

# Be safe in your own backyard this spring

This spring keep safety on your mind. Accidents can and do happen to anyone, so it's worth being aware of the potential hazards that may be lurking out there in the garden.

Young children love the sense of freedom they get from being outdoors, and they'll make the most of their opportunity to explore new surroundings. But their inquisitiveness will lead them to examine the single sliver of glass left from a beer mug broken last summer, or to the injured bee waiting to make one last sting.

Crawling babies will eat used matches and barbecue briquettes and tuff handfuls of herbicide-treated grass in their mouths without a second thought. They'll want to check out the paddling pool, or even the bottom of a water

filled bucket.

Toddlers love to pick the leaves of plants, a surprising number of which from rose leaves to privet to azaleas are poisonous, and have the potential to be fatal if consumed in any quantity.

Toys too can be hazardous to your health. A ball or skateboard left unattended can trip up the most sure footed among us.

Older kids might be tempted to experiment with matches and lighter fluid. The more rambunctious can get carried away with racing around a slippery deck.

Adults and children alike can suffer from the effects of midday sun pounding down on unprotected skin or a hatless head.

Here are a few suggestions to make your backyard safer:

- If you're doing any work around the yard, tidy up as soon as you've finished. Unless you're actually using and keeping an eye on things like garden tools, lawn and plant chemicals, power tools, a ladder, barbecue lighter fluid and matches, put them safely out of harm's way.

- For outdoor entertaining, use unbreakable plastic or heavy paper plates and cups to prevent broken glass from findings its way into the lawn. Don't leave empty bottles lying around.

- Never leave small children unattended, even for a minute. It takes less time than that for accidents to happen. Your children should also

knew never to leave the yard, even to retrieve a fly away frisbee without letting you know what they're doing.

- Keep a well-stocked first-aid kit on hand to heal with minor injuries. With gardens containing so many potentially poisonous plants, it's wise to know the number of your local poison control centre just in case your child swallows anything that might be dangerous.

- Treat barbecues with care. Make sure they're always supervised, particularly if there are children and pets playing around the yard.

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\$164,900

Character, 4-bedroom home with eat in kitchen, L shaped dining room & living room, fireplace, central air and nice lot. Call Bill Currie



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NEW LISTING

Extended home on large lot. 4 bedrooms, eat in kitchen, 2 baths \$158,900. Call Chris Newell.



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ALL BRICK BACKSPLIT

with lots to offer. Hardwood floors in bedrooms, and family room, two full bathrooms, workshop, fully fenced lot 65' x 120', eat in kitchen and much more. Call Joan Tattre-Hollings



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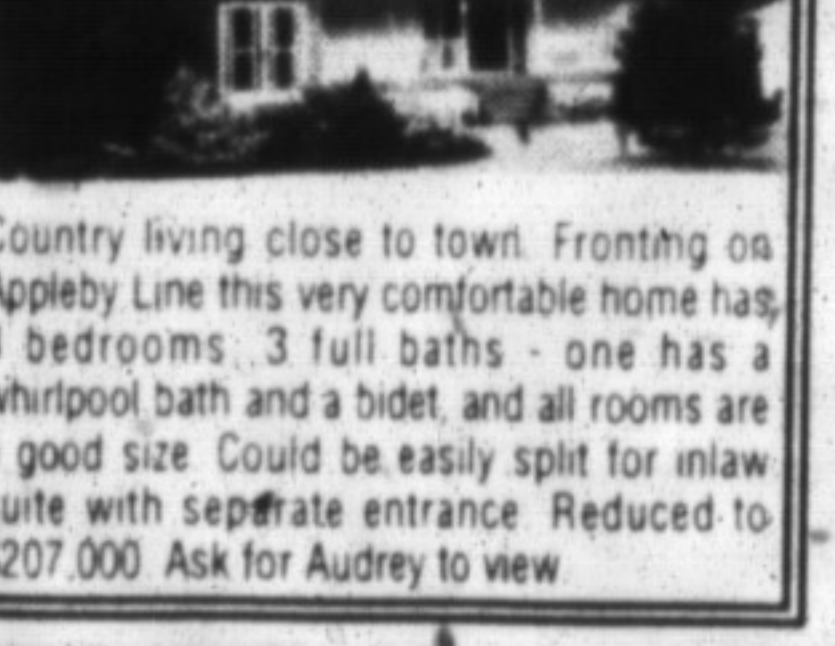


LOVELY

Country living close to town. Fronting on Appleby Line this very comfortable home has 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths - one has a whirlpool bath and a bidet, and all rooms are a good size. Could be easily split for inlaw suite with separate entrance. Reduced to \$207,000. Ask for Audrey to view



SAM NADALIN  
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LOOKING FOR SOME PRIVACY?

