

Appendix C: Letters and Written Correspondence

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Mayor, Council and Administration
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street W.
Chatham, Ontario N7M 5K8

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A million dollar cheque of
any kind for land the Bylaw
should go by the individual for
acceptance Zone Road 1/ Go Acres
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A "NO" CAN'T AFFORD TO CLIMB TILE
LEAVE ALONE*

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Name:

[Redacted address]

Date: July 20/21.

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My husband & I planted a woodlot on one of our farms 50+ yrs ago. While we have no plans to cut it, it should be our choice. We paid for the land and the planting & maintenance of the lot at our own expense. We are stewards of the land - we don't want or need bureaucrats telling us what we can and cannot do. Who will decide which trees can be cut, when, & at whose cost? Anyone who votes in favour of my or my family's votes, and if you enact a new bylaw, landowners

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Tree cutting bylaws that are unreasonable
are a form of expropriation without compensation.

C-K should not be acting in a manner
similar to MNR with unreasonable expropriation
without compensation.

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We planted a new bush area ourselves - its ours and if we decide we would like to cut it down - this is our right as we have planted this area and paid for it. We did not plant it to cut it down - but to add privacy to our property - Since we pay the substantial taxes on this property we should have the right to do what we want. This new area and the bush area destroyed but ash have has been replanted by us - NOT CK Council

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Farmers are too controlled now &
this kind of nonsense has to STOP!
This is Canada not Russia or China
Don't get health hazards mixed up
w trees
Forest Fires are bigger threat than anything
on earth!

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[REDACTED]



CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES FIRST NATION

Gabriel Clarke
Environmental Planner
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Cc: Bruce McAllister, Ryan Jacques

July 7, 2021

Re: Chatham-Kent Woodlot Bylaw

Dear Mr. Clarke,

This letter is being sent on behalf of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN) in support of Chatham-Kent's woodlot preservation bylaw. The municipality of Chatham-Kent falls within COTTFN's treaty and traditional territory and we feel it necessary to voice our support of preserving the remaining woodlots within the municipality.

Chatham-Kent falls within the McKee Treaty Territory to which COTTFN is signatory to. This treaty territory provides home not just to humans, but to our non-human kin as well. It is important that these woodlots be preserved to: provide habitat, promote a healthy eco-system and to help mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation has been stewarding the lands within our Treaty and Traditional Territory since time immemorial. Since the time of colonialization, we have watched these lands and waters become degraded with the advent of colonial settlement. This has especially been the case within the borders of what is now known as Chatham-Kent, with the minimally remaining woodlots a testament to the severity of this impact.

We kindly ask that the municipality of Chatham-Kent implement the woodlot bylaw and do their part in being good neighbours and stewards to the environment. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Miigwech,

Kelly Riley, Director of Treaty, Lands and Environment
Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
kriley@cottfn.com

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Gabriel Clarke

Environmental Planner

Dear Gabriel Clarke,

Thank you for your letter regarding a request for input regarding Woodlot Preservation.

As background we have approximately 30 acres of woodlot and shelter belts that we have established over 55 years. Our goals are conservation, protecting the environment and vulnerable land, and production of forest products.

By-laws, policy and regulations should include emphasising the rights of private ownership. They should protect the rights of the owner to manage and harvest wood products including logs, lumber and firewood. They should prohibit 3rd party control of private woodlots.

Voluntary workshops could be offered on basic skills such as tree identification, harvesting, marketing and safety (such as chain saw operation, and falling)

Incentives could include where land tax could be a separate classification not exceeding a set percentage of residential or farm rate.

If preservation of woodlots and wetlands is considered essential, unavoidable and for widespread municipal benefit (otherwise an emergency) then solutions that everyone can play a part in must be considered. Clearly the burden should not be on just those who have established, maintained, and preserved natural habitat but spread across the municipality with significant provincial financial support.

