



Providing ideas to government

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The Ontario Federation of Agriculture is in the business of providing ideas about agriculture and farmers' needs to government. Usually we do that without an invitation, but a week ago a request came to OFA from an Associate Deputy Minister asking for input to the Ministry of Economic Development's 'Open For Business' initiative.

The request for input points out that the initiative is intended to "create a faster, smarter competitive, streamlined modern system that deliver results for Ontario's businesses" – farm businesses included. OFA has long sought such a system within government, so without a doubt, we will be submitting recommendations to the ministry of economic development.

The invitation lists objectives the government has as it moves to "create a stronger and more prosperous Ontario":

- Create open and responsive collaboration between government and business;
- Reduce the burden of government regulation on business;
- Implement enhanced, single-access point services and products, coupled with service guarantees;
- Create a modern regulatory environment that fosters competitiveness and welcomes new business.

Much of this seems to match up very well with what OFA has been taking to government. For some reason specific parts of the message are not registering with the right people at Queen's Park. As an example, we have repeatedly asked the government to modernize its property tax regulations as they deal with agricultural land and farm businesses.

These are changes that would not cost government anything, but would help farmers innovate and build their farming businesses.

OFA has worked to get changes to property tax laws which deal with storage and value retention of farm products, but government has resisted. There seems to be an inability to understand

the difference between retaining the value of a product so it doesn't deteriorate, and adding value like making cherries into pies.

Thankfully, we have made some progress on the Retail Sales Tax subject and now farmers can use their OFA member card to achieve a tax exemption on eligible items at the point of sale. This has eliminated the time-consuming job of applying for the RST rebate.

We have also been successful in getting the province to adjust its regulations as they pertain to land transfer taxes. Now there's an exemption for land sold to family members within a farm corporation and estate trusts.

These issues were on the table for years as OFA kept

lobbying the government for fair and realistic tax laws.

Now we're asking the government to change its regulations surrounding the Farm Business Registration process. Making it easier for beginning farmers to get into the business is essential if we're going to continue farming and food production in Ontario. The changes being sought would allow beginning farmers to get a FBR registration number up front, not creating delays in their ability to qualify for government programs.

Another area needing the province's attention and action is the process of having a livestock valuer attend a farm to determine compensation when wildlife attack farm animals. The process in some municipalities deters farmers from seeking compensation.

OFA is anxious to work with the McGuinty government to get greater efficiencies in place for farmers when they have to do business with government.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT File Number ZBA-28-2008

(1140 Lakeshore Road 101, Part of Lot 17, Concession 8, former Township of Maidstone)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lakeshore will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers, located at 419 Notre Dame Street, Belle River, to consider a proposed zoning by-law amendment under the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

The purpose of the public meeting is to consider a zoning by-law amendment affecting a farmed parcel and a recently severed rural residential lot located at 1140 Lakeshore Road 101, also known as Part of Lot 17, Concession 8, in the former Township of Maidstone, now a portion of the Town of Lakeshore, and as shown on the Key Map below. The subject lands total 29 ± hectares (71 ± acres) in area, and are currently designated and zoned Agricultural under Maidstone's Official Plan and Zoning By-law. The applicants (David and Tina Phillips) are seeking to rezone the farm parcel to prohibit future dwellings. The proposed rezoning will satisfy a condition the recently granted provisional consent to sever (File /032/2008) a surplus dwelling from the farm lot.

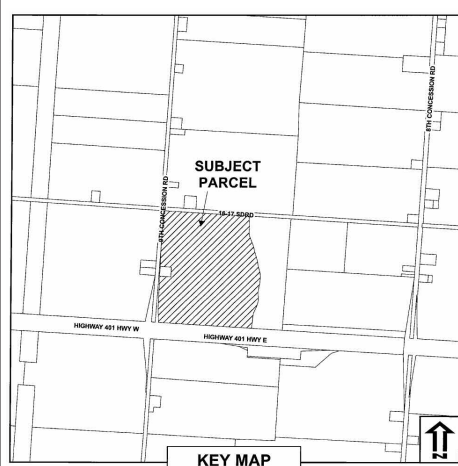
ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law amendment.

If a person or public body that files a notice of appeal of a decision of the Council of the Town of Lakeshore in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment does not make oral submission at a public meeting or written submission to the Town of Lakeshore before the proposed Zoning By-law amendment is adopted, then the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board and may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Lakeshore, at the mailing address listed below.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to this matter is available for review at the Municipal Office during regular office hours. *We cannot guarantee the exact time the application will be considered by Council as the time varies depending on the number of items on the agenda and the complexity of each application brought forward.*

DATED AT THE TOWN OF LAKESHORE THIS 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008.