Call Bill Currie to view this 4 bdrm farmhouse on 77 acres with eat-in kitchen, separate living room & dining room, main floor family room w/ woodburning stove, main floor laundry, economical ground source heat system. At this for only \$374,900



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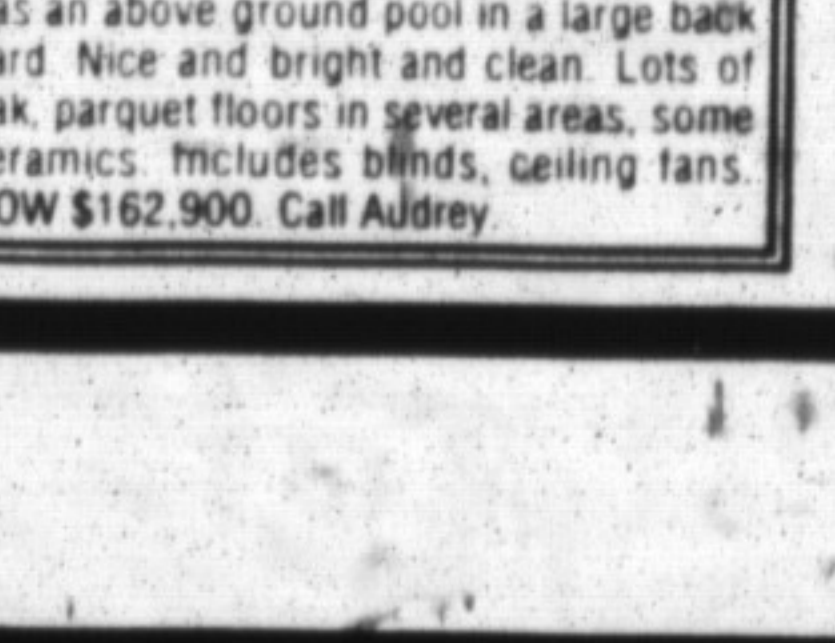


SUMMER IS COMING

In Dorset park this 3 bedroom + his / her suite raised ranch shows very well and has an above ground pool in a large back yard. Nice and bright and clean. Lots of oak, parquet floors in several areas, some ceramics. Includes blinds, ceiling fans. NOW \$162,900. Call Audrey



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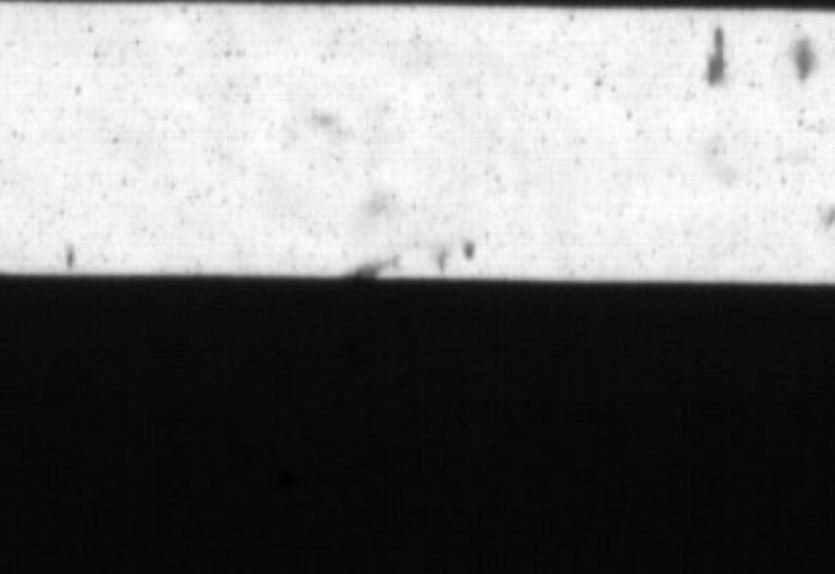