To help meet this emergency a county forest could be established consisting of donated and purchased woodlots, wetlands and farm lands for reforestation. A designated per cent of municipal taxes clearly shown on the municipal tax bill would be collected for this purpose. This would allow everyone to play an equal part in maintaining the Chatham-Kent forest.

Then rezoning of woodlots could play a part if the need persists.

Yours truly
[REDACTED]


c.c. Councillor John Wright

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We own a Woodlot on RiverLine (Ravine)
we don't like to cutting any Tree!
We have to plant more Trees, not cutting, it is
important for the Environment.

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*We totally agree with the Chatham-Kent
Landowners & Kent Fed of Agriculture
position is the best*

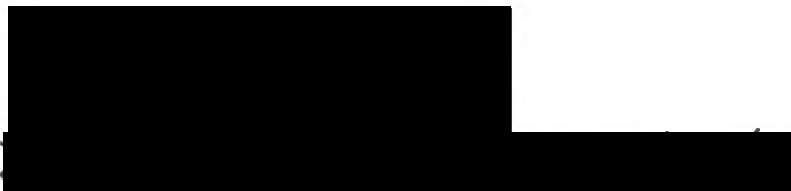
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We have been making all decisions on our farm for the past 27 years based on economics and environmental concerns. The land and its longevity are always at the top of a farmers concerns because we know that the next generation depends on us. To enact a law that I cannot remove a tree without approval is great overreach of power by the township. I feel that if you want to have a say in what I can do with my property then you need to make an investment into the farmland in the form of woodland tax credits. I implore you to reconsider the implementation of a bureaucratic law that would enforced by people that cannot fully understand the full impact on agriculture.

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Name:

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 5, 2021 9:26 PM
To: Bruce McAllister
Subject: Woodlot bylaw

Hello Bruce

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a farmer from Palmyra area(Orford township). I fully support bylaws or even tax breaks for woodlots. These woodlots are important not only ecologically but also for the community. The government needs to do something about this reckless deforestation in our municipality.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

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Gabriel Clarke

To: Jessie Passa
Subject: RE: Chatham Kent Tree cutting bylaw

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 22, 2021 9:53 AM
To: Jessie Passa <JESSIEP@chatham-kent.ca>
Subject: Chatham Kent Tree cutting bylaw

Jessie Passa.

Would you please send this on to the Mayor Darrin Canniff, along with ALL Chatham-Kent Councillors. I would also like to receive confirmation that you have received this e-mail, and have forwarded to the all council members.

Subject: Chatham Kent Tree cutting bylaw

Dear Sir / Madam
I STRONGLY OBJECT to the bylaw.

I OWN my land -I paid market price for it, including what ever trees were on it. I have chosen to keep them at my own cost. If any one forces me to keep them, then they will have to pay ME for forcing something on me, and that will not be cheap.

Do they want food to eat, or do they want to starv because they cannot afford to buy food that is much higher in price because less acreage produces less.

People say trees are needed to clean the air. That is true, but the air just does not sit over Chatham Kent. It moves, and Ontario is 87% Crown Land, which is a lot of tree coverage. So let that land that cannot grow food, be kept for tree cover. Crown Land at no expense to individual land owner.

Just a thought, if this tree bylaw is to protect our environment, and can be passed by council, let us have a bylaw within the city limits, FORCED on residents and property owners, that they cannot drive their private vehicle within city limits to work within the city. They must use public environmental friendly transportation or walk or bike. FORCE it on THEM, the same as this bylaw would be forced on me. Maybe add no grass cutting within city limits as well., OR another might be NO ONE can purchases ANY chemicals for lawn or gardening without having PASSED a Pesticide Course, which is not cheap and needs to be done every 5 years, and show that license when purchasing such chemicals as farmers need to do today. It is a known fact that city home owners use tremendous amounts of chemicals with NO TRAINING as to usage. FORCE that on them. This list could go on and on.

If the tree cutting bylaw is forced on me, a private land owner, then let's force whatever people aren't happy with on everybody else.

