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Hello Folks,

What is Enough?

by Tom Black

Since mankind first took steps on Earth, the overriding drive of every generation has been to make it better for their off-spring. We went from living in caves, under upturned tree roots, and primitive shelters built from sticks, grass, roots, bark, mud, snow to ice. Our goal was to make a comfortable safe place to weather the storms that mother nature threw at us, and in some cases to defend our kin from wild animals or from marauding invaders from fellow human beings.

In this 21st century it would seem that as people on a large scale have pretty much achieved the goal that our for-runners had set out to accomplish, at least in the developed countries of the world. There are still plenty of people living without food, comfort and safety, that would benefit greatly with a little help from the rest of us. Obviously it is very hard to help people reach their comfort goal if they live under a repressive government.

But that is not how it works. There seems to be a latent gene in the human animal that often comes to the surface as people achieve the “COMFORT GOAL”. So most working class and up in the developed world have achieved “comfort goal” now. We have climate controlled houses, winter and summer, plenty to eat, good clothes, boots, social connections, entertainment and spare time for recreation. We have cars and trucks and we can travel if we save up and want to, but for some, it’s not enough.

Sadam Hussein of Libya had had power, was the leader of the country, built himself mansions for all his needs, but he needed more.

He put toilets made of gold in his washrooms.
FOR WHAT?

When I look around our neighbourhood, I see the small old war-time houses that people raised families in, but when this generation goes to build a house they build a house three times bigger or more to do the same job, to raise a family. Part of this is keeping up with the Jones, but often it is because they have the money so they figure they should build something big enough to represent their income status.

So on the ordinary well to do folks building a bigger house, it is one thing, but in the multi-billionaire world it is another. No matter how you gained your wealth, it seems to me that you owe the citizens of the world a ‘hand-up’ to help them reach that comfort goal. I have always felt a great debt to our ancestors here on the farm who toiled long and hard with axes, shovels, saws and horses to clear the land we now roll over with big airconditioned tractors. The rocks in the fence rows are a real touchable proof of that labour and commitment.

So how do we get this new world society to step-up and pay it forward? The folks at the top of the income bracket have a lot of knowledge and resources that could certainly be used to help reach the comfort goal of some of the worlds needy. I know that many wealthy people donate to the poor and often do it anonymously, and that is great, but can you imagine if all of us as a free people could muster the compassion to build a better world without depending on government agencies to lead the way.



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How the Socialist Plan to Take Our Land



by MP Cheryl Gallant
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

In the September-October 2022 edition of the Landowner Voices, I congratulated the Ontario Landowners Association on its successful intervention defending property rights in a Supreme Court Case dealing with de facto expropriation, or what the Court called “constructive taking”. This is when the government passes legislation or regulations that destroy your ability to enjoy your property. In this case, the Court ruled that the City of Halifax had engaged in constructive taking of land for a public park.

The Supreme Court ruling in favour of property rights was decided on a vote of 5 to 4. The decision was written for the majority by Justices Suzanne Côté and Russel Brown. One vote on the Supreme Court was the difference between protecting property rights or further eroding property rights.

On February 1st, the Chief Justice announced that Justice Russel Brown would be taking a leave of absence. A month later, the Vancouver Sun reported that Justice Brown was in fact under investigation for an incident in January. Further reporting revealed it was the 57 year old Justice who had been assaulted by a ex-US Marine. On June 12th, Justice Brown announced he was retiring, citing the delays

in the investigation. This will allow Trudeau to appoint his seventh Supreme Court Justice.

Just as we saw how previous Supreme Court rulings on assisted suicide could be overturned, expect radical environmental-socialists to re-litigate these property rights defining cases.

Copy & Paste Plan 2014

One of the ways landowners have seen their property rights diminished is the adoption by the International Joint Council of a Great Lakes water management program called Plan 2014. This plan calls for increased flooding of property along the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway. It is a clear example of a government body using regulations to eliminate property rights. Unlike the Supreme Court case mentioned above, the government does not actually take the property. It simply destroys the property, leaving the owner with no recourse but the courts.

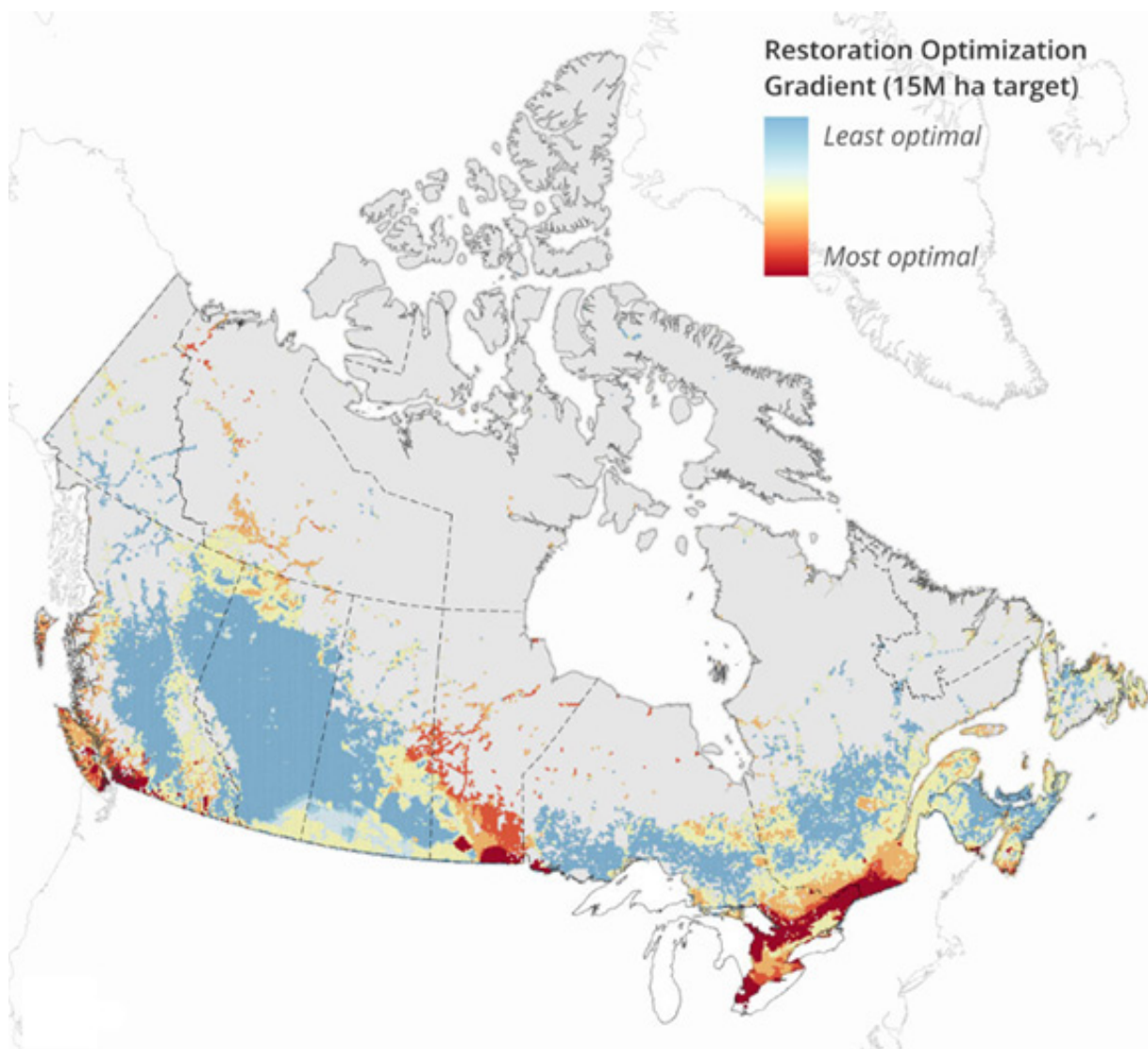
With the Liberals passing legislation to enshrine a right to a healthy environment, landowners can expect to see governments at all levels aggressively pursue environmental rights at the expense of property rights.

30 Percent By 2030

As I reported to Landowners in the last edition, The Trudeau Liberals and the Chinese Communist Party worked closely with the United Nations to establish the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. This treaty calls on Canada to restore 30% of “degraded” land to natural habitat. For the Communists and Liberals, “degraded” was defined as land being used by humans. A study conducted by the World Wildlife Foundation identifies areas eco-socialists see as priorities for taking – Southern Ontario.

Net Zero Land

Part of the eco-socialist agenda is the drive to Net Zero carbon emissions. As readers of the November-December 2022 edition of Landowner Voices learned the push for Net Zero requires Ontario to more than double electricity production. If this increase in electricity could be supplied by nuclear, it may be possible to reach the production goals, but the Trudeau Liberals are anti-nuclear. With the Liberal plan to federalize electricity regulations, we can expect to see increased expropriations to satisfy the massive demand for land required by renewable energy.



Naturally, a massive expansion of renewables would conflict directly with the goal to de-habitate 30% of land Canadians currently use.