10 ACRES - DARBYVILLE

3+ bedroom backsplitted with walkout from family room. Heat pump, air exchanger, c. vac., water softener, 200 amp, barn, 2 box stalls, pond, 2 pad-docks, and even more. Reduced to \$269,900. Please call Audrey for more information

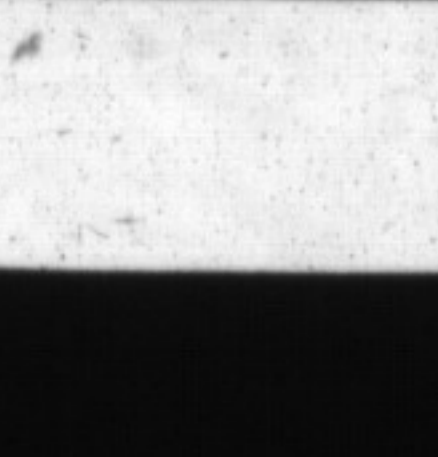


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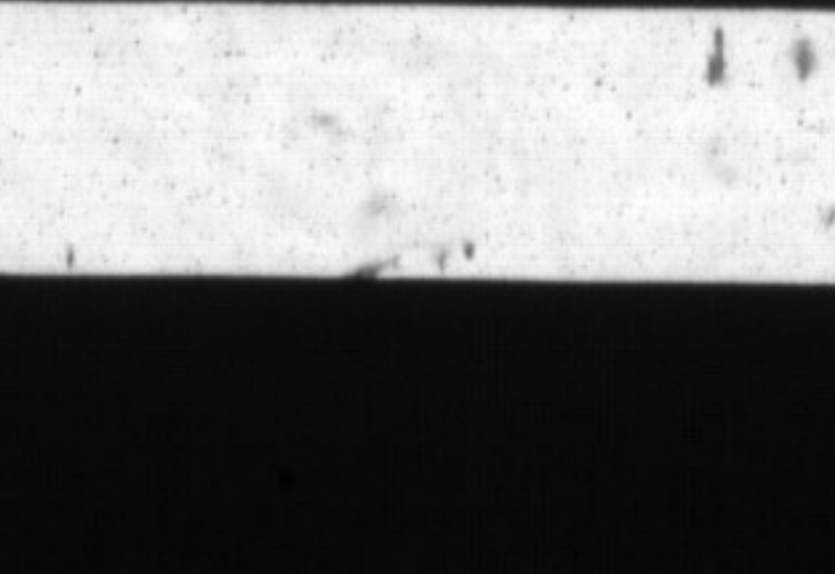


A MUST TO SEE

Located in Brookville, this custom 3 bedroom ranch offers upgraded kitchen, L-shaped living room & dining room, family room with fireplace, games room & super back yard with inground pool. All on 130 ft x 230 ft lot. Asking \$259,900. Contact Bill Currie.



AUDREY NEWELL  
Associate Broker



HOBBY FARM/ VETERINARY CLINIC

10 acres complete with farm house, office space, barn, large garage and more. Call Wayne Casson.



\$179,900

You have to see it to believe it. 3 bedrooms, 2 storey, loaded, central air/vac, gas fireplace and much more. Finished to perfection. Call Ron Twiss



\$379,000

3,365 sq. ft. surrounded by 20 acres of trees, lawns, a stream and privacy. If you appreciate quality please call Les Bunker for details.



40 ACRE FARM

Close to Mohawk Raceway. Bungalow with many upgrades, inground pool. Steel bank barn with box stalls. Land in hay & pad-docks. Please ask for Ron Twiss.



