

Snow, what snow?

Now I'll be the first to say we've had it pretty good this winter.

Until last week, we've had virtually NO SNOW.

And that works for me.

Now, I did take the snow blower to the local shop to have it rebuilt last fall. It wasn't in a horrible state of repair; more me being totally uncharacteristically proactive. The cutting edge was getting a tad worn down, there was a small hole worn through the blower, and the spout divert-er cable was getting a bit frayed.

So it was rebuild time.

And wasn't I smirking like the cat that swallowed the canary as I drove the trusty old tractor up the road to bring it home, all set to do battle with Old Man Winter.

The forecast of the first storm of winter had me chuckling under my breath like some maniac, to the point where The Sidekick was giving me strange looks as I had a wild look in my eye whenever the weather girl appeared on TV.

There the tractor sat, parked in the shed, clad in tire chains, the cab, auxiliary lighting that would cause the nocturnal species in the world to retreat to the darkness of the wood— all set to go.

But nothing, not one flake of snow.

Now common sense and being of a late-50s age would usually step in and say 'Look at the big picture,' and I did, especially on those early mornings when The Sidekick headed out the lane at 6:45 a.m.

You see, if there's been a snowstorm, that translates into me getting up before 6 a.m. to have the drive cleared for her.

So things were going well, as we 'tolerated' this virtually snow-less winter.

Until last Tuesday.

It was the morning after that big snowstorm— okay, the only snowstorm we've had this year.

Once again I'd been pro-active, making sure the block heater was plugged in the night before, the timer all set to turn it on at 5 a.m., so the engine could crank over

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like it was a sunny morning in May.

Trudging through the darkness to the shed, I fired up the tractor, engaged the blower and backed into the deep snow, watching that drift become airborne, landing yards away in the front field.

Then it happened— the lights went out.

And when the lights went out, the windshield wiper stopped- mid-wipe.

And it was dark.

(Insert profanity here.)

I pressed my nose to the glass of the back window, straining to see the edge of the lane. Backing into one of the maple trees along the lane, and trying to blow it out into the field would not be prudent.

Miraculously, I 'felt' my way along the lane, and as I worked at it, the glow of morning started to creep over the horizon.

So, the job was done, and The Sidekick flew out the lane, driving my SUV, just to be sure.

Friday we had another storm, but I was able to clean it up in daylight.

So, with those two storms, I've had my fill of snow. The snow blower works like a charm, I've had a major triumph over a pile of snow, and The Sidekick got to drive my SUV to work.

Now the sun is shining, making me itchy for dry roads, bare ground, green grass and warm weather. Hey, we're looking at 9C for Sunday.

But before all that happens, we have one more stage we gotta endure.

It's called mud.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION and PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

This is a notice of a Town-wide Zoning By-law Amendment application to consider **Bed and Breakfast Establishments**. The Town is now in the process of reviewing the proposal and you are invited to attend a Public Information Meeting to be held by the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Caledon to consider the proposal. Your attendance and comments at this meeting are welcome as it is your opportunity to learn more about the application and express any opinions that you may have.

DATE: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 | TIME: 7:15 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers, Town Hall, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

SUBJECT PROPERTY

LOCATION: All lands within the Town of Caledon, except those lands within the Niagara Escarpment Development Control Area (not including Terra Cotta, Cheltenham, Inglewood and Mono Mills).

APPLICANT: Town of Caledon

OUR FILE NUMBER: RZ 10-03

PROPOSAL

The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to modify the definition of Bed and Breakfast Establishments and to permit Bed and Breakfasts in some zoning categories.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The purpose and effect of the proposal is to amend Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2006-50, as amended, and Comprehensive Zoning By-law 87-250, as amended, in order to permit Bed and Breakfast Establishments in the Town of Caledon.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

A copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and associated information and material is available to the public for inspection in the Planning and Development Department. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written submissions may be mailed or personally delivered to the Planning and Development Department at the address noted below. For further information please contact Casey Blakely, Senior Development Planner, in the Planning & Development Department at (905) 584-2272, x 4202.

NOTIFICATION

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment regarding Bed and Breakfast Establishments, or of the refusal of the request to amend the Zoning By-law Amendment you must make a written request to the Town of Caledon, Planning and Development Department, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6.

APPEAL PROCEDURES (Bill 51)

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Caledon before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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