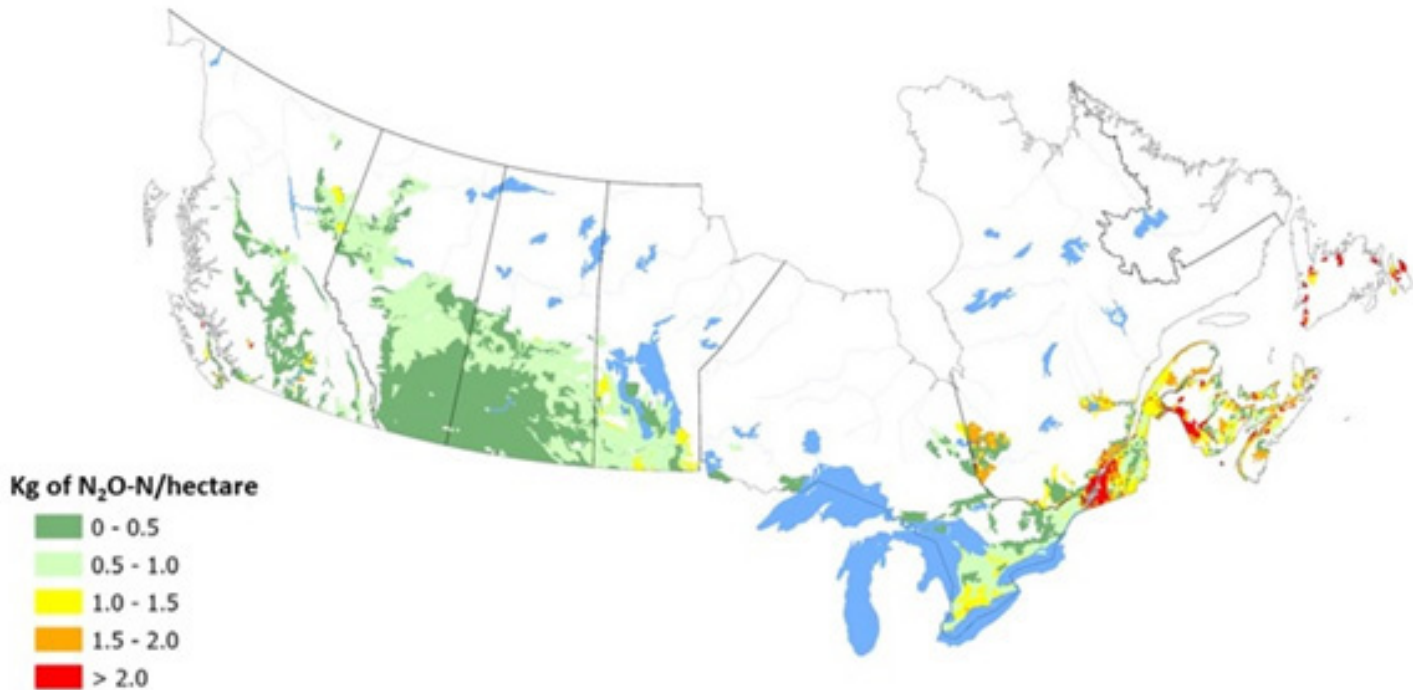
How can these two conflicting eco-socialist goals be meet? For the eco-socialists the answer is simple, fewer farmers.

Trudeau’s Mandatory Voluntary Nitrogen Reduction Plan

In the July-August 2022 edition of Landowner Voices, I reported on Trudeau’s plans for farmers. After Canadians began seeing news reports of massive farmer protests in the Netherlands leading to empty grocery store shelves, many began to ask if it could happen here. Sadly, it seems the Liberals are fully committed to the eco-socialist agenda.

The Liberals have announced a mandatory 30% reduction on nitrogen emissions from fertilizers. Fearful of a Dutch-style revolt, the Liberals spun the media into believing that these reductions in nitrogen would be voluntary for individual farmers. Yet the Liberals still maintain the target of reducing 30% of emissions by 2030 is mandatory. What the Liberals may mean by voluntary is that farmers can volunteer to adopt unproven and expensive techniques to reduce fertilizer usage, or they can volunteer to sell their farm.

Nitrous oxide emissions from synthetic fertilizer in 2018



Combined with the Carbon Tax, the Clean Fuel Regulations, and the Clean Electricity Regulations, these new Nitrogen Regulations will make the cost of farming prohibitive. Only large corporations will be able to raise the capital required to continue farming.

As the eco-socialists consolidate power with regulations on everything from water to electricity to fuel and fertilizer, our property rights will be under sustained attack. Justice Russel Brown was

a defender of property rights, but after a secret investigation on dubious grounds was dragged out, he has resigned.

If Canadians can't look to the courts to defend their rights, the only recourse is the ballot box. **

WHAT TO DO BEFORE THEY COME FOR YOU

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

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

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

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



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



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

by the OLA



Ontario Landowners Association

The Conservation Authorities of Ontario

June 1, 2023.

For years the Conservation Authorities have continued to encroach and interfere in land they do not own. Conservation Authorities are private corporations, created to enforce the *Conservation Authority Act*.

There are 36 separate Conservation Authorities in Ontario, the majority located in Southern Ontario. They are represented by “Conservation Ontario”, a non-government agency.

History of the Conservation Authorities:

According to the Legislators, the Conservation Authority (C.A.) was created in 1946 to answer a wide variety of concerns, particularly the need to eliminate flooding and the erosion of land. The C.A.s were created as a body corporate under the act presented by the Hon. Dana Porter (Minister of Planning and Development) - :”An Act to provide for the establishment of Conservation Authorities, for the purposes of conservation, restoration and development of natural resources, other than gas, oil, coal and minerals, and for the prevention of floods and water pollution”.

Conservation Authorities: The Legislator’s Intent - Ontario Landowners Association

The OLA has divided land ownership into two basic categories. The large corporate landowner who buys and develops land into registered sub-divisions with mega malls, and the private landowner with a home on a lot, a few acres or on hundreds of acres of farmland.

It is the private landowner we are concerned with. Large developers have their own engineers, architects, planners, lawyers, trades people to do all the work necessary.

The private landowner has limited resources. It is not their aspiration to develop the land it is their intent to use, protect, maintain, and upgrade their home and private land where they live, raise their families, and hopefully retire on. It is this category of private landowner that the OLA takes issue with the CA’s interference.

I have seen professional development within meters of wetlands that has been allowed and wonder why a single homeowner is threatened with charges because they brought in soil to raise their land for flood protection.

The OLA is reaching out to all private landowners. If you have been sent a letter of violation, threatened with charges, fines, incarceration, rehabilitation of your land which could cost you thousands of dollars, the OLA wants to hear from you.

It is our intent to take the stories we receive and approach the Ontario Government about the unacceptable interference of Private Landowners by CA’s.

We will not be successful if you do not send us your story. No Harm no Foul. No Complaint, no Complainant. No Story no Action. Help us Help you. If you want to remain anonymous tell us your story and we will assign you a number to protect your identity.

We cannot change the law without your help. Government listens to the people if the people are organized and present their complaint in an appropriate manner. The OLA took on the OSPCA. We went as far as the Ontario Court of Appeal. We did not change the law. The government repealed the OSPCA Act and replaced it with the PAWS Act. Good or bad as a new act, we changed it. You can read the details at www.fixthelaw.ca

The OLA was an intervenor on behalf of the Annapolis Group at the Supreme Court of Canada in the case of Annapolis Group v Halifax Regional Municipality.

“Annapolis responded by filing a lawsuit against Halifax in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. It claimed, among other things, that Halifax had essentially expropriated private property for a public park, which amounted to a “constructive taking”. [Supreme Court of Canada - 39594 \(scc-csc.ca\)](http://www.scc-csc.ca)

This is happening where CA’s designate Private Land as a Wetland. Once this is done, you cannot touch the wetland. Wetlands can have up to a 120-meter setback. Even if there is no wetland on your private land, if you are in the “setback zone”, you can be charged for disturbing the wetland and you have just been expropriated.

There is no compensation for the loss of land value or loss of land use. This is a constructive taking, and expropriation of your private land without compensation. If a wetland is so important to the public, then why is the person on whose land the wetland resides, not given compensation for loss of land value and loss of land use. Why do the CA’s not purchase the wetland and pay the private landowner for their land?

The CA’s are beginning to interfere with normal farm practice and restrict farmers on how to farm their land. Even 8th generation farming families on the same 500-acre farm are at risk. If you think you cannot be imprisoned for violating the CA Act ... think again.

Send your story to jdbogaerts@bellnet.ca

Sincerely,

Jeff D. Bogaerts
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‘The taxpayer must render unto Caesar what is Caesar’s, but no more,’ said Chief Justice John Roberts in Tyler v. Hennepin County

by Donna Burns

This is the true story of an 94 year old woman in the States who won the Supreme Court case on property rights where she was \$14,000 behind on her municipal taxes on a condominium that she owned. The municipality decided to take ALL of her property since she was behind in the taxes ... just like our own municipalities believe they can do. However, most people don’t have the money to take it to the level of Supreme Court (which this lady did ... and won). This case, even though it is American, sets a precedent for our own case laws.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/supreme-court-rules-in-favor-of-94-year-old-minneapolis-woman-condominium-taken-unpaid-tax-bill/>

Supreme Court sides with woman after county sold her condo over tax bill, keeping all the money.

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Thursday in favor of a 94-year-old Minneapolis woman, giving her a new chance to recoup some money after her county kept the entire \$40,000 when it sold her condominium over a small unpaid tax bill.

The justices ruled that Hennepin County in Minnesota violated the constitutional rights of the woman, Geraldine Tyler, by taking her property without paying “just compensation.”

“The County had the power to sell Tyler’s home to recover the unpaid property taxes. But it could not use the toehold of the tax debt to confiscate more property than was due,” Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for the court.

Tyler, who now lives in an apartment building for older people, owed \$2,300 in unpaid taxes, plus interest and penalties totaling \$15,000, when the county took the title to her one-bedroom apartment in 2015. The county said she did nothing to keep her residence and the apartment sold the next year.

Minnesota is among roughly a dozen states and the District of Columbia that allow local jurisdictions to keep the excess money from those

types of transactions, according to the Pacific Legal Foundation, a not-for-profit public interest law firm focused on property rights that represented Tyler at the Supreme Court in Tyler v. Hennepin County, Minnesota.

“Today’s decision is a major victory for property rights in the United States,” Christina Martin, the PLF attorney who argued the case before the Court, said in a statement. “This decision affirms that property rights are fundamental and don’t depend solely on state law. The Court’s ruling makes clear that home equity theft is not only unjust, but unconstitutional.”

At least 8,950 homes were sold because of unpaid taxes and the former owners received little or nothing in those states between 2014 and 2021, according to Pacific Legal.

The other states are: Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Oregon and South Dakota, the group said.

The Court rejected the county’s arguments that Tyler could have refinanced her mortgage to pay the tax bill, signed up for a tax payment plan or sold the property and kept whatever was left after paying off what she owed.