I have 2 wood lots on my property, with No intention of cutting them down. I do remove, and will continue to remove trees that hamper my farming practice as nuisance trees along ditches and some in fence rows. That is MY decision, and cannot be dictated by a bylaw.

IF a bylaw is put in effect, then Chatham Kent MUST PAY for my land that is forced to be protected by it, and that will not be cheap. If protecting that land is SO important, the price will be reflected as such. This space will be frozen as to its use, so the price could be somewhere in the \$ 100,000.00 to \$200,000.00 per acre paid in full, TAX EXEMPT.

Think about it....

As you can see, I AM TOTALLY AGAINST A TREE CUTTING BYLAW in Chatham-Kent

[REDACTED]

Land owner / Tax payer

[REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 12, 2021 7:37 PM
To: Gabriel Clarke
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Comments on the Proposed Woodlot Bylaw

Gabriel,

I realize this may be a bit late, but I hope that my input can still be counted towards the proposed woodlot bylaw decision.

I consider myself a tree lover, and appreciate the look and function of trees of all kinds and in many locations – decorative, building, shade, protection of land from erosion and habitat for all creatures.

Personally, and in my professional endeavours, I have cut down many trees over the years, but have made sure to replant at least as many trees as were cut down, if not more.

I appreciate woodlots and trees in general and would like to see more trees planted around our community. However, I cannot fully support a woodlot preservation bylaw that does not allow a property owner the right to alter the trees on their own property or even remove an existing woodlot in favour of replanting in an area that is better situated to allow for more agricultural land use or housing developments. Individuals and Corporations are entitled to certain property rights, including the right to develop it as they see fit. Restricting what can be done on a property because there are trees on it is not appreciated or considered fair.

I am the owner of a treed area, which could be considered a woodlot. Trees have been harvested from the area previously, and the Emerald Ash Borer has killed all of the Ash trees on the property as well. Taking that into account, the woodlot on my property is not very healthy. There is a lack in diversity of trees, and many of them are fast growing trees with a short lifespan. Restricting my ability to remove the remaining trees could be problematic, and lead to injury, considering the lot is to be a residential area. I would not want people to be walking through it and be injured by a dead tree falling. It would make more sense to remove the woodlot, and replant the same number of trees elsewhere, helping to increase environmental diversity and better plan for the future.

As I mentioned above, the property is scheduled to be developed into housing. Housing is considered essential, and adding more is good for our community. Further restrictions on the land will redirect land use and drive up the cost of housing, because there will be less land available. Fields won't become available for building either, as we need the crops grown and farming is just as important to our community.

The property in question has been considered for development for many years, subject to various approvals, and it would be a shame for all that time and effort to go to waste because the trees on the property are unable to be removed. This would also change all of the building plans, making the investment in the housing development less and less desirable.

In preparation for the property to be developed, I have prepared a small tree plantation for the eventual transplanting of trees to the subdivision lots. The timeline for when this will happen is yet to be determined.

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is located in a region where farming is a major practice, and a lot of land is used for farming. Farming has come at the expense of many woodlots over the years, but we also need the food, jobs and other economical benefits provided by the Agricultural industry. Rather than making good Agricultural land inaccessible, the Municipality should focus on enlarging existing protected areas, and replanting some of the many green spaces that are maintained by the Municipality. Surely, an examination of existing parks and recreation areas could reveal that there is an excess of open green space that could become a woodlot.

Lastly, if Chatham-Kent is to put a bylaw in place protecting woodlots, a woodlot tax should be implemented. The amount paid should be based on the number of trees a person maintains on their property, based on lot size, and type of residence. The money from the taxes paid would go to planting more trees and maintaining existing ones. We all pay for hospitals, schools, roads etc. and if we want more trees around our communities, we should be prepared to pay for it as a community.

I sincerely hope that all of this is taken into consideration if/when the woodlot preservation bylaw is created, it first and foremost, needs to take into account the need for housing and agriculture. Only once those conditions are satisfied can habitat preservation and other benefits of trees can be considered.

