the judgement of one's peers and the constitutional law of the land. Based on Prof. Alford's book, and I will quote:

"If a reader is familiar with Blackstone's Commentaries, the significance of this sentence will be clear; the judgment reaffirms that the features of the rule of law are not abstract ideals that take shape in the justices' hands. If the judiciary understands these principles to be the result of a historical process in which a crisis led to a particular constitutional settlement that established a legal order that depends upon those principles, then it will recognize that the historical context and motivation of what the rights they created protect today. These judgments demonstrate that the substantive principles of Canadian rule of law first took form in this set of readily identifiable texts because of particular abuses that were then proscribed in order to establish and maintain the supremacy of the laws, the history of the attempts to subvert those principles will also be of great value when considering the scope of their contemporary application, especially in cases where governments engage in the similar types of abuses." ⁶

And as most of my research has consisted of constitutional, as well as property rights (included in constitutional research), from Prof. Alford's book:

*"The king, ... only has freedom to act in a manner that is defined by the laws: his "absolute power" to act directly without legal process, is confined to a carefully circumscribed set of customary areas, but these may only be exercised when they are not "contrary to law." The king of England rules under the country's laws, which "are made by their [the peoples'] consent and approbation [so that they] enjoy their properties securely, and without the hazard of being deprived of them, either by the king or any other...St Thomas ... wishes...that the king might not be at liberty to tyrannize over his people, which only comes to pass in the present case, that is, when the sovereign power is restrained by political laws."*⁷

Some, in the legal community and in parliament, feel that in the name of the "common good," or "public good" other's rights should be removed. What has been lacking is the knowledge that to advocate for other's rights to be removed; rights protected by our constitution, is to tell government, those who are advocating for other right's to be removed, that they also want their constitutional rights to be removed. As Blackstone states: "Besides, the public good is in nothing more essentially interested, than in the protection of every individual's private rights..."

All in all, I give Prof. Ryan Alford's book a 5 star review and it is hoped that Canadians – all Canadians, will obtain a copy of it to support their own, as well as all other Canadian's rights.

"All the greatest things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom; justice; honour; duty; mercy; hope." ⁸

Winston Churchill

4 "Seven Absolute Rights – Rediscovering the Historical Foundations of Canada's Rule of Law," p. xv Preface.

5 <https://ia800207.us.archive.org/3/items/commentariesonla01blacuoft/commentariesonla01blacuoft.pdf>

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Getting Used to the “New and Improved” Future



by Marlene Black

Two rather small, interesting events happened to me last week. They cemented my opinion that changes are happening at a rapid rate and moving us towards an invisible cliff. These were minor in some ways and basically illustrated my stubborn refusal to move into the modern way or ‘new world order’ that is being dictated to us but nevertheless, I’ll explain.

The first was my visit to an RBC bank where I had an appointment regarding my investments and how to prepare for retirement. As I walked in, I was struck by the vast openness of the room and I could swear that it looked very different from the last time I’d been by. In front of me was a little round table with a young man sitting at it. He got up and approached me inquiring as to whether he could be of assistance. That was when it hit me! There were no tellers. Not a sign of anyone behind glass ready and willing to take my money and help me deposit a cheque. Gone and gone too, was any evidence that they once inhabited a bank. The man explained that this bank was now tellerless and he could direct me to what I needed which was just a chair for me to sit on as I was 5 minutes early and my contact had not yet arrived.

I later had it explained to me by the financial planner that yes, you could still take money out and deposit money and you would be able to do it all by yourself. What a thrill, to be able to do all that with no help. It was also told to me that “you can’t get any coins at this bank” ..no siree.. no loonies or toonies will be hiding in those old fashioned drawers. I also heard how cash money is not so great anymore and it worries them when a lot of cash comes through the door.

Heavens, it could be a drug dealer trying to hide his money but she was quick to say she wasn’t talking about me and the farmer. Cash was a way people used to keep their money secret from the government. Funny, I thought it was just a

convenient way to buy your items quickly without having to know a password.

Moving on, I decided to drop into Value Village to see if I could pick up a larger pot than the one I now used to soften honey and fill mason jars. A foolish move last week with the honey container in a few inches of boiling water caused a large splash of said water onto my floor and arm causing me quite some irritation. Nothing more fun than spending the day with my arm immersed in cold water..but alas I decided I needed a larger pot to do such specialized stove work and took myself to Value Village. After finding a pot and a few odds and ends, I started walking up to the cash. This was my second surprise event.

No cashiers. No people taking my money and bagging my items. There were now 4 ‘self-



serve' stands with screens, wands and pink scanning squares and you had to do a bit of reading to figure it out. I could tell by the faces of the people lined up behind me that they were not happy. The lineup began to grow and the frustrated people at the self-serve cash were understandably slow.. you get the picture. And I didn't see any bags. A few 'helpers' were walking around looking for confused faces and they would step in to assist..but I was not impressed. Even one cash would have improved the backlog.

I was thinking of the previous day which was seniors day and I could imagine it was very frustrating not that seniors aren't used to living without service, it's just nice when you get to a certain age not to have to learn some new fancy scanning, punching in and bagging mechanics of the new era of self serve, you know, we'll take your money and you can serve yourself.

So, this is the future. We pay you money and do everything ourselves. I know it dates me but I well remember going to get gas in the past and you'd sit in your car and the attendant would rush out to ask you what gas you wanted and he filled your tank. And then he'd say, can I check your oil all while washing your windows. My how progress takes on a whole new meaning for those with added years and longer memories. Oh well, I soldier on, but it didn't make me feel great. Modern efficiencies are making it more and more difficult to get help, to get answers or to speak to a real person. Try calling for help from one of the mega companies that are part of our lives. We are treated to an hour or so of bad music and then a recording and then a long countdown to your turn. The bank teller was one consistent person that you knew would be at the bank to assist you with any banking problems and not be replaced by a machine.

Boy, was I wrong.

Note: On a subsequent return to the Value Village with my daughter we noticed a lone cashier way in the corner, almost hidden.





The ONTARIO LANDOWNERS Association

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eastern Ontario Landowners

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

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

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

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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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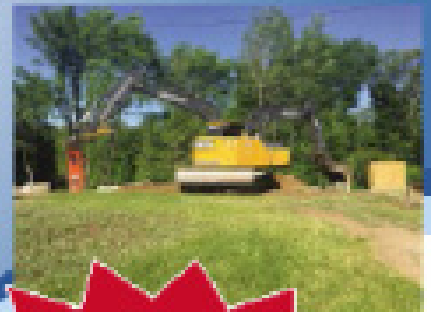
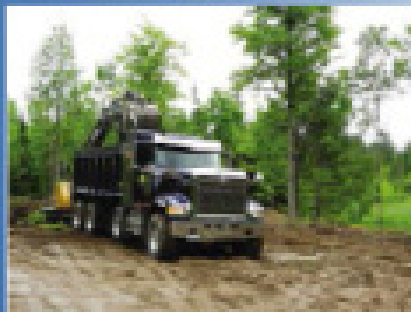
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