Lower courts had sided with the county before the justices agreed to step in. **

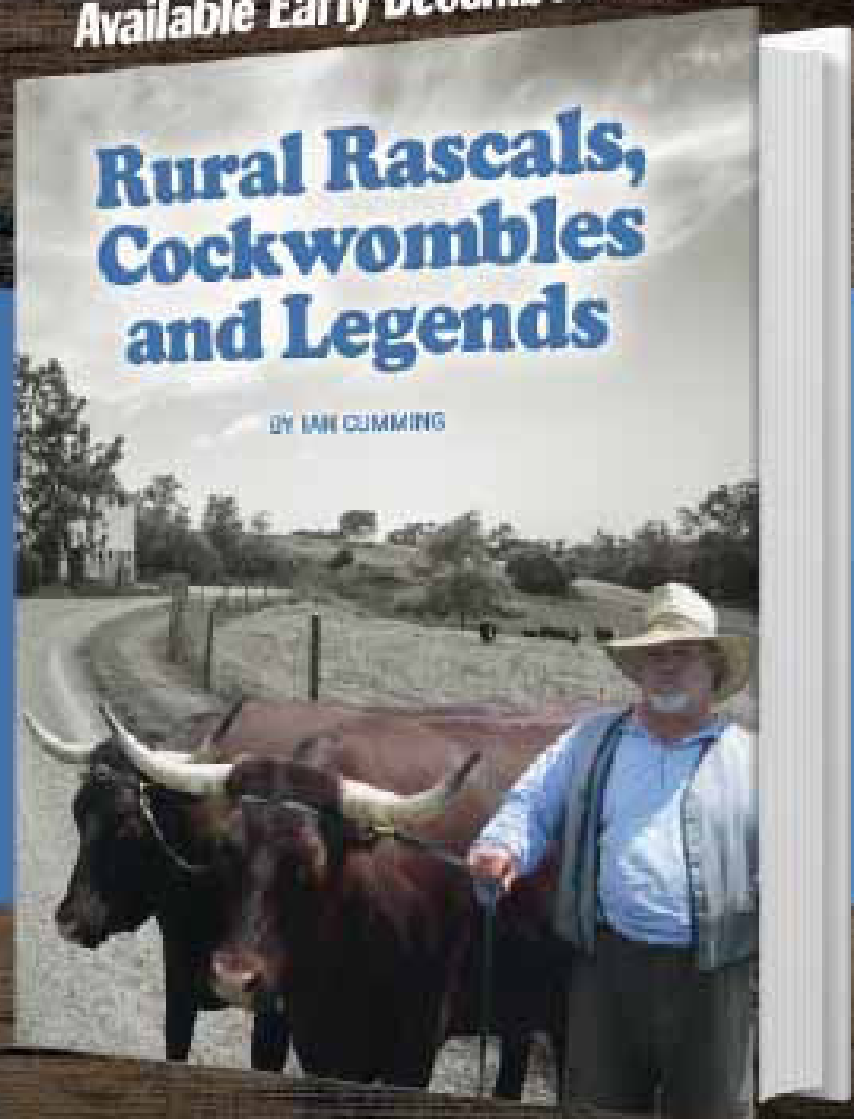


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OLA ENews - Ten Years and Counting

by Shirley Dolan



This is my last edition of the OLA ENews. It has been my greatest pleasure to have served as the OLA ENews editor over the past ten years. I thank all the contributors who made my job easier by submitting interesting and thought-provoking articles. Thanks also to Marlene Black who helped me search out stories and proofread some of the longer more complex ones. I appreciate our subscribers who took the time to read each edition and provide comments. Most of all, thanks to our webmaster, Dino Iannuzzi, who conceived the idea of an online newsletter and made sure the news was published on time, every time. I couldn't have done it without you.

We started the ENews in July 2013. The first edition featured stories by Tom and Marlene Black, then President of the OLA and Editor of the Landowner Magazine, respectively. All of the articles that we published over those 10 years are available on the OLA website although they may be a bit harder to find since

the last reorganization of the OLA webpages. Also, some of the links may no longer work but many of the stories still resonate today. I usually go to the OLA home page and click on one of the Latest OLA News stories then use the search option to find my favourite author.

Looking back, I found this article written by Tom Black, Ontario Landowners Association in October 2018, *Is There Hope for Rural Ontario?* The notion that Toronto should be its own district like Washington in the USA is just as true today.

Here's another one written by Marlene Black in October 2014, *Time for Some Accountability*. Another message that is still meaningful today.

We have had many notable contributors in addition to Tom and Marlene Black: Jeff Bogaerts, Bob Weimeir, Elizabeth Marshall, Tom DeWeese, Judith Cox, Roger Graves, Mel Fisher, Tim Ball, Cheryl Gallant, Ian Cumming, Donna Burns, Steve Straub, Joanne Cooney, and many, many more.

Over the ten years, we have written extensively about property rights, but we have also used the OLA ENews to announce meetings and events such as the OLA AGM or a plowing match, to alert our readers about our concerns for new legislation, the OLA's successes in court, how to represent yourself in court, and the passing of those near and dear to us.

The OLA ENews is unique in that it is open to all who subscribe (which can be done for free on our website). Each monthly edition is sent to the subscriber's email inbox on the first of the month.

Best wishes to the OLA ENews for another ten years. I look forward to the next edition.

***The OLA members would like to thank Shirley for all the years of hard work, research and dedication that she has put into producing a monthly e-news for all of us to read and learn from. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!*

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"Worth Looking into"

by Liz Marshall

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Articles orts for today:

- **Left Tree Pledge to Provinces**

"Cabinet was never in a position to plant two billion trees without provincial help, Environment Commissioner Jerry DeMarco said yesterday. The Liberal Party announced the tree planting blitz as a 2019 election promise and has not met targets to date: "They have to be realistic with their programs."

- **"MPs Propose A Grocers' Tax..."**

Parliament should consider an excess profits tax on grocers, the Commons agriculture committee said yesterday. Grocers testifying at committee hearings denied profiteering on food inflation: "The Government of Canada should consider introducing a windfall profits tax on large, price-setting corporations."

- **"Minister's Story Contradicted**

Privy Council President Bill Blair's claim that federal spies withheld information on Chinese interference is false, the House affairs committee was told last night. The director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service said he specifically sent a memo to warn Blair that foreign agents were targeting MPs: "The information was meant to be seen by the Minister."..."

Liz Marshall



Combat Gardening

Veggie Bites - 153



by Judith Cox

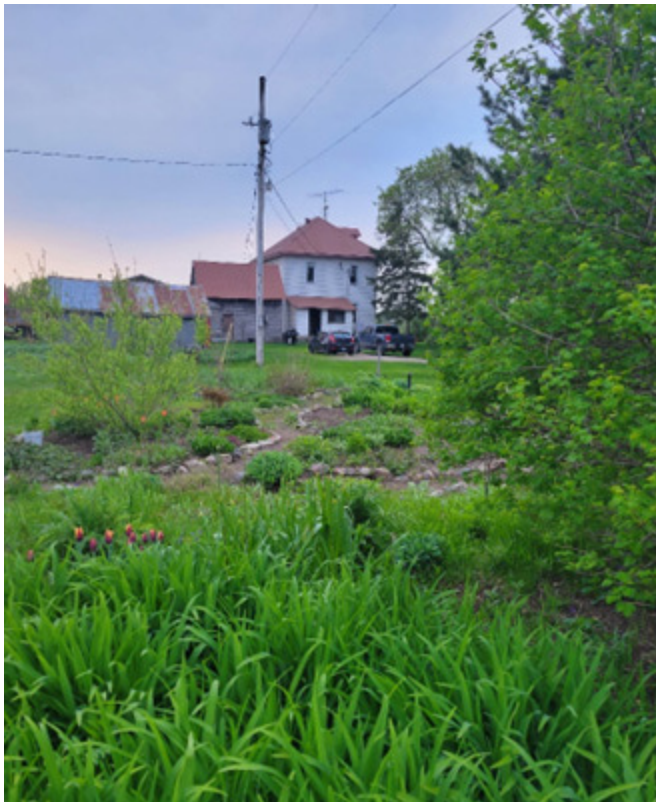
Greetings fellow gardeners,

The weather in May was up and down and near the end of the month it had been frosty for a few days. I protected everything tender and made sure that it was well watered. Never let your guard down.

On Monday, May 15, I went on an adventure. I was able to leave my very busy house and I drove to Eganville. The Eganville and Area Horticultural Society had invited me to speak on Kitchen Gardens through the Ages. Connie Matthews-Cull opened her home to me, so I didn't have to have that long drive home after the talk.

Connie lives in a lovely farmhouse that reminds me of my grandpa's farm in New Brunswick. After a cup of tea, we went out for supper and met two other members of the Eganville group. I needed no convincing to check out the local nursery before going on to the meeting.

The nursery, Temperate Garden, (<http://www.temperategarden.com>) is a fascinating place. Not only were the owners warm and welcoming, but the stock in the greenhouses was already a great mix of new and the old familiar. There were paths to explore, plantings that displayed different colours and textures and the general busyness of new ideas. I think this would be a great day-trip destination.



View of the house from one of the gardens



A view of part of the nursery

After this visit we made our way to the meeting. Eganville has a great horticultural society... <https://www.facebook.com/EganvilleHort/> formed in 1955! There was a wonderful crowd and I enjoyed myself a lot. One of the first questions I got after my talk was about my too-many cats, ha!ha!

Back at Connie's place I was able to relax and chat, perhaps have a bit too much wine, and then sleep without any cats. It was a great adventure and a wonderful break from all the hustle I had to deal with from the flooded basement at home.



Judith and Connie

Everything is starting to bloom here. I have been trying to make a list of everything that needs to be done and it started to make me anxious. And what do I do when that happens? Go for a walk in the garden! There is a lot to do in my garden, but it is still peaceful and welcoming.



Sweet Cicely

My Sweet Cicely is blooming in the soft shade of my purple-leaved crab apple tree. It is one of my favourite herbs and it can be used as a sugar substitute. My friend uses it in her rhubarb recipes.

The too-many cats are happy to see me after I left them for a day. It is nice to be appreciated. One thing that I really appreciated is the present that Connie gave me in Eganville. It is a scented geranium and I love scented geraniums. It is called Bunny Brunch and it smells like carrots! Isn't that amazing?



The basement is now open to the too-many cats, I can do laundry again, and life is crawling back to normal. Enjoy your week. Judith.

