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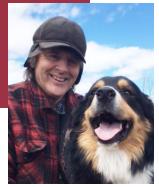
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Homesteaders

by Tom Black

Hello Folks,

There is a little bit of a new look to some sections of agriculture these days. We can now tag along in the tractor or a combine via our smart TV or computer while we ride alongside the YouTube bloggers as they record how things are done on their particular farms. Some of these folks have thousands of acres and huge machines, while others have back yard plots or one acre with many others falling somewhere in between. Most of us who farm, can learn something along the way when we watch how others produce agricultural produce.

Something that is considered a new concept is "Homesteading", which is described by some as "taking what is available today and using it to be as sustainable and natural as you feel motivated to be."

Now as a descendant of Irish immigrants who worked with their hands and horses to clear this farm, to grow food to raise their families, I sort of consider that our way of life makes us homesteaders too, just without the video.

I do admire some of these video producers as they seem to be pretty honest about their attempts to teach newbies how to succeed and maybe avoid the many pitfalls that await them in the ag industry.

Most of the successful modern day homesteaders grow a variety of products for themselves and for sale to pay bills and make improvements. Often this means growing chickens, ducks, turkeys, pigs, sheep and cattle. Farmers raising animals for meat now have a very serious problem here in Ontario, as many

of our small local abattoirs have closed. With many new regulations brought forward by Bob Ray's NDP government, back in the 90's, a lot of the small shops could not re-invent themselves to comply. When these regulations started being enforced, many shops closed down. From 1999 to 2020, 54% of the small abattoirs closed. One of these shops was Rideau Meats in Smithfalls. During the Mad Cow crisis back in 2003, the government pushed these small shops to step up the slaughter of old beef cows because the US border was closed and Ontario did not have near enough capacity to handle the load. Rideau Meats stepped up in a big way to serve the local farmers. After the crisis was over, the government inspectors came knocking and found all kinds of shortfalls with the plant. Things like the kill floor was 6 inches too short on one side and of course there was only one restroom for all genders. Turns out that the only solution would be to tear it down and start over.

After a long period of harassment, the owner closed the abattoir. Not long after that he was found dead, laying across the railway tracks close to his house.

This is a heads up to homesteaders and farmers of all kinds, as well as people who prefer to buy local and know the farmer who raised the animals. It is just a matter of time before there will be no small local plants left in Ontario. If you have any skin in the game, I suggest that you talk to your provincial member of parliament in hopes of getting some help to rectify this very critical problem. **



Ontario Landowners Association

www.OntarioLandowners.ca

Do you need to get in touch with the Ontario Landowners. We have many groups across Ontario.

For an updated list of our contacts, please go to the website:

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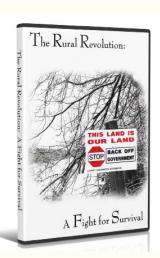
Twenty Years of Landowner Rallies and helping people unjustly abused by authorities

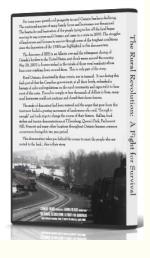
See the link below to watch video footage of the Rural Revolution:

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

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





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

CLASS EXTINCTION:

When 30 X 30 meets Net Zero

by MP Cheryl Gallant Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

A fter eight years of copping praise for selling out our country, Trudeau's prepping for the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP28, to be held in opulent Dubai this December.5

He dispatched Minister for Environment Steven Guilbeault to announce a new

program called the Landscape Resiliency Program. The plan is billed as a "partnership" between Parks Canada and the Nature Conservancy of Canada. On the social media site X formerly known as Twitter, the Minister wrote:

Today, we announced an exciting new partnership to protect 30,000 hectares of land around Canada's beloved National Parks, bringing us one step closer to our ambitious goal of protecting 30% of all of Canada's lands and waters by 2030. #30X30

In the March-April 2023 edition of Landowner Voices,

I first warned Canadians about the Minister's 30X30 Land Grab Plan created in partnership with the Communists who control China.

The latest proclamation gives Canadians an indication of what it will cost taxpayers. The Liberals described the plan as a "partnership" between a government department, Parks Canada, and a private charitable organization, Nature Conservancy of Canada, which would see \$30 million devoted to protecting 30,000 hectares. It was only after the press conference that Canadians learned the Liberals were giving Nature Conservancy \$15 million.

Its stated purpose is to control lands next

to 10 selected National Parks. With a goal of conserving 30,000 hectares and a budget of \$30 million, the government believes it can purchase private property at an average cost of \$1000 per hectare.

One of the ten listed National Parks is Bruce Peninsula National Park. According to Realtor.ca, a 34 hectare farm near the National Park is listed for sale at \$1,495,000 or approximately \$42,650 per hectare. A vacant lot near Thousand Islands National Park is listed for \$384,900 for less than one hectare of land.

hectare of land.

To reach the NDP-Liberal Government's goal of "protecting" 30% of Canada by 2030 would mean setting aside over 300 million hectares. Based on the government's incredibly low estimate of \$1000 per hectare the cost to Canadians would be \$300 billion. Based on the price of the farm for sale near

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Bruce Peninsula, the cost to Canadians would be \$12.7 trillion. At the price of the vacant lot near Thousand Islands, the cost to conserve 30% by 2030 would reach \$115.4 trillion.

It is clear from the estimates that Minister of Environment Steven Guilbeault needs to have the lowest price possible to purchase land. Unfortunately for him, the biggest obstacle he faces is the aggressive renewable energy agenda being pushed by Minister for Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault.

As I detailed in the November-December 2022 issue of Landowner Voices, Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator released a report explaining what it would take to reach a Net Zero electricity grid in Ontario by 2030. To reach a Net Zero electricity grid in Ontario using only renewables would require 882,000 hectares.

Only in an NDP-Liberal Government run by the incompetent Justin Trudeau could we have the same Minister seeking to conserve private land, while also seeking to pave over that same land with solar farms. This neurotic crusade to reach Net Zero will bankrupt our country.

Justin Trudeau is not worth the cost. **

The exciting new 'plan' of the government is to protect 30,000 hectares of land around Canada's National Parks. Yes! Your land! Private Property! So if you live beside a National Park, they may want to protect your land and could offer you \$1000 a hectare.



Luxury Beliefs

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by Roger Graves

Nost democratic Western nations seem to have divided themselves into two distinct groups – the elites, and working stiffs like you and me - and the two groups often have very different ideas on how the country should be run. To take but one example, the elites in Canada believe that unlimited immigration is

good for the country and should be encouraged. The problem is that while unlimited immigration isn't going to have much of an effect on the elites, it can have a massively negative effect on the rest of us. House prices rocketing out of reach because all those newcomers will naturally want houses and too few are being built? No problem, the elites bought their own houses long ago. Downward pressure on wages because of all the unskilled immigrants willing to work at low wages? No problem for the highly paid elites, but tough luck on the

working stiffs.

Supporting high immigration levels is what we call a luxury belief. It's something held as an article of faith by those on whom it will have little or no effect, but is usually strongly opposed by those on whom it will have an effect. Luxury beliefs allow the elites to virtue signal to the rest of the world at no cost to themselves ("aren't we virtuous, letting all these poor people into Canada!") while chiding the rest of us for not thinking the same way.

You can see this happening in most of the Western World. The UK left the European Union partly so it could control its own immigration, and their elites are now letting in more legal and illegal immigrants combined than they were when the UK was still in the EU.

Another luxury belief commonly held by the intelligentsia is that Israel is to be automatically hated and despised. It's really just

Jew-hatred, but Hitler made that unfashionable so they disguise it as Israel-hatred. You can express hatred for Israel as much as you like in the Western world and it won't hurt you a bit. Of course if you lived in the Middle East and relied on Israeli armed forces to keep you safe you might have a different view on this, but in your nice, safe home in Canada you can virtue signal about Israel to your heart's content.

As soon as the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel hit the headlines, with their sickening

accounts of babies and young people being slaughtered, large crowds gathered in several Canadian cities and in other countries demonstrating not against the Hamas invaders but against the Jews for merely existing. So disgusting a spectacle was it that crowds in Sydney, Australia were actually chanting "gas the Jews". Of course, if a large mob had started shouting "gas the Aussies" the media would have erupted in shock and horror, but calling for Jews to be gassed was apparently just the exercise of free speech.