Thanks for taking my input into account,

[REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

To: Amy Finn
Subject: RE: Chatham-Kent woodlot by-law

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Friday, Jul 02, 2021, 2:26 PM

To: Mark Authier <Mark.Authier@chatham-kent.ca>, Michael Bondy <Michael.Bondy@chatham-kent.ca>, Anthony Ceccacci <Anthony.Ceccacci@chatham-kent.ca>, Marjorie Crew <Marjorie.Crew@chatham-kent.ca>, Joe Faas <Joe.Faas@chatham-kent.ca>, Amy Finn <amy.finn@chatham-kent.ca>, Aaron Hall <aaron.hall@chatham-kent.ca>, Melissa Harrigan <melissa.harrigan@chatham-kent.ca>, Karen Kirkwood-Whyte <karen.kirkwood-whyte@chatham-kent.ca>, Clare Latimer <clarel@chatham-kent.ca>, Jamie McGrail <jamie.mcgrail@chatham-kent.ca>, Brock McGregor <Brock.McGregor@chatham-kent.ca>, Carmen McGregor <Carmen.McGregor@chatham-kent.ca>, Steve Pinsonneault <Steve.Pinsonneault@chatham-kent.ca>, Doug Sulman <dougs@chatham-kent.ca>, Trevor Thompson <Trevor.Thompson@chatham-kent.ca>, John Wright <john.wright@chatham-kent.ca>, CKmayor <CKmayor@chatham-kent.ca>

Subject: Chatham-Kent woodlot by-law

Dear Chatham-Kent Mayor and Councillors,

My Name is [REDACTED], I am a proud, wife, mom, farmer, Chatham-Kent resident, and a woodlot owner. I farm together with my husband [REDACTED] in both Harwich and Howard township of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. We operate under [REDACTED] and have a mixed farming operation which includes, livestock (Sows farrow to finish), Cash crop and field tomatoes for processing. I am writing this letter today to express my concern with the questionnaire that has been posted regarding the Chatham -Kent Woodlot by-law and the Chatham-Kent woodlot by -law in general.

I am writing because I am very passionate about our family farm as well as Agriculture in Chatham-Kent and feel I need to do my part and speak up. Writing letters is not my strength or specialty. I can speak on behalf majority of the farmers around Chatham- Kent who are against the tree by-law but are not vocal regarding this issue like the people who are for this by-law. We don't have the time to continue defend our selves on social media, and it is not one of my strengths so instead I stay silent on social media.

I decided to answer the questionnaire right before bed a few nights ago. This was a bad idea, as it kept me up most of the night. This was the MOST BIASED questionnaire I have ever done. To me it sounded like that the tree by-law was already passed and just trying to figure out the details. How can the Municipality of Chatham-Kent come up with a questionnaire that anyone and everyone around the world can fill out and voice their opinion? The outcome impacts the Chatham Kent farmers the most as they are the ones who own majority of the woodlots. As young, full time farmer this boils my blood, as my family as well as my kids future is impacted by the outcome of this survey.

We recently purchased a farm, it closed a couple of weeks before the tree moratorium was in place. We were able to clean up the fence line that ran though the middle of the farm as this was already logged, and cut down before the tree moratorium was in place. It did result in a stop work order in the middle of the clean up as 'we were accused for clear cutting'. Not to mention our "No Trespassing" signs have been stolen and people were trespassing on our farm to take pictures. A day after the stop work order we were able to continue cleaning up the fence line. This is exactly why I am against this bylaw. It's taking away farmland property owners rights to make our own decision on what they can and can't do with their land. Mean while in town or in the city there is no restrictions on cutting down trees. In my opinion, there is zero value on woodlots, if this by-law passes and as a young farming family we have lost a lot of equity quickly, as we placed value on the tree cover when we purchased this farm this spring. Equity is very valuable to farmers especially as a young family hoping to expand our farming operation in the future. If this by-law passes the reduced

equity result to our operating being higher leveraged and will make it harder for us to obtain future financing. Farming is our livelihood and our passion and we have everything invested into our farm!