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

Tula is not sure about Bunny Brunch

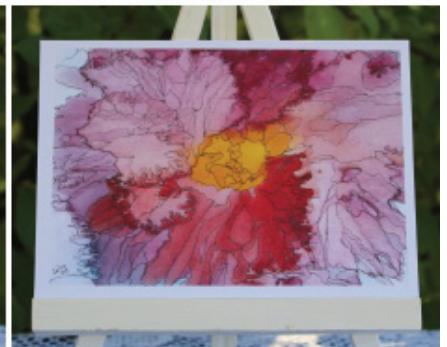
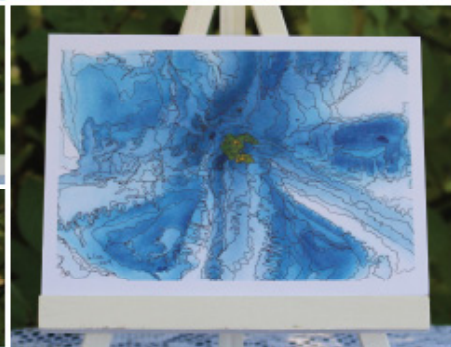


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PRIDE IN YOUR WORK



by Mel Fisher

September 2022 issue, Readers Digest, features an article about ‘community farms’ in Holland. These are a home for handicapped/demented people where they actually do work, rather than just exist, providing a much better way of life as the inmates are actually able to do something useful, feel like they belong, satisfy their basic human need to matter.

Reminds me of an article, maybe in Small Farms Canada, a few years ago, describing a similar experiment, I think in BC, also proving very successful.

Everything old is new again. My uncle Gene grew up on the family farm in Saskatchewan, and wanted to be a farmer himself. But in the disruption of WW2, he ended up working in a factory in what is now Thunder Bay, and after the war working in the mental home there. From there he moved to work in an institution in Selkirk, Manitoba, which as I recall he thought was the modern pattern for mentally disabled accommodation.

From his stories the Selkirk farm sounds much like those ‘new’ experiments. Indeed, everything old is new again.

As I recall, some inmates were sent there by the law, having got in some kind of trouble, and some on medical advice. But they were not treated as criminals, more like patients in rehabilitation – they were free to leave if they felt capable of handling the real world, and free to come back if they failed.

The institution took the form of quite a large farm, where things were pretty much done the old-fashioned way, by hand, by the inmates/clients, with folks like Uncle Gene guiding them. There

were small factories, all very hand-work oriented, they made the old-fashioned corn brooms every house used to have, they made clothing and other needlework stuff. Food for the inmates was from the farm, processed and meals made primarily by the inmates, with guidance as needed. Similarly housekeeping, laundry, and so on, were all done by the inmates.

Uncle Gene was quite proud of his work, the inmates were able to take pride in doing something useful for their community, they were able to learn skills and with the therapy of the day improve their mental condition, and many of them graduated back to a place in mainstream society. That place closed down I think in the 70’s, politically correct thinking deemed it cruel to expect these handicapped people to do real work! And we could cure them with drugs!

And sadly, it now develops that their main drugs, anti-depressants, do very little to directly affect chronic depression, they are mostly feel-good drugs not that much different from the stuff criminals put out on the street. So we precondition the patients to use drugs, and then get all up-tight because they become druggies.

Looking at the flood of homeless people left behind by the too- expensive, drug-laden, ineffective modern system, maybe we should take a hard look at the Dutch experiment. Give the clients a life, something useful and satisfying to do, rather than precondition them to be druggies. Maybe we should even resurrect such facilities as the Selkirk farm! Get those lost souls off the street!

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Tom Black works up the field

Why I support the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms

by Shirley Dolan

There are a few organizations and charities that I support and one of them is the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedom (JCCF). www.jccf.ca I became aware of JCCF several years ago but really did not pay too much attention to what they stood for or what they were doing until the Freedom Convoy. As some of you may know, the JCCF provided legal support for the Convoy organizers and they did an admirable job. They also

played a major role in the Emergencies Act Inquiry and represented many of those who, in my opinion, were unjustly charged during the lockdowns and the Convoy protest in Ottawa.

Each year, the JCCF presents an award in recognition of a Canadian who has contributed to advancing and preserving freedom in our country. This year's recipient is Dr. Jordan B. Peterson. On June 15, I had the privilege

to attend the event in Toronto with friends Jack and Janet MacLaren. From the JCCF website "Dr. Jordan B. Peterson is committed to defending free expression. In January 2023, he shared that the College of Psychologists of Ontario (CPO) has "demanded that [he] submit to mandatory social-media communication retraining," or else face a disciplinary hearing, and that the CPO threaten his professional license because of his commitment to free speech.

In 2016, he famously stood up to intimidation and "forced speech" when pressured to use newly invented personal pronouns.

Dr. Peterson is a firm advocate for personal responsibility, which is one of the pillars of the free society. He has consistently displayed courage in the face of adversity, and perseverance in the face of ongoing unjustified attacks against his character and



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reputation.”

Peterson is all of this and more. I have been to several events where he has spoken but had never met him before. Janet and I had the opportunity at the JCCF event to say hello and thank him for his contributions to free speech. I found him very personable, friendly, and generous with his time. There was a long line-up of those who wanted to say hello.

One of the perks of attending an event such

as this is the ability to discuss issues that matter with those who listen and contribute without judgement. You meet the most interesting people. For example, we met Carolyn Burjoski, a former teacher who was censored at a public school board meeting for expressing her concerns about the age-appropriateness of library books for children /www.jccf.ca/?s=carolyn.

But back to Dr. Peterson. His speech

was about personal responsibility and how we have a duty to speak the truth. He message: “Work on yourself, don’t try to change others – they may not be ready. Speak the truth and change by example”. What a wonderful message!

If you ever get a chance to attend a JCCF George Jonas Award event, go! You won’t be disappointed. **





Has Media abandoned “The truth and nothing but the truth” to avoid rocking the boat?

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It just so happened that the collection of 100 or so shocked folks standing near the upside down burning car, I and others were trapped in 27 years ago, only had two among them courageous enough to rush over and pull us out.

They were rough talking brothers, headed for a construction site. With the presence of mind to also grab a fire extinguisher from a frozen transport driver, too shocked to react.

You learn about people real quick watching them from the inside of a crushed, burning car.

One could start and end a column about media, by saying that reporters are a reflection of the people they write for, with the same percentage willing to head into trouble.

It was never otherwise, let's not kid ourselves.

Only in some media organizations today, there are no longer one or two left. Or, if there, they are stopped by their bosses from putting the publication “in danger” from a disapproving government, or else lawsuits and advertisers.

Having government paying media's operating bills, makes the bosses even more vigilant to avoid controversy and trouble. Plus reporters, needing a pay cheque to feed their family, are also well aware where the lines are.

Technology has given ordinary people a media platform. Without needing to preserve a pay cheque, or even hiding their true identity behind a made up handle, “bravely” coming to the fore to comment and rage about anything and everything.

Like covering and commenting on that car crash I was in, recorded and sent out on a phone, on Twitter from their living room, somewhere in the world. From that vantage point, could they hear the flames, smell the smoke, hear the moans of pain, or the deafening silence of the dead not answering shouts of their name, and shrieks to “stand back?”

Surely that online, so called brave, opinionated crowd, numbering in the millions, are the most irrelevant, cowardly, self appointed media people in existence?

They are, beyond a doubt, exactly that in the agriculture landscape I write in.

But there are justifiable, legitimate objections to traditional media. Because we are expected to be truthful media.

It is not so much the objection to what a publication writes or airs, that causes the public to turn away forever. It is what they don't write.

Last Christmas I received a gift of an English Quebec weekly paper subscription, covering the communities in the Chateaugay Valley. It has a great history as a renowned publication.

Through the first part of this year the refugees crossing at Roxham Road in that community received national and international coverage. It just so happened that a milking buffalo farm I was covering was right there, recently had someone freeze to death on their farm trying to walk from Canada into the U.S.

This community was rocked by this and other ongoing examples, it was on everyone's lips. There was no black and white, totally right or wrong, it was dirty grey and horrible in all aspects.

This paper carried nothing, never talking to border families seeing these coming across other than Roxham Road for example. Other than a column when Roxham Road was closed lamenting it shouldn't be.

That is one half of the equation. A cheapened citizenship, taxpayer dollars, they being “used” as cheap foreign labour under our noses, are also factors to be aired.

That combined with being sent an editorial from this same paper some time back about the horrible graveyards at residential schools – not a

single skeleton has been dug up as of this date to help solve these crimes - means I no longer read it.

It's left out for others to read, since I'm not into newspaper and book burning. But if a community paper can't cover its backyard as a recorder of their time, or double check on site so called facts of deaths before printing, then I don't need to read it.

On the national media front there is a columnist who wrote a book on the PM back when he was first elected. In researching for such a publication, even a person in grade seven doing an essay would know to contact the private school where the PM had once worked, to have a peek at the yearbook.

Where he, then a teacher, posed in blackface. Whether someone finds that offensive or just funny, one could care less. But the fact that it wasn't in the book, shows either a breathtaking incompetence in not getting the yearbook, or purposefully not wanting to offend the PM.

Either way, ones contempt for the columnist is complete, as his past and ongoing writing is a masterpiece in weaving with pap between avoiding and fawning.

An independently owned farmer monthly publication, with a strong Christian editorial focus, recently mocked a western Ontario "government subsidized paper" for not running a paid for ad from a devout Christian running for MP, under the banner of a smaller party with a Christian platform.

The ad focused on what is a man and woman, which seems to be confusing and enraging folks these days.

Of course this farmer Christian paper would have run this persons political ad. But would that paper – having garnered the rural, niche Christian traditional advertising base – run an ad for new, improved puberty blockers on sale and the upcoming Pride Parade in downtown Chesterville?

Isn't that the cornerstone of free speech?

I'm not a newspaper owner, but if I was, I wouldn't have run either of them. Simply because self appointed Messiah's church sermons and bedroom performances between adults isn't media's business.

In editorial or advertising.

But online thrives on it, and worse.

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Pirate Tale



The spring-like, late-April day in Huron County started with a phone call from neighbour Rockin' Ronnie Redbeard. He asked if Square Deal Niel had got in touch to get me wound up over changes to his Official Plan mapping. Strange, because there was a spate of calls from other farmers questioning the same issue. Although it wasn't our municipality undergoing the Official Plan update, Redbeard, in his typical pirate fashion, decided he might sail over to the open house where these questions would be entertained by the County Planners. He wasn't looking for any answers in particular, but just to shiver the timbers and see what shakes loose.