Luxury beliefs are almost invariably taught to university students by their professors who, over the past few decades have become, with a few honourable exceptions, hard-left activists.



Since they are automatically part of the elites (tenured professors are well paid and don't have to worry about their jobs being taken by unskilled immigrants) they can be pretty well guaranteed to adopt just about every luxury belief going. After all, what would life be for a free-floating academic without a ready supply of virtue signalling opportunities?

The problem is that if you spend your life virtue signalling those luxury beliefs, the students you are indoctrinating today will a few years down the road become part of the decision-making elites themselves and start acting on those beliefs to the detriment of the rest of us. So what can we do about it?

Can we reform the universities? Can we transform them back to what they were a few decades ago when their function was a give a broad education to young minds, as opposed to today when all they seem to do is indoctrinate students into a narrow leftist point of view in which dissent is neither encouraged nor permitted? Much as I am loath to say it, the indications are that most universities seem to be past the point of no return and are too far gone to be reformed. So throw the rascals out!

Here are my suggestions for what to do with our universities. First, separate out the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering & math) and related areas such as medicine into independent institutions. Second, fire any professors and tutors in those institutions who still hold woke views such as insisting that math is racist (the message will spread soon enough once one or two have been fired). then let them get to work educating the next generation of technical experts on whom our society depends. Lastly,

the remaining parts of the universities, which will largely be the humanities and social science departments, can then be deprived of public funding and left to sink or swim on their own. Most will simply collapse and disappear but a few will get the message that their job is to educate, not indoctrinate, and will transform themselves into private institutions giving students a broad general education without any particular political bias.

Elites and the luxury beliefs they seem to cling to are just part of life, and we will probably never get rid of them. What the rest of us have to do is be on the alert that those beliefs are never allowed to affect public policy, and throw out any government that allows it to happen. Are you listening, Mr Trudeau?

Roger Graves

The Contrarian

GROWING CHURCHES



by Mel Fisher

We live in a scary time, but an interesting one to old history nuts like me. We know things are changing; we see conflicting views on almost everything, we know we are being lied to from all sides of every subject. People living on the street, or in parent's basement. Petty crime everywhere. Murder your mother-in-law and you are turned loose the next day until your trial, but say something the government doesn't like and you rot in jail indefinitely waiting for your trial (many Americans still in jail since 2016 waiting for trial). And now the Tamara Lich show trial going on indefinitely. And so on.

A while ago I read an interesting article arguing that we face the end of civilization unless things change. I was quite surprised at his conclusion that our best hope is the resurrection of the church, a return to family values; you are responsible for your place in the community, including making a family, looking after your kids in your early years, and your parents in their decline. If this becomes our main cultural ethic, rather than silly 'save the planet' and 'political correctness' as seems the norm now, all else will fall into place.

It took some hours of thought for me to accept that he is on to something important.

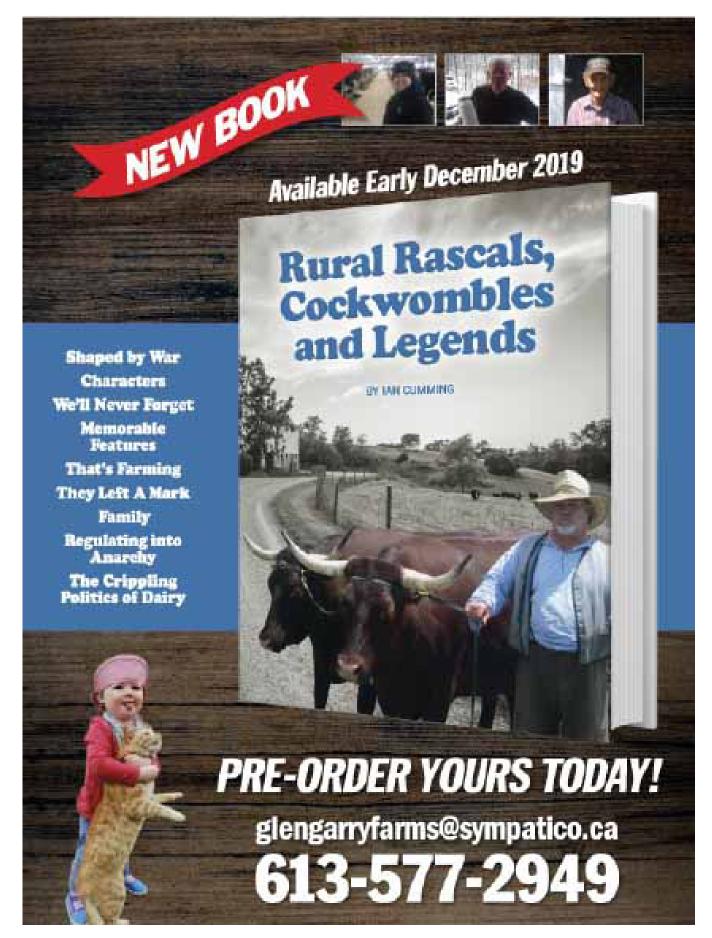
So, digging into my old files, I ran into an interesting article in MacLeans, Nov 28 1916 issue. Seems they did a survey of a sizable sample of churches in rural Ontario, picking ones with a falling congregation, and those with a growing congregation. They found that those churches whose clergy and majority of congregation actually believed in the power of prayer, and miracles, and the resurrection were growing, congregations who believed they

were helping people by bringing them into the church were growing. Those congregations with less firm beliefs were shrinking.

The most striking thing to me, although it seemed to go over the MacLeans writers head, was that 100% of the churches that were declining were where a majority of the clergy and congregation believed the statement that "the beliefs of the Christian faith need to change over time to stay relevant". All of the clergy and most of the congregation of growing churches rejected 'progressive' views as nonsense; they maintain traditional values.

These 'progressive' shrinking congregations are slaves to the agenda starting with the hippies from the sixties. That is, the past means little and history does not matter, we are so smart we know it all, and all the problems of the world can be attributed to racism, sexism, and homophobia, along with too many people in the world; 'climate change', and now 'pandemic'. We are smart; those who disagree with us are 'rustic rubes'.

I find that most encouraging. Why, you ask? Well, the survey also showed that shrinking church congregations are almost all people over 60 years old, while fully a quarter of the members of the growing church congregations are under 40. What that tells me is that some individuals of the generations too young to remember the hippies are thinking independently. They are giving traditional views at least a look, and not being brainwashed into the politically correct hippie agenda. There is hope for us yet.



Ruby Mekker has been diligent in her pursuit of safety facts about wind turbines and informing politicians of the many adverse reactions that people have experienced as well as the many problems that are happening with the wind turbines. Below is her letter to the City of Ottawa.

Mayor Sutcliffe, Deputy Mayor Dudas,

Irecently saw the facebook post by Evolugen detailing a meeting for November 1, 2023 "to introduce the Fitzroy Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project and receive your feedback." (attached) Has the City of Ottawa made all residents in and around Fitzroy Harbor aware of this meeting?

https://m.facebook.com/story. php?story_fbid=pfbid02fn6Vdpk7KffY6 ZfJP7peByPkA7rsLstapTe8WofeCt84ifX Z2ZEWkYzc4txGyvzxl&id=10006983206 5166&mibextid=5GydJY

I ask the question because of where the industrial wind turbines are located in the picture posted with the Energy Evolution Plan (attached). Does the battery energy storage introduction in Fitzroy Harbor mean the City of Ottawa plans to build industrial wind turbines in the same location, as indicated in the picture?

May 20, 2023 I sent Ottawa Council members an email reminding you of the presentation re: battery storage concerns given to the Multi Municipality Wind Turbine Working Group. I also included an article re: "Thermal runaway is a chemical reaction.

"With that chemical reaction, it's difficult for us to extinguish because water doesn't necessarily extinguish it. And when you do apply water, it takes a large amount of it ... that we need directly onto the cell, which is usually in some type of contained case or compartment. It's difficult to do. So, it's not that it's impossible to put out. The goal is to cool the cell to a point where thermal runaway stops. But to get enough water to that area is difficult."