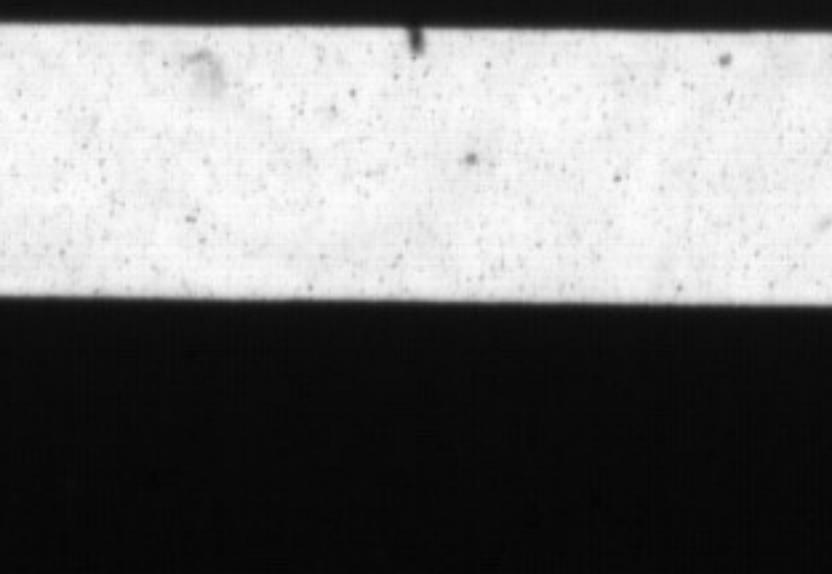
COZY, COMFY, CLASSY

3 bedrooms, main floor family room, in-ground pool, finished rec. room. In mature Milton. Call Wayne Casson.



MULTI SEASON RETREAT

Situated on 18 secluded acres, just south of Campbellville, this B.C. cedar log home offers 4 bedrooms, 4 washrooms, exceptional kitchen for entertaining. Living room/ family room with wood stove on main level and a second family room on upper level off spacious master. Offered at \$569,000. Contact Bill Currie.



DETACHED & DFLIGHTFUL

Three bedrooms, plus den or fourth bedroom. Fully fenced rear yard, lots of upgrades. Call Wayne Casson for more information.



SPRING IS CLOSE

Move in time to enjoy spring in the country. This unique property awaits you and your family. A lot of upgrades in recent years. 4 bedrooms, main floor family room. Bigger than you'd expect. Call Francine Cross.



\$649,000

150 yr old stone home on 24.85 acres. Completely renovated & upgraded with 3-car garage & 2 professional offices. Just N. of Mohawk Raceway & 10 sideroad. Close to amenities. Short drive to 401. Call Sam Nadalin.



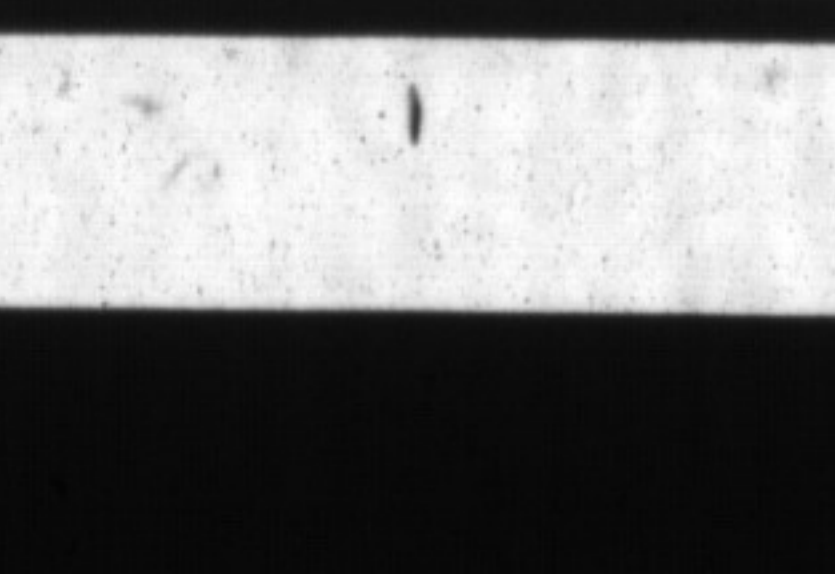
\$249,900

This raised bungalow has a lot to offer, three plus bedrooms, two bathrooms, finished rec room with woodstove, dble garage, beautiful lot, close to golf course for the golfers and much more. Call Joan Tattre-Hollings.



RETAIL

• Up to 4200 sq. ft. available in plaza. Newly renovated. \$4 sq. ft.  
• Also available 700 sq. ft. retail, \$9 sq. ft.  
• Store with apartment over. \$259,900.  
Call Chris Newell for details.