As his long and loyal shipmate, it felt obligatory to cruise along as cannon fodder, if nothing more. And who knows - it might yield some interesting pickings anyway.

Outside stood a couple of farmers with heads close together, discussing what they had "learned" about the changes to designations mapping on their properties. "The planners actually gave me some land back!" exclaimed one, bemused.

"Really?" someone asked. "Did you ever give them permission to take it?"

His head shot up, eyes opened wide and he declared, "NO!"

Outside the meeting room stood another bemoaning property owner who fingered the restrictive mapping change placed on his land. "They say I have to get an Environmental Impact Study done before I can build a shed here." We tried to comfort him, "Aw don't worry, they'll only demand 25 thousand bucks and then they'll let you go." The young chap's expression showed that he felt robbed rather than reassured.

"Or you could just refuse your consent."

Another farmer was relieved to discover that the change on his mapping made his field ten or fifteen feet wider as the latest maps corrected a misplaced field boundary. "How did that happen in the first place?" he asked the planner. It could just have been the shade or shadow of the bush the day the aerial photos were taken, she explained. So it raised questions about the other young property owner with the costly restriction - could his have been the result of poor visibility when the satellite sailed overhead? (Yep, Rockin' Ronnie Redbeard could tell you a ton of tales about risk lurking in clouds or blinding sun)

The happier farmer asked a late-arriving planner, "Why are you doing this anyway?" voicing his justifiable mistrust of the whole process. "You'll have to take that up with your council. They are the ones who called for it", he was told. At this hot cannonball, it was like Redbeard removed an eye patch, full vision restored...

However, some council members had a foggier view. They struggled to remember explicitly giving that call to the planners. It felt rather like an order to walk the plank. AAR! The whole process was as murky as bilge water, Redbeard mused.

Could it be that municipal councils are actually being hoodwinked into giving approval, in some form, to such planning initiatives without fully understanding the process? Or the implications? The Province sends directives to municipal staff. Staff then tells council what the province is requesting? And council, thinking that they have little or no choice, vote "Yes"? So with that rubber stamp, planning departments assert public control over privately-owned property?

Do councilors take time to read the background material related to their decision-making responsibilities? How many have read the United Nations (U.N.) Habitat 1,2, and 3 documents, or “Agenda 21” or “2030 - Agenda for Sustainable Development”? These globalist machinations provide the framework for creating official plans and their accompanying mapping for private property. Yes, that mapping...

The U.N., which views private property ownership as harmful to the “community”, makes this completely unambiguous statement: “Public control of land use is therefore indispensable...” (U.N. Habitat 1, Vancouver Declaration, 1976, p.28). Quite verifiably, the planning department of virtually every municipality in Canada is the means by which the U.N. asserts its overtly Marxist, communistic agenda, including explicit direction to co-opt local governments and organizations.

The same document calls for “machinery (to be) established at the national/state and local/municipal level” for the purpose of creating instruments of “command and control methods” of managing economics, environment and development. It appears that the U.N., World Economic Forum and Chairman Klaus Schwab hold the ship’s wheel of the governments we elect - and pay - to represent us.

Rough seas you’ve entered, Ronnie Redbeard. But for all his bluster Rockin’ Ronnie is a relatively harmless farmer whose pirate roar vastly outperforms his swashbuckling exploits. And piracy is a thing of the past, isn’t it?

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Opening remarks from Professor Klaus Schwab at the preview of the Annual Meeting, Davos 2022.

MUNICIPAL BYLAW ENFORCEMENT & MISINTERPRETATION OF THE ACT

“[117] A court interpreting a statutory provision does so by applying the “modern principle” of statutory interpretation, that is, that the words of a statute must be read “in their entire context and in their grammatical and ordinary sense harmoniously with the scheme of the Act, the object of the Act, and the intention of Parliament”:[1]. Parliament and the provincial legislatures have also provided guidance by way of statutory rules that explicitly govern the interpretation of statutes and regulations: see, e.g., Interpretation Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. I 21.”
CANADA c. VAVILOV, [2019] 4 R.C.S.[2]

by Liz Marshall

Nothing inspires me more than receiving a call, nearly on a Saturday morning, from a distraught property owner being unlawfully abused by By-law enforcement officers and police. Again, it seems Enforcement has gone beyond what is allowed under the *Municipal Act*, the *Criminal Code of Canada* (CCC), and the *Constitution*. This will be long – but if you want to understand this you need to slug through this...If your eyes start to glaze over – try reading it again and again...I do...

There is no such thing as “warrantless entry” disguised as an “inspection” unless there has been a conviction and/or someone has forfeited their property for non-payment of property taxes!

This is all laid out in the *Municipal Act*, the *CCC*, and the *Constitution*. And yet it seems even the police are unaware that By-law Enforcement **DO NOT** have more authority than the Police and/or Peace Officers (as described under section 2 of the CCC).

And where in the *Municipal Act* does it explain all of this? Section 14. It states:

“Conflict between by-law and statutes, etc.

14 (1) A by-law is without effect to the extent of any conflict with,

(a) a provincial or federal Act or a regulation made under such an Act; or

(b) an instrument of a legislative nature, including an order, licence or approval, made or issued under a provincial or federal Act or

regulation. 2001, c. 25, s. 14.

Same

(2) Without restricting the generality of subsection (1), there is a conflict between a by-law of a municipality and an Act, regulation or instrument described in that subsection if the by-law frustrates the purpose of the Act, regulation or instrument. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 10.”

So, it clearly lays out that if a municipal council passes a by-law that interferes or frustrates provincial or federal statutes, regulation, letters patent, licences, orders, etc., it is of no force or effect. ***It doesn’t get any clearer than that.***

It seems Councils and their staff believe they can merely “cherry pick” legislation to fit in with what they want to accomplish, whether said mandates are lawful or not. We must remember that most people do not know what is in all of these documents, so some Councils and staff feel they can walk all over you, the resident, and abuse your rights. They cannot and they do not have plausible deniability as this is part of their obligations and responsibilities, when Council is elected, and is part of staff’s obligations, when they are hired.

So many times we hear, from police and by-law enforcement, that under section 435, 436, etc., of the *Municipal Act*, municipal by-law enforcement has more authority than police. This is such a fallacy that is astounds any “reasonable” person. But why would anyone think that a by-law enforcement office might have such over-

arching power – because staff and council are cherry picking the legislation. Note the opening statement from the Courts above!

Under “Part XIV – Enforcement” of the *Municipal Act* is section 436. Now it would seem that enforcement is saying that this gives them *carte blanc* inspection and **they are incorrect**. What must be remembered, from this section, that they do have some inspection authority after a licence has been issued, as in a business licence, but those are restricted to certain inspections and not the full monte. READ THE ACT! Section 436 states:

“Power of entry re inspection

436 (1) A municipality has the power to pass by-laws providing that the municipality may enter on land at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine whether or not the following are being complied with:

1. A by-law of the municipality passed under this Act.
2. A direction or order of the municipality made under this Act or made under a by-law of the municipality passed under this Act.
3. A condition of a licence issued under a by-law of the municipality passed under this Act.
4. An order made under section 431. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 184.

Inspection powers

(2) By-laws passed under subsection (1) may provide that for the purposes of an inspection the municipality may,

- (a) require the production for inspection of documents or things relevant to the inspection;
- (b) inspect and remove documents or things relevant to the inspection for the purpose of making copies or extracts;
- (c) require information from any person concerning a matter related to the inspection; and
- (d) alone or in conjunction with a person possessing special or expert knowledge, make examinations or take tests, samples or photographs necessary for the purposes of the inspection. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 184.

Samples

(3) A sample taken under clause (2) (d) shall be divided into two parts, and one part shall be delivered to the person from whom the sample is taken, if,

- (a) the person requests that the sample be divided at the time it is taken and provides the necessary facilities; and
- (b) it is technically feasible to divide the sample. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 77.

Same

(4) If a sample is taken under clause (2) (d) and the sample has not been divided into two parts, a copy of any report on the sample shall be given to the person from whom the sample was taken. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 184.

Receipt

(5) A receipt shall be provided for any document or thing removed under clause (2) (b) and the document or thing shall be promptly returned after the copies or extracts are made. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 184.

Evidence

(6) Copies of or extracts from documents and things removed under this section and certified as being true copies of or extracts from the originals by the person who made them are admissible in evidence to the same extent as, and have the same evidentiary value as, the originals. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 184.”

They do not have “inspection powers” unless there has been an “order/conviction” under section 431 of the *Municipal Act* and there has been an order by the Courts.

“Additional order to discontinue or remedy

431 If any by-law of a municipality or by-law of a local board of a municipality under this or any other Act is contravened and a conviction entered, in addition to any other remedy and to any penalty imposed by the by-law, the court in which the conviction has been entered and any court of competent jurisdiction thereafter may make an order,

(a) prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the person convicted; and
(b) in the case of a by-law described in section 135 or 142, requiring the person convicted to correct the contravention in the manner and within the period that the court considers appropriate. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 184.”

That is perfectly clear and I cannot understand how anyone could even imagine that an inspection could come, before the Court had ruled issuing orders. To continue.

There is also the issue that when there is court action the complainant is not anonymous, as the person charged has the right to subpoena or issue a witness summons to cross examine the complainant (See *Evidence Act and Statutory Procedures Powers Act*, etc.).

To continue, once a complaint is laid, it would seem, that there is no longer an avenue for an inspection, it must become an investigation and there must be warrants as laid out in the *Municipal Act*, etc. It would seem, under the *Municipal Act* warrants are required, the same can be said for the Constitution, the CCC, etc., couldn't it?

It has long been determined by the Courts “*that the words of a statute must be read “in their entire context and in their grammatical and ordinary sense harmoniously with the scheme of the Act, the object of the Act, and the intention of Parliament.”*”[3]

By-law Enforcement are Peace Officers

According to a number of pieces of legislation “By-law Enforcement Officers” take an oath to uphold the laws of this Nation, the various provinces, when enforcing municipal by-laws. A “peace officer” is defined in section 2 of the Criminal Code of Canada as:

“peace officer includes:

(a) a mayor, warden, reeve, sheriff, deputy sheriff, sheriff’s officer and justice of the peace,

(c) a police officer, police constable, bailiff, constable, or other person employed for the preservation and maintenance of the public peace or for the service or execution of civil process,”[4]

A “civil process” can include municipal by-laws, as municipalities are limited as to what legislation allows them to do. That said they cannot violate the CCC or the Constitution, etc. They should all know this and yet time and again we see violations of these superior documents.