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source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

I shared my two major concerns:

1 - Chemicals in the air

What are they? What is their impact on humans and wildlife; long and short term? How will airborne chemicals be contained?

2 - Water

What will be the source of water used? What will happen to the subsequent runoff; what will be its final destination? What and how much chemical will be in the runoff? How will the runoff be treated? What will be the outcome of the chemical in the water?

I am adding a third concern:

3 - Has the City of Ottawa considered *what happens when massive turbine blades burn*? Does the City have a plan in place to address

such an event? How does the City of Ottawa plan to protect its food producing agricultural fields from the negative impacts of a turbine fire?

The people, the Ontario's Leader and the Ministers know "wind turbine blades are made of fibreglass impregnated with epoxy to make them stronger. Epoxy contains 30-40% of Bisphenol A. Result: the particulate matter that comes from eroding windmill blades therefore contains a high content of Bisphenol A...1 gram of which makes 10 million liters of water toxic and that is harmful to humans, animals and the environment" (4th attachment)

https://greatlakeswindtruth.org/

newsworthy/media-release-na-paw-will-bisphenol-a-be-the-end-game-for-industrial-wind-the-pfos-poly-and-perfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas-pfos-is-used-in-lubricants-coatings-paints-varnishes-plastics-and/

To hopefully help you consider all aspects of industrial wind turbines I am attaching what the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group found as reasons for turbine failures in Ontario. (5th attachment)

I did not receive answers to my concerns/questions in my May 20, 2023

email. With family and friends still living in the City of Ottawa, I would like answers to share with them, hopefully to be able to tell them the City of Ottawa Council is concerned for their health, safety and are aware of any future liability as a result of decisions made by the Council.

I end with my May 20, 2023 request: I am requesting a speedy response to all of my questions.

Thank you.

Ruby Mekker Finch, Ontario Formerly of 72 Caroline Ave., Ottawa





WORDS MATTER

by Ian Cumming Agricultural Journalist glengarryfarms@sympatico.ca

Words matter.

Especially when they are used by governments and powerful institutions – like medical experts – to justify their control over people.

Which include mandating, coercing or bullying people to do what is deemed as required. With a compliant media willing to echo.

Like getting vaccinated to save lives. Not only your own, but others, especially the most vulnerable.

If you don't you are evil and deserve to lose your job, are not allowed to publicly interact with others, will be arrested at worst and dragged through court cases, or at best will be ridiculed strapped in a pillory in the public square, like back in those Pilgrim days.

Never mind the medical ignorance of the 1600's, you can whip up a vilifying mob just as easily and as ignorant in the 2020's with a single word.

Like "vaccine."

Because a vaccine you see, in medical history, with one or two injections per person, has virtually eliminated scourges like polio, smallpox, and even measles.

Very few of us were, or are ever anti vaccination. In our homes, our livestock barns, or hitting those heifers going for export with shipping fever vaccines.

Which is why this sign, recently posted in a town five minutes from my door, and no doubt also in your community, is worthy of documenting for history. Because now, apparently, it is a COVID "shot" and not a "vaccine."

Like a flu shot.

Which on an annual basis, a couple of doctors had explained to me, is the development of a shot which they feel, based on the flu strains predominating at the time in parts of the world where their winter is our summer, will be the most effective.

Sometimes they get it right and the effectiveness is great. Other times not so much, right down to dismal failure.

None of these shots ever prevent someone from getting the flu once or repeatedly, or will prevent spreading the flu to others. But if the right potion is created, it will lessen the severity of the symptoms.

These same couple of doctors, who I trust, had explained to a lay person like me, that the COVID vaccine was, in fact, a shot.

While every media outlet, politician and taxpayer funded medical organization, screamed vaccine.

We in society had been, pre COVID, very aware of the distinct difference. But the majority of society, apparently, weren't aware that authorities would lie to them.

Also this was, when one looks at unfolding medical substantiated data of the severe reactions, without the online non substantiated postings, a shot and shots like no other.

In the harm it has created to a segment of the users.

We all know individuals, plus the verified statistics are there.

Dame Kate Bingham, given that honor for being the main person responsible for unrolling out the COVID vaccines in record time, in recent public testimony in front of a British Parliamentary Committee, told them that what was injected into the public was "not good enough," to accomplish what it was advertised to do.

If you ever wonder why you can only read about Bingham in a farm paper this side of the Atlantic, despite being the most influential person in the world for unrolling the COVID vaccinations, is because she is brutally honest and will cite the evidence as it unfolds.

Is putting COVID on the same billboard now, as equal to an always harmless flu shot, the next misinformation initiative? Rather than just being honest about it?

With the same faces on the same billboards now saying "shots", that ever so

recently said "vaccine," well, is there no shame among public officials?

But hopefully, there is still a sense of shame among the general public.

Those who hurled insults at the non COVID vaccinated, the police who broke ribs and smashed truck windows, the politicians who stirred this pot while having the best medical evidence available, including the doctors they vilified and ruined.

Do any of these people have any shame, now that it turns out those they were vilifying were in possession of clearer facts, than us vaccinated folks?

Standing with a friend at a recent Holstein show, always a low key farmer, he started to emotionally talk about the COVID "police state."

We will never forget.

They will never, ever say sorry. *



Battery Energy Storage Systems may be coming to a field near you



Hello Fellow Landowners:

This notice was sent out earlier to people in the affected area but I thought that the information is relevant and may be of interest to those in the future who are near a battery storage area.

These following meetings with Evolugen to discuss the potential siting of a **Battery Energy Storage System** (BESS) in Fitzroy Township came too close to the deadline for the magazine and were Nov. 1 and 2nd.

Community Consultation:

As part of our commitment to building trust with local stakeholders, community members are invited to share project comments, questions and concerns by email at info@evolugen.com or by participating in our upcoming public meetings.

Evolugen is hosting two Public Meetings to introduce the Fitzroy Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project and receive your feedback.

IN-PERSON

- Fitzroy Harbour Community Centre (100 Clifford Campbell St, Fitzroy Harbour, ON K0A 1Z0)
- Wednesday, November 1, 2023, from 4:00-7:00pm

VIRTUAL

- Zoom Webinar
- Thursday, November 2, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:00pm

Battery Energy Storage Systems or BESS are a relatively new technology. The Ontario government has issued Requests for Proposal for BESS projects and approximately *5 projects are proposed for rural Ottawa*. On November 30th, city staff will bring a report to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee (ARAC) "on projects which conform to the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw in effect". This will be an opportunity to see if there are any BESS projects planned for your neighbourhood. See staff's Long-Term Electricity Procurement Update to council here.

West Carleton Councillor Clarke Kelly says he and his staff will be at the Evolugen Open House on November 1st.

As reported in the West Carleton Online: Evolugen itself said the project has not been approved by any government organization at this point in time.

"The process to have a BESS on a property is complex and involves many layers of consultation and competition within the Independent Electricity System Operator that works at managing Ontario's power system in real-time," Kelly said.

Bess projects are not without problems. The Electric Power Research Institute reports 67 BESS failures worldwide since September 2011. One of the main concerns is thermal

runaway fires associated with lithium-ion batteries. The Bess projects are planned for rural Ottawa which is mostly without fire hydrants. Are our fire services prepared for these type of events, should they occur?

Shirley Dolan, Carleton Landowners Association



Example of a battery storage system





The OLA at the International Plowing Match

Once again the Ontario Landowners Association had a booth at the International Plowing Match. This year it was in Bowling Green Ont. For anyone looking at an old fashioned road map, forget it. I think I counted six houses. It was hosted in Dufferin County by the Township of Amaranth and the town of Grand Valley.

Like last year, the IPM is still showing the effects of a couple years of lockdowns. There were only about half of the sites for vendors filled and the crowds coming to view the IPM were sparse compared to years gone by.

The OLA booth stood proudly within the site and we also participated in the opening day parade with abundant signs covering the pickup.

With a smaller spectator turnout I wasn't sure how the week would turn out, but I think judging by the trampled grass in front of our

site, it was a success. A lot of people would stop and look at our signs and if someone approached them, either they wanted to know more about us or they knew about the Landowners and brought a problem with them.I think the exposure to the Landowner Association was promising.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who came from far and wide to help in the booth. A special thanks to Bob Currie for setting up a display with his restored two furrow walking plow and a huge stone engraved with the word WELCOME.