VACANT LAND

1.4 acres at Moffat \$109,900. Audrey Newell.



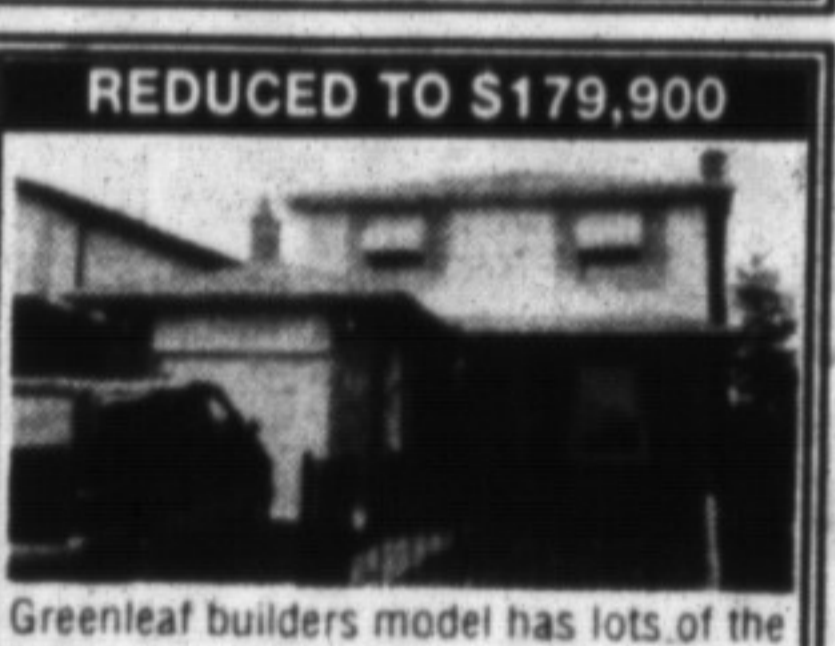
DESIREABLE SEMI

Downtown location. This 3 bedroom family home comes complete with finished rec. room & more. Call Wayne Casson to view



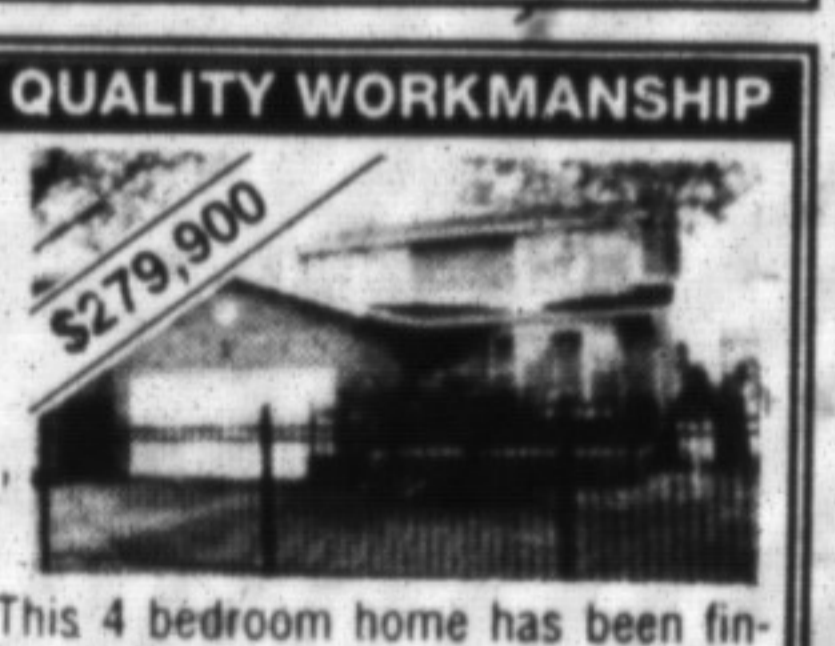
FUNERAL HOME/ MED. OFFICE

...or daycare potential, plus 3 bedroom residential apartment and 2nd floor apartment on 1/2 acre in a village setting. Call Doug Butson.