Information or questions may be directed to:

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Jack Morris Auctions Inc. Auction Sale
Attention Home Improvement Contractors
Skid Steer, Excavator, Dump Truck, Trailers,
Other Construction and Shop Equipment
Saturday, November 22 at 10:30 a.m.

For Tom Krizan of Krizan Waterproofing. Sale will be held at Mr. Krizan's home and business location at 3715 Conc. 3 Harrow, between Walker Road and Arner Town Line.

Skid Steer: New Holland LS170 dsl Turbo Super Boom model w/5' bucket, 2020 hrs. This machine is in very good condition and has had the steering pumps replaced.
Excavator: Kubota KH-41 dsl, 1259 hrs. w/16" bucket, digs to 7' depth. **Truck:** 1987 Ford F800 dump truck w/heavy duty front end, two speed axle, good tires, gas motor, recent safety, 138,000 km. This is a good truck.
Trailers: Kiefer Industrial dual axle low profile tilt trailer approx. 8'x16', w/electric brakes and lights; dual axle 8'c13' steel construction trailer. **Rototiller:** Poulan 5 HP 26" rototiller. **Shop, Cement and Construction Equipment:** power washers, 3 Bosch electric cement breakers; Stihl TS 400 cement saw; chain saw; cement mixers w/motors; wheelbarrows, hand post hole diggers; set of scaffolding w/wheels; jacks; Hilti CX100 nail guns and nails; cement trowels; hand cement float, rebar and other cement equipment; 1/2" electric eel w/50' of coil; plastic and other plumbing supplies; 225 Arc welder; portable air compressor; chain fall; drills; drill bits; wrenches; hand tools; 6"x6" posts; 2x4's; 2" sewer pipe; hand dolly; ladders; tools that need minor repairs; small chain fall; etc. **Turkeys:** pair of Bronze wild turkeys.

No Reserve: Mr. Krizan is scaling back his business to small jobs and maintenance work.

Terms: Cash, debit or personalized cheque day of sale. Owner or auctioneer not responsible for accidents day of sale. Lunch available.

Proprietor: Tom Krizan, 519-738-6677 or cell 519-792-9908
Auctioneer: Jack Morris, 519-687-2530 or 1-800-462-3561
Photos at www.jackmorrisauctions.com

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Christmas Antique Auction

Masonic Hall, 30 Laird Street, Essex
Friday, November 21, 6 p.m. Preview 5 p.m.
Selling for the Estate of Howard E. Jones and others.

Partial List - "Italcraft" diningroom suite (large table, china cabinet, corner curio, entertainment centre), white wicker desk chair, rocker, cedar chest, "Lippert" smoke stand, maple knee hole desk, breakfast table, china cabinet, drop leaf dining table, 5 primitive chairs, 6 hairpin chairs, antique walnut china cabinet, decoys by Tom Taber, Alberta and J. Ferris, Leamington (1952), milk bottles - Christie's, Stacey Bros., Caswell, Hamilton Co-op, Dairyland, Listowel Dairy, St. Thomas Dairy, Rainbow Dairies - Niagara, Twin Pines, Purity, Keewadin, Avon, Kawartha, Mohan-Hunter, etc., vintage milk bottle carrier, "Hanson" model 60# milk scale, selection of fruit jars (Beaver, Atlas, Ball), selection of Christmas bells, 31 day regulator clock,

China/Glassware - Pair of Limoge porcelain candle holders, Baldwin candle holders, Blue Mountain pottery, 15" dia. x 18"H "Limoge" ceramic egg, occupied Japan items, art glass, cut glass sugar/creamer, Depression/Carnival glass, Belleek, James Beam "Democrat and Republican" whiskey bottles, Nippon hat pin holder, 8" H "Roseville" 2 handled Jardiniere, 2 tea sets (one sterling), Rogers flatware set w/chest, cups/sauvers.

Royal Doulton - Marque HN2554 ret 1982, Elyse - HN2429 ret 1995.

Hummel - #74 Little Gardener, Bird on Tree Branch.

Tools, Barbies, early sheet music, auto hood ornaments and licence plates, old toys, Popeye glass stein, old Max Barn lantern, prints, oil paintings, frames, etc.

Jewellery - Circa 1924 Bulova Art Deco 14k gold filled ladies wrist watch, Birks "Eterna" Swiss 14k gold ladies wrist watch, pocket watches, costume jewellery, gold rings, brooches, beads.

Feature Items - "White Rose" petroleum items (Orville Bertrand, Leamington), "The Triumph" hand planter (Leamington hardware), early Coca Cola picnic cooler, vintage metal collection box (Goderich church).

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