The Signs of Fall



by Marlene Black

Inope this finds you all well and carrying on despite the horrific news stories that are flashing across our television screens. It is difficult to understand the dynamics and complexities of faraway countries that have issues so deeply ingrained that it's hard to sift through the realities of it all. We can only hope and pray that peaceful solutions will come eventually for all those suffering from the agonies of war.

It leaves me with a deeper appreciation for the freedom and safety that we experience as Canadians. We have troubles and many issues to deal with but they pale in comparison to what so many people across the globe are dealing with.

With the coolness of autumn approaching, it seems that we have lots of outside activities to tackle. As well as gathering food from the garden, picking apples and pumpkins comes to mind. Lately I have been peeling apples and making applesauce or freezing apple slices for use in pies or muffins some winter day. As well, my son arrived with a large basket of carrots which I peeled, chopped and blanched for the freezer. I was very lucky to have my oldest granddaughter drop-in after school to see what activity was going on and eagerly jump in to help. A few batches of pumpkins in the oven as



well gave us lots of cooked food to make more muffins and pies with.

Tom has fun each morning counting all the new ducks that have flown in to join our multi-breed tame ducks. He raised three wild ducks in the incubator from a pile of eggs that he found when cleaning the manure pile. They hatched out and became a fixture in our yard as they mixed in with the 45 tame ducks that Tom has acquired. As they started flying out to our pond, we noticed some real wild ducks joining in with them and every day, there seemed to be more. Recently we counted about 106 wild ducks that fly in to float in our pond and then walk across the grass to eat the barley and oats that Tom throws on the ground. They are too nervous to eat out of the duck bowl but will gather around the food on the ground. We hope that they haven't lost any foraging skills as Tom feeds them breakfast and supper each day. It is quite a sight to see them all walking, almost in single file, across our yard every morning to eat and then fly on mass back to the pond.

It's been a crazy year for the school children in our area. We seem to have lost hundreds of buses and there is an extreme shortage of bus drivers. Just days before school started my daughters received word that there would be no buses, perhaps for the full year. So day one started out with parents across the city delivering and picking up their children from school. The traffic was backed up for miles around all these schools as parents patiently waited for the lines of cars to crawl along the road, then turn into the school yard where they gathered their children. Then after a few short

weeks of this new routine, parents received an email announcing that there would be a bus for some high school students and so it was back on the bus. But that excitement was short lived. Overnight, parents were informed that there would be no bus in the morning and maybe for the whole year. We are in limbo for the time being never knowing if the bus that picked them up would return to bring them home. So school kids are having to adapt to an unpredictable school environment which in our day, would have been unthinkable. Will the schools close down, will the bus come today and maybe not tomorrow, will our teachers

still be teaching? Quite a difficult challenge to navigate the craziness that we seem to be experiencing when it comes to schooling our children.

I continue to enjoy growing microgreens and learning how to do it better. There are many variables that go into have a successful crop and even forgetting one water feeding can leave them lying flat in the morning. A fun challenge.

I hope that everyone has good health and is ready to tackle the approaching cooler weather. I am not sure that I'm ready for it. Florida anyone??







NEW WINS! 2020-2023 CONGRATULATIONS LANDOWNERS!

TREE PRESERVATION BY-LAW — Since 2019 a very small but persistent group of Landowners have been stopping a "Tree Preservation By-law" in the Town of the Blue Mountains. In December 2018 staff/council decided they wanted to repeal the existing "tree by-law" that limited is jurisdiction to municipal properties only and create a new "modernized" "tree by-law." This "modernization" would include the Hammer of Thor with applications for permits estimated up to \$4,500.00 and if you needed to supply and Environmental Impact Study — up to and/or over \$50,000.00. Don't think this is over...the last defeated one, again, is merely put on the back burner for a month or so and then they'll try again!...Thanks to Bob Weirmeir and those very persistent Landowners.

CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES – In late 2019 – early 2020 members of the OLA Executive, attended a number of meetings with the provincial government, regarding the Conservation Authorities (C.A.s). This representation is priceless because in 2020 the Conservation Authorities were put on notice, by the government, that they were to be put back to their original mandate. This was great news for all Landowners throughout Ontario! This has been on-going, over the past few years, and there has been good response from the government in regards to our continued advocacy of upholding private property/land rights v. the C.A.s. This work continues but without the hard work of the OLA Members and Executive we wouldn't be nearly as far along as we are.

RESEARCHER DOES GOOD - In 2020 Elizabeth (Liz) Marshall had been elected as Chairperson for the Canadian Justice Review Board (CJRB). This was a 2 year stint and during that time the CJRB made comment to the federal government on a number federal bills, senate bills, and the actions of the federal government. She communicated to the Government that the Emergencies Act usage did not meet the criteria allowed (whether Justice Rouleau determine otherwise or not). September 11, 2001 Canada did not implement the Emergencies Act, even though the U.S. Declared Article 5 of NATO – "an attack on one is an attack on all"...that was the bar to be met and the Convoy most certainly did not meet that bar. Seems certain governments continue to use the term "modernizing" to mean just about anything, don't they??? That's for you to decide...and now it will be up to the Courts.

SUPREME COURT OF CANADA – WIN!!! A major win for the OLA, as intervenors, was the "Annapolis Group Inc. v. Halifax Regional Municipality, 2022 SCC 36," where private property/land rights were upheld at the Supreme Court of Canada. With the ruling one might think Liz was whispering in the Judge's ear. Mind you, she did say it didn't go far enough –

but this was a very good ruling, in favour of/for the people of Canada and for all private land/property rights. Let's hope this trend continues.

UPDATE – It seems the trend is continuing. In 2016 the Lynchs' won – not only in Newfoundland – but they also won at the SCC. The municipality they won against doesn't want to pay fairfull compensation for the egregious expropriation it implemented – so the Lynchs' are headed to the SCC and we're head there with them!... Again – let's hope this trend continues of putting municipalities on notice that property rights are constitutionally alive and well, living in Canada!

GREY HIGHLANDS LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION – In July the Mun. of Grey Highlands presented to the public an horrific new ZONING BY-LAW. This document says "there needs to be a balance between private property rights and the public good." And that statement is correct – but that statement DOES NOT MEAN government get's to tell you that your property, in the rural area, will all be agricultural so you can't get a severance; it doesn't mean they can tell you that the public interest is "walkable towns" or "complete communities"; it does not mean the municipal staff can tell you to get permits to reinsulate your home; and it most certainly does not allow municipalities to violate provincial or federal law! All of that said a couple of fellows who work and live in Grey Highlands heard about the OLA – they contacted Bob Weirmeir and decided to start a "municipal landowners association." In 3 months, they have over 40 members and are growing. These fellows are out and about talking with folks, letting them know what's going wrong and that we, as a group, are trying to fix things through education and communication with our elected officials. That's the end game – get the elected officials to do their jobs and teach them what their jobs are...even if they don't like it...

HALIBURTON – HERE COMES THE LANDOWNERS! – Waterfront property owners have had enough of the municipalities trying to take their land! Seems the Council and staff just keep taking and taking with no concern about or for the property owners. Enough is enough!

OLA AND DUFFERIN LANDOWNERS – INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH!

Again, a GREAT SUCCESS! We also have to give a BIG shout out to Bob Weirmeir for all of his hard work helping to organize (he's done it so many times that it was in good hands), as well as the members of the Dufferin L.A. Not to mention all of the active volunteers who took their time to attend to educate interested people about their rights and responsibilities...

These are just a very few things the **OLA** and the various County and now municipal Chapters/Groups have been doing. Numbers matter – so if you want private property rights, if you want government to actually uphold the law as it was intended; if you want to learn and make change... **THE ONTARIO LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION IS FOR YOU!**



The Ontario Landowners AGM A Great Success

At last, the long awaited gathering of landowners for their 2023 AGM, arrived. On a cool, somewhat sunny October 21 morning, over 100 people drove through some beautiful countryside to arrive at the Douro-Dummer Community Centre situated in this rural county at the crossroads of County Rd 8 and highway 28.