Under the CCC there is no such thing as “warrantless entry.” This needs to be clarified. In the CCC there is section 25.

“Protection of persons acting under authority

25 (1) Every one who is required or authorized by law to do anything in the administration or enforcement of the law

- (a) as a private person,
- (b) as a peace officer or public officer,
- (c) in aid of a peace officer or public officer, or
- (d) by virtue of his office,

is, if he acts on reasonable grounds, justified in doing what he is required or authorized to do and in using as much force as is necessary for that purpose.

Idem

(2) Where a person is required or authorized by law to execute a process or to carry out a sentence, that person or any person who assists him is, if that person acts in good faith, justified in executing the process or in carrying out the sentence notwithstanding that the process or sentence is defective or that it was issued or imposed without jurisdiction or in excess of jurisdiction....R.S., 1985, c. C-46, s. 25; 1994, c. 12, s. 1.”[5]

But by-law, police and municipal council have a “duty of care” to know the law. As expressed in *Rausch v The Corporation of the City of Pickering*, 2017 ONSC 2634 (CanLII) by the Courts:

“[34] “88 Municipalities are presumed to know the law: ... Further, this court has held

that enforcement officers are obliged to (i) act in good faith in relation to their decisions as to how a by-law will be enforced, and (ii) act with reasonable care in any steps they take to enforce a by-law: ... The combination of these two factors - presumed knowledge of the law and an obligation to act reasonably and in good faith in enforcing it - ..., may be relevant to the determination of the standard of care...”[6]

The CCC continues with:

Forcible Entry and Detainer

Forcible entry

72 (1) A person commits forcible entry when that person enters real property that is in the actual and peaceable possession of another in a manner that is likely to cause a breach of the peace or reasonable apprehension of a breach of the peace.

Matters not material

(1.1) For the purposes of subsection (1), it is immaterial whether or not a person is entitled to enter the real property or whether or not that person has any intention of taking possession of the real property.

Forcible detainer

(2) A person commits forcible detainer when, being in actual possession of real property without colour of right, he detains it in a manner that is likely to cause a breach of the peace or reasonable apprehension of a breach of the peace, against a person who is entitled by law to possession of it.

Questions of law

(3) The questions whether a person is in actual and peaceable possession or is in actual possession without colour of right are questions of law. R.S., 1985, c. C-46, s. 72; R.S., 1985, c. 27 (1st Supp.), s. 10; 1992, c. 1, s. 60(F).”[7]

Included in the CCC is the definition of “property” under section 2. It states:

“*property* includes

(a) real and personal property of every description

and deeds and instruments relating to or evidencing the title or right to property, or giving a right to recover or receive money or goods,
(b) property originally in the possession or under the control of any person, and any property into or for which it has been converted or exchanged and anything acquired at any time by the conversion or exchange, ...”[8]

There is nothing in the *Municipal Act* which can violate the CCC therefore by-law enforcement officers, as peace officers, cannot have any avenue for warrantless entry based on a complaint and/or without a conviction. This does not include section 386.2 of the Ontario *Municipal Act* which includes inspection when a property is forfeited for non-payment of property taxes. A municipality needs to know things about the property, through inspection, before selling at the sheriff’s auction, and the rules it must follow.[9]

As for the Constitution. Many refer to the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* which states:

“Search or seizure

8. Everyone has the right to be secure against unreasonable search or seizure.

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.”

Therefore, there cannot be “warrantless entry” as stated in some municipal by-laws. And as late as 2022[10] the Supreme Court of Canada has stressed section 26 of the 1982 Constitution. One of my favourite statements in this ruling, which has been something I’ve been saying for quite some time now:

“[24] ... But the Charter is not, and never has been, the sole source of Canadians’ rights against the state; in particular, the common law also affords protections of individual liberty. Nor

is the scope of common law rights dependent on whether such rights are also entrenched in the Charter. While this follows as a matter of logic, s. 26 of the Charter itself affirms that “[t]he 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.”[11]

In conclusion, and I hope this explains that a municipality does not and never could have warrantless entry, because a municipality is limited by the *Constitution, the Criminal Code of Canada, the Municipal Act* and the Courts, from implementing warrantless entry under an unlawful guise of “inspection.”



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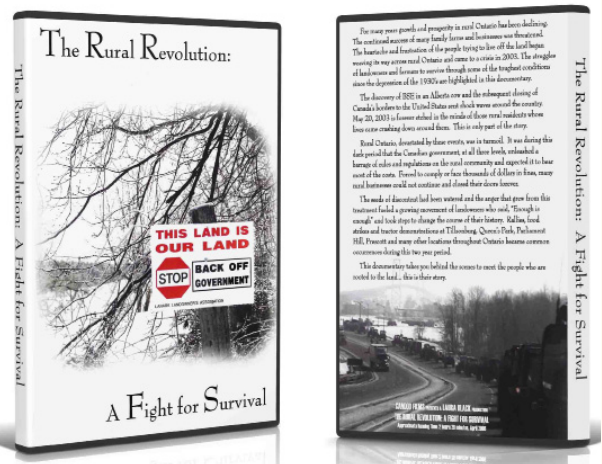
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Laura Black’s DVD has footage of many politicians, farmers and supporters who came out to these rallies for freedom in a protest against government overreach. Now you can view the live recorded history of this movement.

<https://youtu.be/rhziB0A--YI>





HOLD THE LINE



by Marlene Black

Hello to everyone,

I hope you are all doing well despite the doom and gloom that seems to be part of the new narrative. But oh well! There was a bright spot during the past few years and it burst onto the Canadian landscape and bounced across newsfeeds around the world. Yes, the Freedom Convoy was probably a once in a lifetime event but it started a spark and ignited the fires in the souls of most Canadians who had had enough. Enough lockdowns, enough preaching about what to do or not to do and enough dividing Canadians. The fear was great and we were part of that fear for many of the early months. Washing doorknobs, wiping down groceries, school from home and living with a mask on anytime you left the house. It was a lonely and isolating time and by January of 2022 many of us were ready for a return to normal. We were ready for a party.

What burst onto the scene and into the hearts of millions of Canadians in the next few weeks was the Freedom Convoy. They were the men and women who didn't lock themselves up away from the virus but kept on delivering our goods, our amazon orders, our food, clothing and stuff that we ordered from the safety of our homes. These "heroes" as Justin Trudeau once referred to them, kept our lifelines open. Yes, when all the stores and restaurants and truck stops along the highways were closed to everyone, they just kept on trucking. There were no coffee stops and no restrooms open on the road. It was not an easy time for them. These people couldn't stay home

and get paid, they couldn't do zoom meeting with other truckers and get the job done. No they had to drive their trucks. All went well for the better part of a year or more. Many were vaccinated but when the decree went out that "no shot, no border crossing" that was a line too far. Freedom of choice, democracy and our Charter of Rights were all under attack.

If you were watching the mainstream news media, perhaps you would have formed an opinion of the trucker convoy that was the opposite to reality. Granted the honking needed to settle down somewhat and it did but it was hard to dampen such enthusiasm in the midst of such a celebration. Luckily for many of us, we were able to spend several days walking among the people on the Hill and hearing their stories. They came from all walks of life, were peaceful and so happy to be part of such a great welcome. We were also able to tune into the streaming videos of what was actually going on. The media account that most people watched was about 95% wrong and was the opposite of what really happened. In fact the powers that be were doing their very best to create a false narrative. I saw TV news crews turn their cameras away from the packed crowds to catch a few stragglers at the end of a line and then report on the 'small fringe minority' as though there was no crowd.

The first book that I purchased about the truckers was by Andrew Lawton "**The Freedom Convoy**" and it was very good. This

next one that I've just recently read was by Tamara Lich, "Hold the Line" and it gives a great inside view as to what really happened. She explains how it came to be and how it took just a few people to get it rolling and how they had no idea what was ahead. All their energy though, was consumed with organizing the convoy route, the logistics of finding stops along the road, places to stay or rest and keeping it all safe. The crowds that greeted them along highways, overpasses, small and large towns were overwhelming. The hugs and stories that Tamara heard from people, broken by the pandemic was heart wrenching and gave her the strength to keep going.

I read about the great people who stepped up to help: policemen, firefighters, doctors, restaurant owners, hotel managers, computer techies, lawyers and many others who donated their skills for the cause. The support was overwhelming. To have such a huge peaceful crowd in the middle of winter in downtown Ottawa was a vision to witness.

So why did no one try to meet with them and see what their issues were? For unknown reasons, our prime minister seemed in an unusual rush to use the Emergency Act. When he asked all the premiers whether or not he should invoke it for a peaceful protest, they all said "NO".

Tamara's passion for the people who were deeply scarred by the pandemic shines through the pages. Despite rough treatment in

jail and being shackled like a serious criminal, she was able to see the bigger picture. She does not stand alone. She stands with all Canadians who want to preserve our rights and freedoms and if necessary, face the evil that would take those freedoms away.

I highly recommend that you pick up a copy of **HOLD THE LINE** by Tamara Lich for an inside look at how a determined group of Canadian truckers turned Ottawa upside down. Read about how it ended. How the violent, fringe minority with unacceptable views were all wearing helmets, police uniforms and bullet proof vests. **



Award winning photo of Carol and MaryAnne Tisdall's dog



Justice has gone *missing*



Jeff Bogaerts

On Monday April 17, 2023, a trial was held in Provincial Offences Court.

The case involved seven charges laid under the *Building Code Act*.

The case is still before the court and no names and location will be discussed.

It is not necessary for this story to identify any participants.

What is a date on a calendar? Why do we note one date more importantly than another?

A date on a calendar can be just another day in your life or it can contain an event so significant an entire lifetime is lived in one day, June 6th 1944, September 11, 2001.

Without a calendar, how do we know when the anniversary of an event has arrived? If it is the birth of a child in the Spring, flocks of returning Canadian Geese can be the indicator of Spring, but not the actual day of the child's birth.

When an event is significant, the date of the event must be recorded accurately for personal, family, societal or historical reasons.

Such a date of historical importance occurred on Monday April 17, 2023. A trial in Provincial Offences Court in Ontario under the *Building Code Act*.

