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## Leaving the operation in small, but capable hands

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**A Ted Bit**

As most my friends and colleagues know, the sheep at Brown Farm have started having their lambs.

With the exception of one early bird who had her lambs Feb. 24, the rest of the flock started lambing Feb. 28. For the most part, there have been lambs born almost every day, with the exception of a couple days break in the process between March 2 and 5.

Now that's a good thing—I like to see them arrive at a moderate pace, rather being bombarded, like one day two years ago when I had more lambs born that day than I knew what to do with them.

However, as good as it's been, there is a small hitch this year.

You see, momentarily slipping on my Halton Hills Ward 2 Councillor 'hat', I'm traveling to China next week, to take part in a trade mission with Mayor Rick Bonnette and Councillor Clark Somerville, and some Town staff.

When I was invited to attend, I had a major conundrum.

What if the lambs aren't all born by then? (And there's good chance that could happen.)

The Sidekick and I discussed our options. She works full-time, and being a midwife to almost 40 pregnant sheep can also be a full-time gig.

So for her to do both, it would have been a challenge.

We weren't sure what to do.

But a couple weeks ago, she came home from work, all excited.

It seems she has that week off, and will be able to oversee the lambing operation while I'm in China.

Now I have complete faith in The Sidekick's competency when it comes to lambing.

Her being a woman is certainly an advantage. Women are sympathetic to the mother ewe when in labour. Sometimes, when the ewe is in particularly hard labour, The Sidekick starts sympathetically 'pushing' with her.

Now that's passion.

But she has another advantage... she has little hands.

On more than one occasion, when one of the lambs was coming out breech (backwards), or has a leg caught back, The Sidekick's little hands have been great for 'going in after it', so to speak.

More then once she's saved a lamb with those little hands.

But this time, there's more on her plate. She might put up a brave face, but overseeing the entire operation can be intimidating.

There's more than just delivering lambs. They have to be weighted, tagged and docked, as well as receive a shot of Vitamin E and Selenium. They're also moved from the big pens to the lambing pens, which can be a bit of a challenge with a stubborn ewe.

And occasionally some lambs need to be bottle-fed to get them started nursing from their mom.

I often receive a helping hand from her when I'm moving them around the barn, and we almost always work together tagging and weighing them. So I can understand her trepidation—I've been there many times myself.

Having said that, since that Feb. 28 start date, as of today (Tuesday), approximately 80 percent of the ewes in the flock have given birth. That leaves about 10 ewes remaining to deliver their lambs (providing, of course they are all pregnant.)

And it's still almost a week before I leave.

Between a neighbour and my brother-in-law, I've established back-up for her, should she need help. I also arranged for someone to clear the lane should we be hit by a heavy snowfall.

Yup I'm sure The Sidekick will be fine, especially when it comes to delivering those lambs.

After all, she is the one with those wonderful small hands.

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