Bob Weirmeir, Vice President of the group got the show rolling with the administrative duties of elections. It was a short event. All positions were acclaimed. Jeff Bogaerts will continue as the President, Bob Weirmeir and Donna Burns as the two Vice Presidents, with governors Stefanos Karatopis, Russ Robson, Vaughn Johnstone and new governor, Jean-Serge Brisson. A big thank you from everyone for their continued commitment.

President Jeff Bogaerts gave a detailed summary of what the OLA has been up to. The early years of the landowners were filled with more demonstrations, rallies, protests at Queens Park and Parliament Hill and blockades but those can't go on forever and new ways of working with government were attempted. The landowners were able to get Randy Hillier and Jack MacLaren elected to Queen's Park which was a huge accomplishment. Acknowledging that the recent years of inactivity due to Covid and missed meetings has been difficult for everyone, the OLA was able to continue regular zoom meetings with the executive to keep everyone informed. The big news was that the OLA had been asked to be intervenors in two Supreme Court cases involving property rights. That was exciting news and we accepted.



Tom Black and Jack MacLaren, both past presidents of the Ontario Landowners Association gave people a brief description of some of the cases that were successful during their time at the helm. Tom spoke of the two years when the Canada/USA border was closed during the "Mad Cow Crisis" which was the catalyst to bring tractors on the highways. A copy of the cheque that a farmer received showed 2 cents a pound for his 1500 pound cow was just one example of the devastating consequences of that border shutdown. Tom and Jack also had many meetings and standoffs with conservation authorities who seemed to have no appreciation for property rights or the damage their interference in peoples lives, was doing. Jack spoke of rescuing horses up in Manitoulin Island as well as his ordeal in Horton Township where the landowners were supporting a farmer who was concerned about a proposed sewage tank directly across the road from his milk tank. Jack and several other landowners ended up in court for their efforts and the charges were eventually dropped because no one could prove "who put the bale of hay across the door of the township". Those were definitely interesting, exciting, unpredictable and occasionally dangerous years but there was a farm friendly media in those days and landowner photos in the papers were almost a weekly event.

Tony Kaluzny and Joan Olech were next and were there to inform us of their combined efforts and frustrations in their Crown Patent Court case. It was obvious from their ordeal in getting the courts to acknowledge our rights, that no one in authority was prepared to open that door and so we soldier on, recognizing that our land was granted to us by the King, through our Crown Land grants with rights that were written down. The problem is that there are many bureaucratic organizations that think they have rights over our land and have made it their mission to exercise those false rights

by writing and passing a long list of bylaws to legalize theft. The old saying holds, "If you don't know your rights, you don't have any".

Liz Marshall, researcher for the OLA explained how the municipalities have been walking over people without following the laws that are in place for counselors and mayors to follow. She talked about the Municipal Act and how it has to be read in its entirety to understand the limitations put on mayors/ counselors to make laws. They cannot pass laws that interfere with another law. Liz has written a book, Property Rights 101 which goes into great detail about where we got our rights from, what our rights and responsibilities are and the erosion of our rights. She is a wealth of knowledge and has recognized that many town councils are passing bylaws that would not stand up in court. The problem with that is the high cost of fighting in court against government.

After lunch we were introduced to Maggie Hope Braun, founder of Gather 2030 which is a community based organization of people working with their municipalities. She was very concerned about the signing onto the UN Agenda 21 in 1992 and feels that we need to be aware of other influences that are changing our lives and not for the better.



Guest Speaker Maggie Hope Braun

Tom Marazzo, our final speaker is a retired member of the armed forces and who was often the face on television speaking to the cameras to update them on the Trucker's Convoy. After retirement from the armed forces, he taught at a Community College until September 2021 when he was fired for questioning the legality of the vaccine mandates. He saw first hand what the law will do to people who aren't in step with the government agenda. He has written a book, The People's Emergency Act, Freedom Convoy 2022 which is available on Amazon. Tom now says that he divides his workload or objectives into 3 boxes but focuses on changing those situations that he has control of and tries not to get too involved in events that he can not control.

The event wrapped up with a question and answer period with all speakers at the front ready to hear the concerns and questions from people in the audience. It was a great end to a super day.



Guest Speaker Tom Marazzo



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News from Eastern Ontario Landowners



I am pleased to announce that a video of our very successful Annual General Meeting on October 21, 2023 is now available.

Youtube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM8AW9i2-Fs

Download video

https://eojeom.fromsmash.com/OLA-AGM-2023-Full-Video

I will also be making clips of this video to upload later. We had over 100 people in attendance, many of whom were new to the OLA.

Your new Executive for 2023-2024 is:

Jeff Bogaerts, President

Donna Burns, Vice President

Bob Weirmeir, Vice President

Governors:

Stefanos Karatopis

Vaughn Johnson

Russ Robson

Jean-Serge Brisson

This event would not have been possible without the dedicated volunteers who made it happen:

Donna Burns - catering and hall rental, promotion and registration

Bob Weirmeir - Master of Ceremonies

Russ Robson - videographer

Shirley Dolan, Marlene Black, Janie Ralph, Janet MacLaren and Greg Mount - registration, raffle ticket sales, memberships

Shirley Dolan, Marlene Black, Greg Mount, Jean-Serge Brisson, Elizabeth Marshall - items donated for the raffle

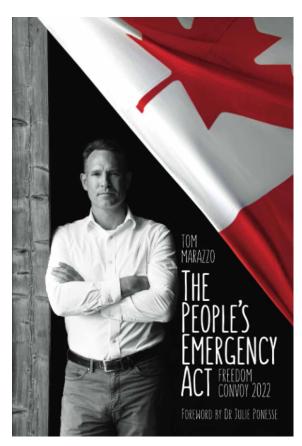
Special thanks to our fabulous guest speakers: Jeff Bogaerts, Tom Black, Jack MacLaren, Tony Kaluzny, Joan Olech, Elizabeth Marshall, Maggie Hope Braun, and Tom Marazzo.

And last, but certainly not least, an enormous thanks to all who attended our meeting.

Stay tuned for the next one!

Shirley Dolan, Eastern Ontario Landowners





THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY ACT

Set the true story and behind the scenes accounts of how this amazing event played out and how this simple act of resistance woke up the whole world....

At the OLA annual general meeting seems to be an unlikely candidate to be one of the faces representing the truckers convoy. For one, he is not a truck driver and for two, the border crossing shutdown that affected so many truckers, wouldn't seem to directly affect him. But he was at home and not at work because of his deep conviction that the governments lockdown mandates were wrong. For this, he lost his job. He wrote a book "The People's Emergency Act" and it sells on Amazon. Below is the write up that you will find on the site:

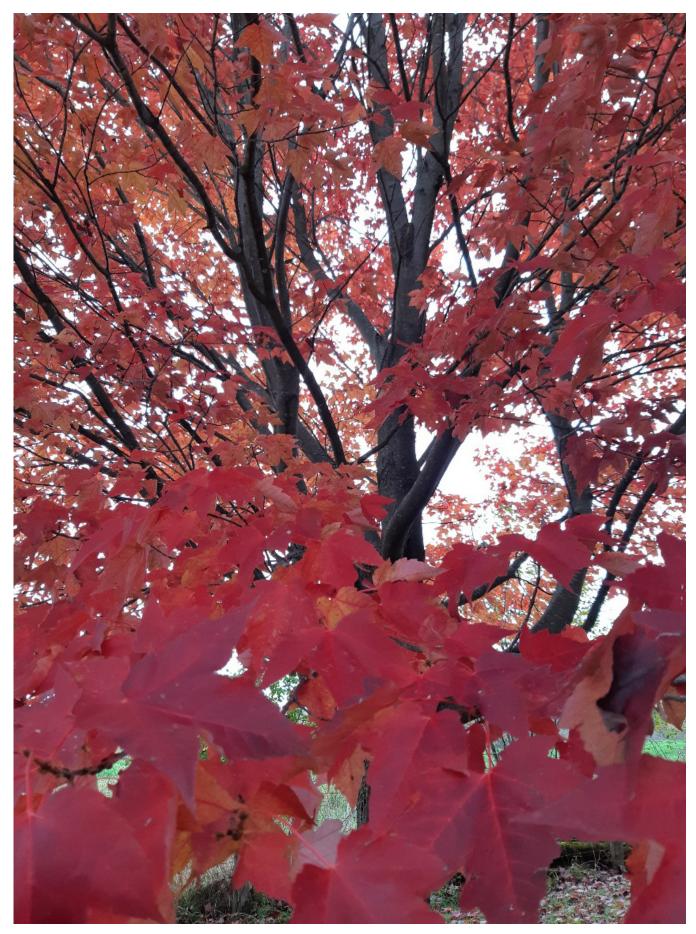
"On a quiet Sunday morning in January, nestled in the comfort of home making pancakes with his daughter, Tom Marazzo found himself on the precipice of a pivotal moment in Canadian history. From watching an emotional video shared by Chris Vanden Bos, a friend and the founder of 'Police on Guard for Thee,' to receiving an unexpected call for his expertise, he was swiftly drawn

into the whirlwind of the Freedom Convoy.