There were seven charges in total. All charges occurred on a 100-acre parcel of land in the "back country". No public land or public buildings were involved. All the land was privately owned as were the buildings. No one was hurt. No property damaged. This was a situation that had been ongoing for a few years, and it finally ended in court.

I will speak to two of the seven charges. Orders

to Comply were posted on the building. One for a building permit and one for a septic permit. Once posted these orders must not be removed unless authorized by an inspector, officer, or registered code agency.

The property owner was charged under section 20 of the *Building Code Act*.

Obstruction or removal of order

20 No person shall obstruct the visibility of an order and no person shall remove a copy of an order posted under this Act unless authorized to do so by an inspector, officer or registered code agency. 1997, c. 24, s. 224 (14); 2002, c. 9, s. 36.

What does section 20 mean?

No person "shall". The word shall in law means you can not do it, period.

"Obstruct the visibility of an order". Do not do anything that would interfere with and not allow a person to see the posted orders.

"No person shall remove a copy of an order". Once the order has been posted it is not to be removed. This is clear and unambiguous, do not touch.

To convict a person of an offence, there must be evidence to substantiate the elements of the offence.

There must be a witness(es), pictures, video, fingerprints, blood type, gunshot residue, DNA, documents, emails, phone calls. The list of evidence can be extensive.

So, what evidence did the building inspector give to the court under oath and examination,

that convinced the Justice of the Peace to find the property owner guilty of charge 6 and 7, Posted Orders under Section 20 of the Building Code?

The following is a paraphrase of the cross examination of the inspector.

Q. Inspector, do you have any evidence, photos, video, witnesses, any evidence that can prove the accused removed the posted comply orders?

A. No.

The following is a paraphrase of the examination-in-chief of a defence witness.

Q. Are you aware of any evidence that the accused removed the posted comply orders?

A. No

Q. Are you aware of anyone who did?

A. No.

The building inspector presented no evidence that the accused removed the posted orders.

The defence witness testified to having no knowledge that the accused or anyone else removed the posted orders.

Why did the inspector file a charge under section 20 if there was no evidence?

Why did the Justice of the Peace make a finding of guilt if there was no evidence?

At the end of the day the property owner was found guilty on all seven charges.

The Prosecutor stated that the maximum fine per charge was \$50,000.00 under the Building Code. The prosecutor asked the court to authorize a fine of \$15,000.00 for each of the 7 charges.

The fines total \$105,000 plus the 25% victim surcharge of \$26,250 for a total of \$131,250.00.

The defence will make their sentencing submissions in August.

The phrase, “*Innocent until proven Guilty*”, did not apply to the charges under section 20.

Why not? As a Canadian Citizen, what is your opinion? Do you believe in Innocent until Proven Guilty? Is this not the basis of the Justice system in Canada?

Has the Justice system lowered the standards for a conviction to a level where no evidence is

required and that on a “balance of probabilities” it was the property owner that removed the posted comply orders.

Section 20 of the Building Code is quite clear as to the elements of the charge. If there are no witnesses or other evidence to prove the accused removed the posted orders, then how can the accused be convicted?

Innocent until Proven Guilty. No evidence, no conviction.

If we allow this transgression to stand, what else are we willing to be silent on?

Sir William Blackstone (1723 – 1780) of England wrote the “*Commentaries on the Laws of England*” published in four volumes from 1765 to 1769, offering a comprehensive examination of English law, from constitutionalism to common law.

One of the concepts penned by Sir William Blackstone was the following:

“It is better that ten guilty persons escape than that one innocent suffers”.

The argument that ten guilty persons should be in prison and if one innocent person gets caught up in the net of justice, that this incidental catch is an acceptable price to pay for our justice system.

This argument is acceptable to those who agree with it, provided none of the agreeable people would be the innocent person in prison.

If you have worked in a prison or have been an inmate in a prison, your attitude to allowing an innocent person to be locked up for years will change overnight.

This case is still before the courts. The court location and the case name will not be released until after sentencing.

The OLA will follow this case and report the results. Please forward this letter on to others.

Jeff Bogaerts
President
Ontario Landowners
Association

MULTI-MUNICIPAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP

** The following is a letter sent to the Honourable MPP David Piccini, Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks detailing some recommendations to increase safety when constructing Wind Turbine Projects.*

May 11, 2023

Honourable David Piccini
Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Dear Minister Piccini,

RE: Wind Turbine Failures

In December of 2021, the *Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group*, which has recently been renamed to the *Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group*, authored a letter to all municipalities with wind turbine projects regarding the catastrophic failures that have taken place with wind turbine installations. The letter was copied to your office so we are writing to follow up on the recommended action items. The following recommendations were outlined in the letter:

1. Establish a formal public process for investigations of wind turbine failures so that the cause can be firmly determined. These would involve third-party independent engineers starting with initial inspection procedures through to the public release of the final report;
2. Complete comprehensive inspections of existing projects to identify any project that shows signs of similar weaknesses;
3. Establish requirements for on-board predictive maintenance equipment for operating wind turbines to allow early identification of problems and establish protocols for information transfer to the MECP for review and sharing with the host municipality.
4. Review the emergency response procedures submitted by the proponents of wind turbine projects as part of the approval process to ensure that the plans are current and responsive to the types of failures being experienced; and

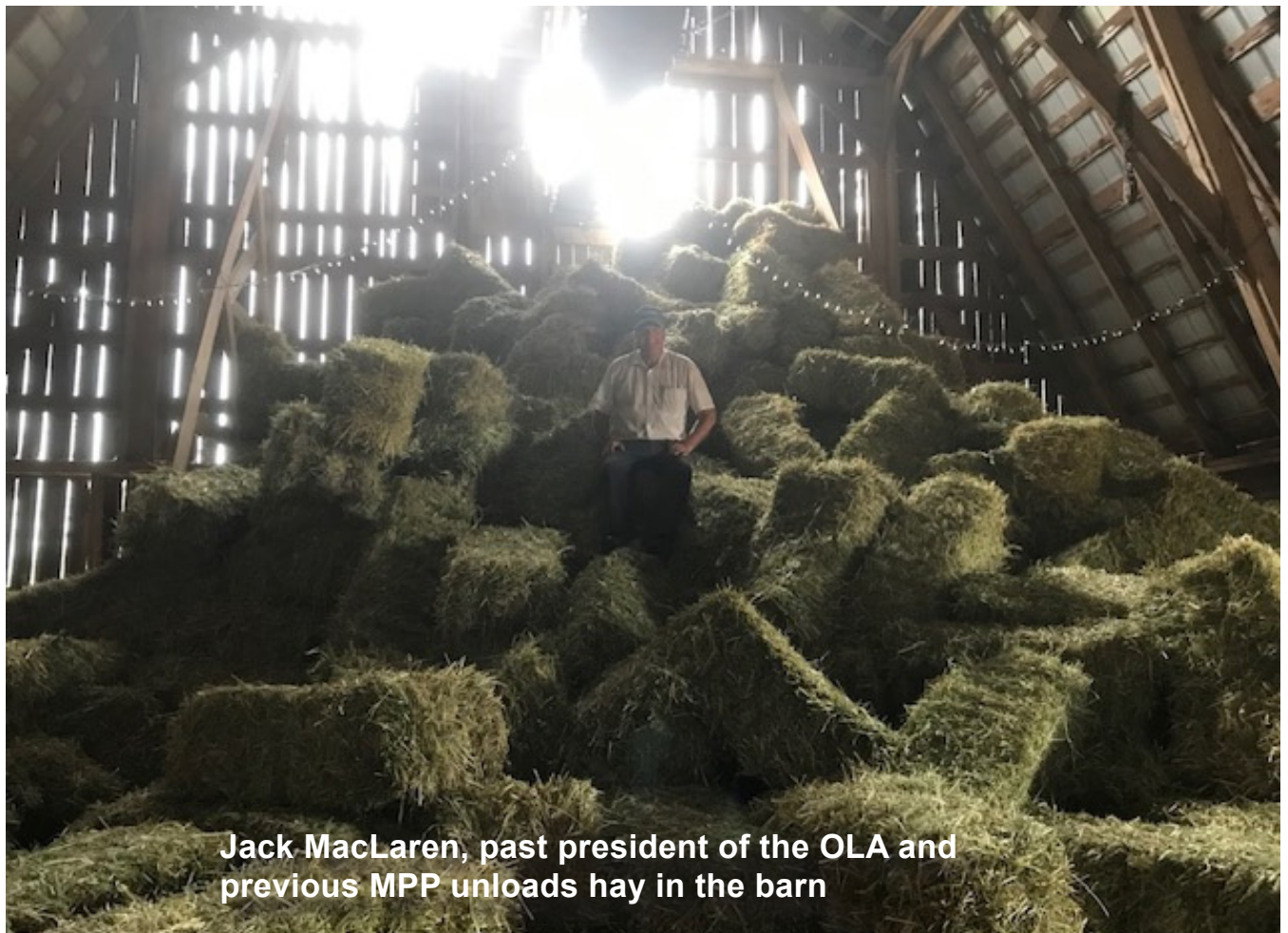
5. Increase the setbacks from property lines to a minimum of tower height plus blade length for new towers or repowering of existing sites to at least 1200 metres to reflect the impact of a complete tower collapse with additional distances required to protect against ice throw and debris scatter like that seen in the Huron Wind failure.

6. We suggest that Council review these attached summaries to see if any apply to the wind turbine project(s) in your municipality. It may be possible for the municipality to review the situations with each project that appropriate activities are underway to ensure public safety.

The MMEWG would welcome your perspective and feedback on the recommendations and look forward to your timely reply.

Yours truly,

p.p.
Tom Allwood,
Chair, Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group
Councillor, Municipality of Grey Highlands



Jack MacLaren, past president of the OLA and previous MPP unloads hay in the barn

How Did We Get into This Mess?