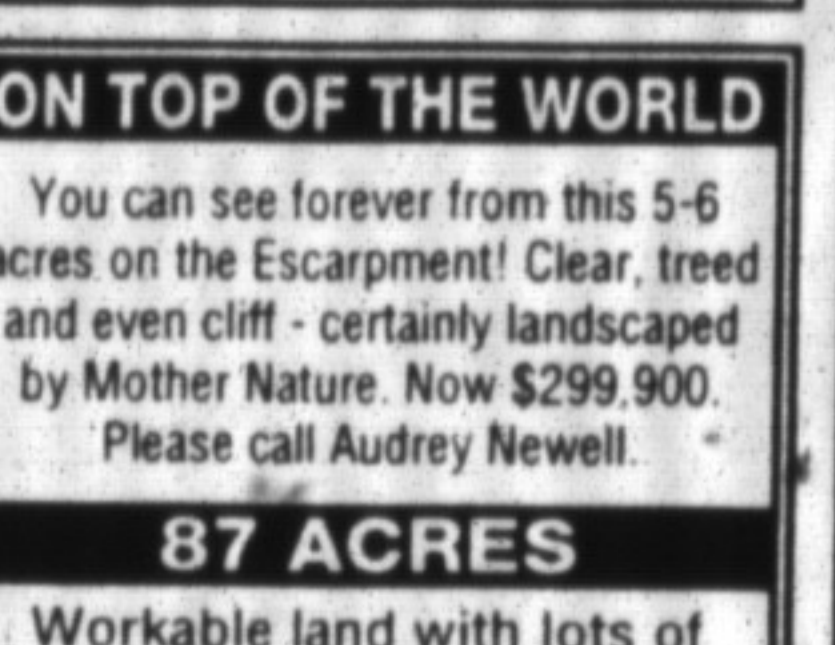
REDUCED TO \$179,900

Greenleaf builders model has lots of the original features, crown plaster moldings, pillars, glass panels, etc. Approx. 1720 sq. ft. of space plus part finished basement, backs onto a park, near schools. Fireplace in main floor den. Please call Audrey for more.



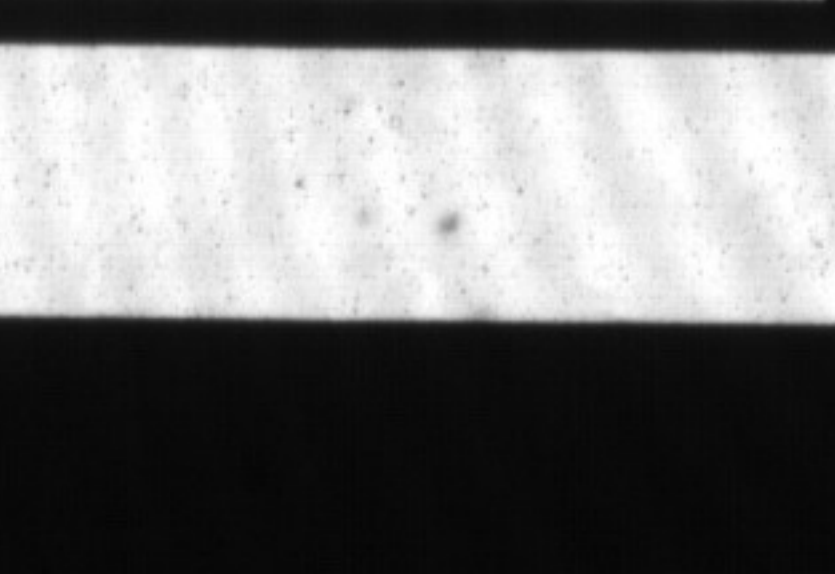
QUALITY WORKMANSHIP

This 4 bedroom home has been finished from top to bottom, has finished rec. room with woodstove, sauna, fifth bedroom and bathroom, spacious bright kitchen with lots of upgrades. Call Joan Tattre-Hollings.



ON TOP OF THE WORLD

You can see forever from this 5-6 acres on the Escarpment! Clear, treed and even cliff - certainly landscaped by Mother Nature. Now \$299,900. Please call Audrey Newell.



87 ACRES

Workable land with lots of bush just North of Mohawk Raceway fronting on 10 Sideroad & 4th Line. \$275,000. Call Sam Nadalin.



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