This isn't just any insider story. 'The People's Emergency Act' is a raw, firsthand account of a retired Canadian Army officer's unforeseen entanglement with the Freedom Convoy. Guided by years of military leadership and strategy, Tom found himself at the crossroads of activism and his past military career, helping to shape the direction of a movement that swept the nation.

From the spirited highways filled with flagwaving Canadians to the streets of Ottawa, this book charts an unexpected journey of duty, passion, and challenge. Beyond the crowds and the chaos lay a deeply personal story of conviction and the transformative power of collective belief."

Dive deep into Tom's world, where life's calm can shift to storm in hours, and discover why when history came calling, he answered.





"THE COMMON GOOD" and "THE PUBLIC INTEREST"

by Liz Marshall

"The rule is the public good is always paramount but never when it is at the expense of a private individual." [i] (1)

STALIN AND MAO: MARXISM TWO WAYS[ii] (2)

"Stalin ..., yet there was always a looming presence of corruption and elite privilege that created resentment in the average citizens who recognized the contradiction in the inequality and exploitation, and as a result, were often unwilling to follow party orders to work harder for the common good."

"... Mao followed Stalin's social and economic development principles;... Mao pushed selfless dedication to the common good and ideal social behavior, often expressed in simple maxims."

These are statements in reference to the Hegelian philosophy. Karl Marx followed what was referred to as the Hegelian "Dialectic" [iii] (3) which is just a \$50.00 term for a discussion. The problem with the Hegelian philosophy is that it removes the inviolable rights of the people and replaces these rights or gives control of these rights over to the bureaucrats/legislators. It also is a philosophy that makes the state supreme over the people instead of the people being supreme over the state. It makes the people the servants of the public (state).

Hitler was a follower of the Hegelian philosophy, as did and do, the majority of the communist and/or socialist societies. The Hegelian doctrine has been with us since shortly

before the First World War and, it would seem, is also the foundation of the United Nations as it seems the UN is constantly interfering with so many countries sovereignty and advising said countries to violate their foundational documents – being those nations constitutions. Statements in the Treaty of Versailles show us this is the case.

This philosophy is now part of the Canadian and American society, and is part of our education system. This may be the reason why so many of us know something is very wrong, in Canada and the U.S., but don't know why or how this has happened.

In Ontario, in 1968 Justice Emmett Hall coauthored a report on education. Judge Emmett Hall followed the Hegelian Philosophy.[iv] (4) One statement that came out of his report was:

"Seen in this light, ours is no vision of education for a provincial priority or traditional national pride, ... At no time in our history have we had a better vantage point from which to view the role of Canadians in the affairs of man. Perhaps, too, no better opportunity has been offered to transcend the ordinary conditions of our free society and reach a new plateau of human commitment to the common good."[v] (5)

P.M. Pierre Trudeau was considered Canada's greatest Hegelian[vi] (6) and this may be why the statements of:

"Trudeau may actually be Canada's best Hegelian... The centrality of public servants in the Canadian fabric is another aspect of the Canadian Hegel craze. ... This is the class of education and government employment; the class in which language and thought, as opposed to the market principle, dominate.... Pierre Trudeau, ...Because of the close relationship of the Canadian state with culture, even some of our greatest artists have doubled as bureaucrats."[vii] (7)

"That certainly sounds Hegelian, which, of course, suggests that the Charter of Rights possesses a Hegelian pedigree....Max Nemni, Trudeau, he says, "considers that economics must contribute to the common good, as must every important social field of endeavour." [viii] (8)

"Perhaps we can make an intuitive leap from Florentine Italy to the true potentialities of today's Canada ... just witness our present-day Cesare Borgia, otherwise known (by some) as Mr. Prime Minister, also a Hegelian (if you recall the realpolitik of Hegel). In other words, everyone can be considered a Hegelian in Canada - even the ones who are not." [ix] (9)

The Hegelian philosophy isn't anything new. Throughout history people have had to deal with delusional oppressive rulers, who, during their time, felt they were above the people and most certainly were "Godlike" themselves. This has been documented throughout history with people like: Julius Caesar, William the Conqueror, King John, Genghis Khan, Wilhelm II, Mussolini, Hitler, Viscount Haldane, Trudeau, etc. They all felt they were "God-like" because in their thought process they could give the "thumbs up or

down", determining who lives and who dies, who gains and who loses. Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel didn't come up with anything new in his philosophy. And neither has his followers-believers. They merely call their religion by a different name, whereas the term for it, during the World Wars was the "Axis of Evil." [x] (10) To me this is merely a religious cult not acting in the best interest of any society.

So now we have those people who follow the Hegelian philosophy. They are the elitists who arrogantly think they are above the average person because they attend the so-called "halls of higher knowledge". They feel, in their "entitlement," that they have a deeper thought process than the rest of the people which makes them think that they are "entitled to their entitlements;"[xi] (11) that they should be our leaders, when in fact, throughout history they rise and they, most certainly, fall. It only took Rome 400 or so years, it only took Wilhelm II - 4 years, Hitler - 6 years, and for what? They, following Hegel's philosophy, think they are God.

The elitists who subscribe to the Hegelian philosophy know that the majority of us have never heard of Hegelianism and they believe that we a lesser than they are because of our lack of information on this doctrine.

We are not. We merely have better things to do with our lives, like survive and make a better place for our children. They, on the other hand, feel that because we haven't subscribed to the halls of post-secondary academia, we are subservient to them and that we must "follow party orders to work harder for the common good" and that we are the servants of the public servants and that the public service/bureaucrats are our Masters. After all, to them the legislators /bureaucrats are to know best and we are merely the uneducated mass.[xii]{12}

This is where we need to begin to use and understand their terminology. The scariest thing for those who would think and behave as if they are above us is for us to know their language and to use it against them. Remember they are the failed Hegelians, they need the state to guide them. Without the state regulating and dictating to them, they haven't any ability to live, work, think, survive. This is because they feel the state is above YOU and that they are above the inviolable rights of man. Whereas we are the independent thinkers who have more thought, more innovation, more creativity, more caring, more strength and more heart than they could ever have. Again, this is nothing new, it merely has a different name and the new weapon of choice being the "environment," the "public interest" or the "common good".

At one time our Legislators knew and understood what they were to uphold. In Ontario Legislative Assembly, February 11, 1965, it was stated:

"The rule is the public good is always paramount but never when it is at the expense of a private individual." [xiii] (13)

Truly something to think about, wouldn't one agree?

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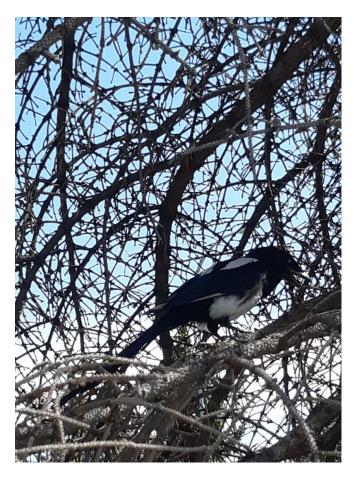
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then Opposition Leader Stephen Harper, portrayed the Dingwall case as a sign of Liberal misspending, accusing him of wasting taxpayers' money on reimbursement claims for expensive meals, excessive travel and even a pack of chewing gum. In the midst of the controversy over his resignation and compensation package, Dingwall drew the scorn of opposition parties when he said the now notorious words to a Commons committee: "I'm entitled to my entitlements." Harper's party picked up the phrase and used it repeatedly as an example of Liberal arrogance during the campaign leading up to the Jan. 23, 2006, general election. In fact, an independent audit of the expenses by accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers later found that more than 70 per cent of them were incurred by other employees in Dingwall's office at the Mint, and that all the payments had been properly approved under the Crown corporation's guidelines. A second independent review by law firm Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt concluded the governance of expendures at the Mint went "well beyond what one could expect to find in most private-sector corporations." http:// www.cbc.ca/m/touch/news/canada/story/2012/04/23/polexpense-scandals-list.html as of August 22, 2012

[xii] Why They Behave Like Russians, by John Fischer.