*It is important to understand is that there is not one single new or original idea in **Klaus Schwab**'s so-called Great Reset agenda for the world. Nor is his Fourth Industrial Revolution agenda his or his claim to having invented the notion of Stakeholder Capitalism a product of Schwab.*



Klaus Schwab

*Klaus Schwab is little more than a **slick PR agent for a global technocratic agenda**, a corporatist unity of corporate power with government, including the UN, an agenda whose origins go back to the beginning of the 1970s, and even earlier. The Davos Great reset is merely an updated blueprint for a global dystopian dictatorship under UN control that has been decades in development. The key actors were David Rockefeller and his protégé, Maurice Strong.*



Maurice Strong

*In the beginning of the 1970s, there was arguably no one person more influential in world politics than the late **David Rockefeller**, then largely known as chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank.*

Creating the new paradigm

At the end of the 1960s and into the early 1970s, the international circles directly tied to David Rockefeller launched a dazzling array of elite organizations and think tanks. These included The Club of Rome; the 1001: A Nature Trust, tied to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF); the Stockholm United Nations Earth Day conference; the MIT-authored study, Limits to Growth; and David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission.

Club of Rome

In 1968 David Rockefeller founded a neo-Malthusian think tank, The Club of Rome, along with Aurelio Peccei and Alexander King. Aurelio Peccei, was a senior manager of the Fiat car company, owned by the powerful Italian Agnelli family. Fiat's Gianni Agnelli was an intimate friend of David Rockefeller and a member of the International Advisory

Committee of Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank. Agnelli and David Rockefeller had been close friends since 1957. Agnelli became a founding member of David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission in 1973. Alexander King, head of the OECD Science Program was also a consultant to NATO. [i] That was the beginning of what would become the neo-Malthusian "people pollute" movement.

In 1971 the Club of Rome published a deeply-flawed report, **Limits to Growth**, which predicted an end to civilization as we knew it because of rapid population growth, combined with fixed resources such as oil. The report concluded that without substantial changes in resource consumption, **"the most probable result will be a rather sudden and uncontrollable decline in both population and industrial capacity."**

It was based on bogus computer simulations by a group of MIT computer

scientists. It stated the bold prediction, “If the present growth trends in world population, industrialization, pollution, food production, and resource depletion continue unchanged, the limits to growth on this planet will be reached sometime within the next one hundred years.” That was 1971. In 1973 Klaus Schwab in his third annual Davos business leader meeting invited Peccei to Davos to present **Limits to Growth** to assembled corporate CEOs. [ii]

In 1974, the Club of Rome declared boldly, “The Earth has cancer and the cancer is Man.” Then: “the world is facing an unprecedented set of interlocking global problems, such as, over-population, food shortages, non-renewable resource [oil-w.e.] depletion, environmental degradation and poor governance.” [iii] They argued that,

‘horizontal’ restructuring of the world system is needed...drastic changes in the norm stratum – that is, in the value system and the goals of man – are necessary in order to solve energy, food, and other crises, i.e., social changes and changes in individual attitudes are needed if the transition to organic growth is to take place. [iv]

In their 1974 report, *Mankind at the Turning Point*, The Club of Rome further argued:

Increasing interdependence between nations and regions must then translate as a decrease in independence. Nations cannot be interdependent without each of them giving up some of, or at least acknowledging limits to, its own independence. Now is the time to draw up a master plan for organic sustainable growth and world development based on global allocation of all finite resources and a new global economic system. [v]

That was the early formulation of the **UN Agenda 21, Agenda2030 and the 2020 Davos Great Reset.**

David Rockefeller and Maurice Strong

By far the most influential organizer of Rockefeller’s ‘zero growth’ agenda in the early 1970s was David Rockefeller’s longtime friend, a billionaire oilman named Maurice Strong.

Canadian Maurice Strong was one of the key early propagators of the scientifically flawed theory that **man-made CO2 emissions from transportation vehicles, coal plants and agriculture caused a dramatic and accelerating global temperature rise which threatens “the planet”, so-called Global Warming.**

As chairman of the 1972 Earth Day UN Stockholm Conference, Strong promoted an agenda of population reduction and lowering of living standards around the world to “save the environment.”

Strong stated his radical ecologist agenda:

“Isn’t the only hope for the planet that the industrialized civilizations collapse? Isn’t it our responsibility to bring that about?” [vi]

This is what is now taking place under cover of a hyped global pandemic.

Strong was a curious choice to head a major UN initiative to mobilize action on the environment, as his career and his considerable fortune had been built on exploitation of oil, like an unusual number of the new advocates of ‘ecological purity,’ such as David Rockefeller or Robert O. Anderson of Aspen Institute or Shell’s John Loudon.

Strong had met David Rockefeller in 1947 as a young Canadian eighteen and from that point, his career became tied to the network of the Rockefeller family.[vii] Through his new friendship with David Rockefeller, Strong, at age 18, was given a key UN position under UN Treasurer, Noah Monod. The UN’s funds were

conveniently enough handled by Rockefeller's Chase Bank. This was typical of the model of "public-private partnership" to be deployed by Strong—private gain from public government. [viii]

In the 1960s Strong had become president of the huge Montreal energy conglomerate and oil company known as Power Corporation, then owned by the influential **Paul Desmarais**. Power Corporation was reportedly also used as a political slush fund to finance campaigns of select Canadian politicians such as Pierre Trudeau, father of Davos protégé Justin Trudeau, according to Canadian investigative researcher, Elaine Dewar. [ix]

Earth Summit I and Rio Earth Summit

By 1971 Strong was named Undersecretary of the United Nations in New York and Secretary General of the upcoming Earth Day conference, United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (Earth Summit I) in Stockholm, Sweden. He was also named that year as a trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation – which financed his launch of the Stockholm Earth Day project.[x] In Stockholm the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) was created with Strong as its head.

By 1989 Strong was named by the UN Secretary General to head the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development or UNCED ("**Rio Earth Summit II**"). He oversaw the drafting of the UN "Sustainable Environment" goals there, the Agenda 21 for Sustainable Development that forms the basis of Klaus Schwab's Great Reset, as well as creation of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) of the UN. Strong, who was also a board member of Davos WEF, had arranged for Schwab to serve as a key adviser to the Rio Earth Summit.

As Secretary General of the UN Rio Conference, Strong also commissioned a

report from the Club of Rome, *The First Global Revolution*, authored by Alexander King which admitted that the CO2 global warming claim was merely an invented ruse to force change:

"The common enemy of humanity is man.[SEP] In searching for a new enemy to unite us, we came up[SEP] with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming,[SEP] water shortages, famine and the like would fit the bill. All these[SEP] dangers are caused by human intervention, and it is only through[SEP] changed attitudes and behavior that they can be overcome.[SEP] The real enemy then, is humanity itself." [xi]

President Clinton's delegate to Rio, Tim Wirth, admitted the same, stating,

"We have got to ride the global warming issue. Even if the theory of global warming is wrong, we will be doing the right thing in terms of economic policy and environmental policy." [xii]

At Rio Strong first introduced the manipulative idea of "sustainable society" defined in relation this arbitrary goal of eliminating CO2 and other so-called Greenhouse Gases. Agenda 21 became Agenda 2030 in Sept 2015 in Rome, with the Pope's blessing, with 17 "sustainable" goals. It declared among other items,

"Land, because of its unique nature and the crucial role it plays in human settlement, cannot be treated as an ordinary asset, controlled by individuals and subject to the pressures and inefficiencies of the market. Private land ownership also is a principal instrument of accumulation and concentration of wealth and therefore contributes to social injustice...Social justice, urban renewal, and development, the provision of decent dwellings and healthy conditions for the people can only 'be achieved if land is used in the interests of society as a whole.'"

In short private land ownership must

become socialized for “society as a whole,” an idea well-known in Soviet Union days, and a key part of the Davos Great Reset.

At Rio in 1992 where he was chairman and General Secretary, Strong declared:

“It is clear that current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class— involving **high meat intake**, consumption of large amounts frozen and convenience foods, use of **fossil fuels**, appliances, home and work place **air-conditioning, and suburban housing** — are not sustainable.” [xiii] (**emphasis added**)

By that time Strong was at the very center of the transformation of the UN into the vehicle for imposing a new global technocratic “paradigm” by stealth, using dire warnings of planet extinction and global warming, merging government agencies with corporate power in an unelected control of pretty much everything, under the cover of “sustainability.” In 1997 Strong oversaw creation of the action plan following the Earth Summit, The Global Diversity Assessment, a blueprint for the roll out of a Fourth Industrial Revolution, an inventory of every resource on the planet, how it would be controlled , and how this revolution would be achieved.[xiv]

At this time Strong was co-chairman of Klaus Schwab’s Davos World Economic Forum. In 2015 on Strong’s death, Davos founder Klaus Schwab wrote,

“He was my mentor since the creation of the Forum: a great friend; an indispensable advisor; and, for many years, a member of our Foundation Board.” [xv]

Before he was left UN over an Iraq Food-for-Oil corruption scandal, Strong was member of the Club of Rome, Trustee of the Aspen Institute, Trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation and Rothschild Foundation. Strong was also a director of the Temple of Understanding of the Lucifer Trust (aka Lucis Trust) housed at the Cathedral of St. John the

Divine in New York City,

“where pagan rituals include escorting sheep and cattle to the altar for blessing. Here, Vice President Al Gore delivered a sermon, as worshippers marched to the altar with bowls of compost and worms...” [xvi]

This is the dark origin of Schwab’s Great Reset agenda where we should eat worms and have no private property in order to “save the planet.” The agenda is dark, dystopian and meant to eliminate billions of us “ordinary humans.”

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This is an article in circulation that we think is too important not to share

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The ONTARIO LANDOWNERS Association

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eastern Ontario Landowners

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

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

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

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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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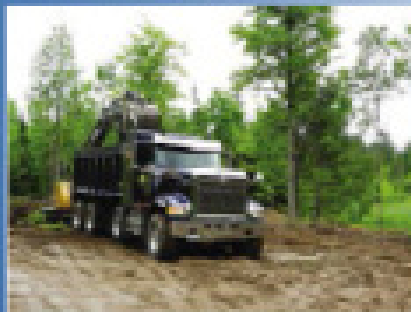
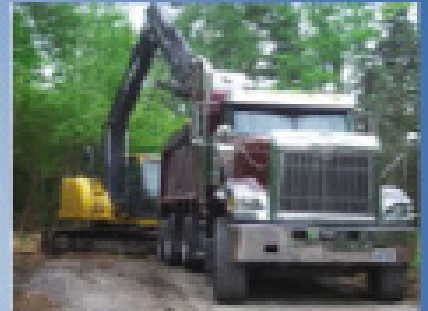
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