[xiii] 12 Mr. Gisborn, Ontario Legislative Assembly, February 11, 1965 Volume 1, Page 478





WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR MUNICIPAL COUNCILS?

Heard the statement "You won't own anything..." by World Economic Forum's Klaus Schwab or, maybe you remember Justin Trudeau saying "...now's the time for a new reset" in early 2020. Or maybe, some of you remember Justin Trudeau in 2021 committing to spend \$55 million on the United Nations initiative for land "degradation" to (he says) "protect the ecosystems". Did he mean putting that \$55 million dollars to the poor job his government has done in protecting and caring for the Crown land or, is this his promise to the likes of Klaus Schwab to take land away from the people who's put the entire life savings in maintaining and caring for that land because their livelihood depends on it?

Are you paying attention to what your municipal councils are doing? Are you attending their special meetings inviting the public to hear their change to Zoning Bylaws as part of their Official Plan? You should be, if you are not. Because, this is how YOUR ownership of property is being stolen away from you right out from under your nose. It would appear the elected municipal councils are being used to do just that following the path of the World Economic Forum (WEF)-- "you won't own anything". I believe it was February 2022 WEF Klaus Schwab was recorded on tape saying how "proud he was of Justin Trudeau because more than half of his Cabinet are part of the World Economic Forum". The WEF is a "public-private" non-government international organization who engage foremost political, business, cultural and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas. Now you

understand where Trudeau's remark "time for a new reset" came from.

So, it would appear, municipal councils (who are NOT a legislative body of government) and the lowest tier of government that could easily be removed by the provinceare being used and manipulated to do "indirectly" what our "legislative bodies of government (provincial and federal) cannot do "directly" themselves – unlawfully create regulations to remove property ownership from the people! And it seems the CAO'S (Chief Administrative Officers) and Planners are working collectively to control the municipal council members and manipulate them into adopting Official Plan bylaws and Zoning Bylaws by encouraging the council members to listen and trust them to do what's best for the municipal corporation. Many municipal councillors are led to believe it is NOT their job to read the Municipal Act or the Planning Act or any other legislative act. How would they get this idea if, in fact, they weren't already told this by the senior staff members. The province puts out a document called the Municipal Councillors Guide. The whole purpose of this document is for municipal council members to read and follow so that they WILL KNOW and UNDERSTAND what their roles are – so they will know WHERE their authority lies WHEN they exercise their powers. But seemingly, it appears they are discouraged from learning their roles. Is that so staff can manipulate them into approving unlawful bylaws against private property owners and then use these unlawful bylaws as a means to charge fines or collect "fees" as additional revenue for the municipal

corporation? Municipal Councils act like puppets who bobble their heads up and down. Whyis it because they unknowingly give away their power to the CAO's through their "Delegations of Authority"?. Afterall, if they don't understand their roles or understand how to exercise their powers of authority then how hard would it be to give it away? That's the same with owning property as a private property owner, if you don't understand the power you have and don't understand the limitations a municipal government has in regulating private property through their bylaws then how hard would it be for you to unknowingly give away your rights?

Under the authority of the Municipal Act, municipal councils are the board of directors for the municipal corporation. It is THEY who direct the staff on what to do not the other way around. Yet, their are CAO's who don't allow the municipal council members to have any interaction with the members of the public in the "Public Meetings" ... the CAO's have the council members' email communication set up so that it can be screened by the staff who shall determine what they receive or send out. It seems they create these "policies" and "procedures" to instruct the council members to follow, which are not LAW ... yet the LAW (Municipal Act) is bypassed and hidden behind their "policies and procedures". The CAO'S are like the Great Wall who keep the elected officials separated from the people. The municipal councils, especially the newer ones, are made to believe this is normal; and of course, they don't realize any difference because they are not directed to read the Municipal Act or the Planning Act or even the provincial document called the Municipal Councillors Guide that clearly explains their roles, where their authority lies and the powers they have to exercise their authority. I wonder how

many municipal councils realize that under the authority of the Municipal Act, they are not required to have a CAO – they do require a Clerk, but not necessarily a CAO. This is a POWER that municipal councils have and should acknowledge especially, when they may learn that their Official Plans and Zoning Bylaws that are presented to them by their senior staff are unlawfully written and created to be used against private property owners where they don't legally have the authority to enforce. When a municipal council sits before the public, and under the instructions of the CAO do not interact with the public, but learn from the public that their proposed changes in the Zoning Bylaws and/or Official Plan are not lawful and do not comply to the authority of the Legislative Acts (Municipal Act, Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement). Wouldn't you think they would feel a little embarrassed and maybe a little bit angry because now they've been made to appear (in the eyes of the public) to look very stupid and uncaring?

This is what is written in the Legislation concerning Official Plans and Zoning Bylaws – this is what the municipal councils **should** be aware of when they bring these proposed changes to the Official Plans and Zoning Bylaws to you. I am sure many of you who have attended the Public Meetings have heard of proposed changes to restrict and regulate YOUR private properties making you believe that THEY have the authority and jurisdiction to do so. This is FALSE

UNDERSTANDING HOW MUNICIPALITES WORK:

Municipalities are a "service" corporation that were created by the province to provide "services" to the people who reside within that municipal geographical boundary. The property owners within these geographical boundaries are basically the investors – they purchased the land for

development. As land develops, it increases in value and attracts more developers. The increase in value naturally increases the tax base revenue for the municipal corporation. Municipalities have to provide good public services to draw the people to their geographical location and invest in land and property. The same as a business corporation has to provide good products to draw the public to come in and purchase their product. Municipalities are regulated under the authority of the Municipal Act of Ontario in how they must operate. Business corporations are regulated under the Corporations Act of Ontario on how they must operate. Instead of board of directors being appointed to protect the interests of the shareholders of a business corporation, municipalities have "elected" municipal councillors (elected by the people) who are there to protect the interests of those investors of the municipality. As such, whenever, they decide to make a change that will affect the operation of the municipality, municipal councils are required (under their Legislative authority) to hold public meetings and inform the property owners/ investors, etc. of any proposed change. They are also required under the authority of the Municipal Act to be accountable for their actions and be transparent in what they do or plan to do.... to the public. This is the same where a board of directors would be required to be accountable and transparent to their shareholders/investors of their business corporation. Simply put It's all about the municipality must **IMPROVE** THE SERVICES in order to maintain their existence. Every action they make, must be done in the form of a BYLAW. Example, if the staff want to purchase a piece of equipment, they have to create a Bylaw wherein they have requested it, and their Council Members have approved it. This now becomes a documented record to show

the proof of this purchase. The same with making a change in the operation of the municipality. Example, they recommend all doors in their public buildings be painted in rainbow colours. Staff have to justify the reason for this change and then seek the approval of the Council members. If Council approves, it becomes a documented record in the form of a Bylaw to proceed with that change. However, at the same time, the municipal council have to KNOW where their authority lies because they are bound by the Municipal Act of Ontario. They would have to know if such a Bylaw would be lawful under the Human Rights Code. That is a requirement in understanding where their authority lies and under what circumstances they can exercise their powers when approving Bylaws. They would only know that ... IF they read the Municipal **Councillors Guide:**

Section 7 – Councillors as Lawmakers:

https://www.ontario.ca/document/ ontario-municipal-councillors-guide/7councillors-lawmakers This section refers to Municipal Councils as the Lawmakers and recommends they familiarize themselves with reading the Municipal Act, the Planning Act, the Constitution, the Charter of Rights & Freedoms and the Human Rights Code as well as other legislative acts that may affect municipal activity such as the Line Fences Act, Building Code Act, 1992, Police Services Act, Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and the Ontario Works Act, 1997. These and most other government of Ontario statutes are available online.

IF they read the <u>Municipal Act of</u>
Ontario, they would also learn that they only

have powers of a "natural person"

Section 9: Powers of a natural person: A municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act. (*Note: "its" ... meaning municipal authority*)

In understanding what a "natural person" is, it is defined as: In jurisprudence, a *natural* person is a person that is an individual human being, distinguished from the broader category of a legal person, which may be a private or public organization.

Refer to Section 1 of the Municipal Act: Interpretations where it states: "person" includes a municipality unless the context otherwise requires; Therefore, since the "context" is stated in section 9 of this Act, a municipality has the powers of a "natural person" or an individual human being would that not mean a municipality, being an individual human being, has no more power to exercise their authority on your property or my private property than you or I, being a natural person or human being, would have no more power to exercise our authority on municipal or public property or any other persons property. Simply put meaning that a municipality cannot enforce regulation (a bylaw) on property not belonging to them.

Municipal Councils have LIMITATIONS when approving Bylaws for the Municipality. This is expressed under Section 11 of the Municipal Act of Ontario:

Section 11: Bylaws: A lower and upper tier municipality **may pass bylaws** subject to the rules in subsection (4) respecting the following matters:

- 1. Governance structure of the municipality and its local boards.
- 2. Accountability and transparency of the municipality and its operations and of its

local boards and their operations.

- 3. Financial management of the municipality and its local boards.
- 4. <u>Public assets of the municipality</u> <u>acquired</u> for the purpose of <u>exercising its</u> <u>authority under this or any other Act</u>.
- 5. Economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality, including respecting climate change. (See O. Reg. 599/06)
- 6. Health, safety and well-being of persons.
- 7. Services and things that the municipality is authorized to provide under subsection (1).
- 8. Protection of persons and property, including consumer protection.

As you can see from what is written above, these Bylaws they may pass (not shall pass) are pertaining to public services because that is THEIR job – to provide public services! The ONLY thing concerning "private property" is when they have "acquired" private property; and once they acquire it, it then becomes a "public asset" belonging to the municipality. As written above in item (4) Public Assets must be acquired before they can exercise their authority. How can they acquire it? Either through purchase, lease or expropriation. Lease would be an "agreement" and that would be registered on the Title to the Property. Another option could be, if a private property owner <u>dedicated</u> his land or a portion of to the municipality And that, too, would be in the form of an agreement. Nowhere is it written in this Act, or any other Act, where a municipality can create a bylaw to regulate private property without the consent of the property owner.

Official Plans and Zoning Bylaws:

When a municipality creates an Official Plan and adopts it, it becomes a Bylaw;

and as stated above, the Bylaws cannot be enforced on private property or any property not belonging to the municipality.

The province requires that municipalities create a new Official Plan every 10 years and update them every 5 years. Official Plans are not legislation – they are a "plan" – a plan that will affect the operation of the municipal corporation and therefore needs to be brought to the attention of the public for their consent and approval. Once the council gets the consent from the people, then they take it before the province, and the province approves it (assuming the public have approved it) where it then becomes officially approved.

However, when creating the Official Plan (which is about improving the infrastructure to improve the services for the public use) the municipality must meet certain requirements....AND that is very important. How these Official Plans are "presented" to the public and how they imply to the public what their jurisdiction allows is very disturbing and in most cases, very dishonest.

Under the authority of the Planning Act of Ontario (section 3), the Official Plan must comply to the Provincial Policy Statement. That means, the Municipal Council must KNOW what the Provincial Policy Statement says. That's very important because it clarifies quite clearly what LANDS within the municipality would fall under the Official Plan. Municipal Councils NEED to know what lands within the municipality they can plan for future development because the Official Plans are about "improving the infrastructure – providing better services for public use.; Since municipalities can only regulate (through bylaw) on lands the municipality has already acquired as a public asset then why are their official plans and zoning bylaws (which are part of the official

plan) written up and presented to the public that they have the jurisdiction to regulate private properties? The CAO's and Planners would certainly be aware of this information, but are they not informing their council members of this?

PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT:

This is the actual wording written within the Provincial Policy Statement (the CAO's and Planners would know this):

Legislative Authority:

The Provincial Policy Statement is issued under the <u>authority of section 3 of the Planning Act</u> and came into effect on May 1, 2020. In respect of the <u>exercise of any authority</u> that affects a planning matter, section 3 of the Planning Act requires that decisions affecting planning matters <u>"shall be consistent with" policy statements issued under the Act.</u>

Therefore, under the Legislative Authority of the Planning Act – that municipalites must comply to -- they are legislated to be <u>"consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement"</u> when creating their Official Plans and Zoning Bylaws.

Preamble of Provincial Policy Statement states in its first sentence:

The Provincial Policy Statement provides policy direction on <u>matters of provincial interest</u> related to land use planning and development.

So, what are "matters of provincial interest"? Since municipalities are bound to work under the authority of the Planning Act, they need to look at the definitions in the Planning Act (sec. 2) to understand what "matters of provincial interest are" and remain consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. Private Property is not listed as "matters of provincial interest" in the definition of the Planning Act.

PLANNING ACT OF ONTARIO:

Section 1 explains the purpose of this Act.

- (a) to promote sustainable economic development in a healthy natural environment within the policy and by the means provided under this Act;
- (b) to provide for a land use planning system **led by provincial policy**:
- (c) to integrate <u>matters of provincial</u> <u>interest</u> in provincial and <u>municipal</u> <u>planning decisions</u>;
- (d) to provide for planning processes that are fair by making them open, accessible, timely and efficient;
- (e) to encourage co-operation and coordination among various interests;
- (f) to recognize the decision-making authority and accountability of municipal councils in planning. 1994,

Again, it's all about municipal planning on LANDS belonging to the province or the municipality. There is nothing here that speaks to private property.

- Section 14.7 says": if LAND in a municipal planning area is covered by an Official Plan, the parts of the official plan that affect land in the municipal planning area, then that land will be the Official Plan under the municipal planning authority.

 Municipal planning areas are lands already owned or acquired by the Province or Municipality such as Crown, provincial and municipal lands, including parks, in the Greenbelt Plan, Niagara Escarpment Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan
- Section 16 states that an official shall have goals, objectives and policies established "to manage and direct physical change and the effects on the social, economic, built and natural environment of the municipality".

Note the word "manage" meaning WHERE the municipality has been granted the authority to control and manage.... (i.e. public assets belonging to the municipality such as garbage dumps, parks and recreation, etc)

• Section 58 refers to the Acquisition of Land and states: The Municipal Act 2001 or the City of Toronto Act 2006, as the case may be, applies to the acquisition of land under this Act.

So, in other words, the "Acquisition of Land" means, to refer to the Municipal Act. See section 11, subsection (2) part 4 where AFTER the municipality has *acquired* such land, it then becomes a municipal public asset that now gives them the right to exercise their authority and to "plan" for it. <u>Private</u> <u>property IS NOT a "public asset</u>".

As you can see from the information provided Municipalities **DO NOT HAVE**THE AUTHORITY to enforce bylaws or regulation on private property, unless they have acquired that property with the consent of the property owner ... thus making it a "public asset.

I refer you to TWO courts that were heard before the Supreme Court of Canada regarding property rights. In BOTH of these cases, the municipality LOST because they overstepped their authority by interfering with the property owners' ability to develop their properties and attempted to regulate property that does not belong to them. One case is **Annapolis vs.** City of Halifax, N.S. and the second case is Lynch vs. St. Johns, Nfld.

When a municipality attempts to regulate your private property through the Official Plan or Zoning Bylaws and then further punish you with a monetary penalty because you don't comply to their regulation, they have overstepped their lawful authority. That, it would seem, is an Expropriation without Compensation. ** by Donna Burns



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 Co-Vice President - Donna Burns: donnaburns1@bell.net Co-Vice President – Bob Weirmeir: saugeenregionalla@outlook.com

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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-vicepresidents, 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 signup 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 Yakabuski, 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

 $\frac{https://ontariolandowners.ca/news/land-registry-offices-}{closing-to-the-public-by-shirley-dolan/.}$

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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