Being against the tree by-law does not mean I am going to cut every tree down on our properties. One of our woodlots approximately 25 acres in size is our favorite get away. We go there a few times a week all year around! It's a great place for the kids to explore, play in the creeks, have campfires and camp over night. Our 3 young kids as well as our dogs love going to this woodlot. We have trails that we maintain, sediment ponds that were dug by ducks unlimited, as well as duck nesting boxes that my husband annually maintains. There are tree stands and my husband uses the wood lot for hunting and the list goes on. In this woodlot we are building a lot of family memories, just like my husband did growing up with this same woodlot. This wood lot has been in the family for over 25 years.

This leads into my next concern/ question, we have a 2 acre side hill near the woodlot. We were planning on planting 2 acres of trees and then in 15-20 years build our dream house. This way there will be lots of mature trees surrounding our house. At this point if this tree – By-law goes through (REALLY HOPE NOT) how will this impact our DREAM plan? If we plant 2 acres of trees on productive farm land and lets say 10 years down the road decide we are not going ahead with our original plans. Is this now considered woodlot and clear cutting if we take these trees down and change it back into farm land??? If there is a tree by-law in place, as property owners will have to think twice before planting trees. If there is no bi-law we have no issue planting more trees but if there is a woodlot by-law in place our dreams of our dream lot will be crushed as we are not willing to give up 2 acres of equity now valued at \$50,000 and plant trees and be worth \$0, as well never be able to bring it back to farmland if we desire! This by-law would be taking away our property rights and impact our decision on when and where we will be planting trees. As Farmers we are not telling people in town what color they can paint their house or what color flowers they can or can't have in the garden. So why should this tree by-law be able to dictate what we as a farmer can and can't do with our woodlots. Its is not like we are taking trees down and building concrete parking lots, we would be producing crops/ livestock to help feed the world!

If this by-law passes its just going to create more red tape and hoops the farmer needs to deal with. As a farmer we are dealing with more then enough paperwork, there is the nutrient management plan, environmental farm plan, CQA (Canadian Quality Assurance), just a name a few that we deal with on a regular basis. We don't need anything else on what we can and can't do with the trees on our property, which we take care of and maintain! Another example, we planted fence rows on the farms who need it, they are maintained. Last year we spent a weeks with employees cutting out all the vines growing in our evergreen windbreak otherwise they were going to die. To properly maintain and take care of our trees takes additional management; it's not so easy as just plant them and walk away. Woodlots, fence lines takes management and need to be maintained.

Just a few days ago I drove down Gosnell line between Ridgetown and Highgate, there was 60+ beautiful mature trees which are either cut down or will be cut down for a new hydro line. So tell me how its ok for the Municipality of Chatham Kent to cut down trees when ever they wish and where ever they wish if it is convenient to them, but by passing this tree by-law it restricts farmers to what they can and can't do! How is this fair???

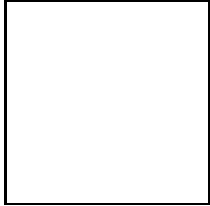
I am very disappointed in the timing of this motion in council, it was in the spring when all the farmers were busy in the field planting their crops. As farmers we are the residents of Chatham Kent who are most impacted by this by-law. How is this fair for us to be able to defend our selves and our property rights??? This was not something that came falling out of the sky over night people have been putting work and effort into this motion. It boils my blood that as a woodlot owner against this motion, I had no idea what was going on or had no opportunity to speak up. How is this fair? This was strategically planned, which is an absolute shame!

I am tired of constantly fighting unnecessary threats to our freedom and property rights. As a farmer please trust us that we have the best interest as heart. Not to mention if this by-law passes, in town and city residents can still cut down all trees as they wish, how is this fair? So please let farmers decide what they want to do with trees and vote against the woodlot by-law to support the farmers property rights!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the counselors who have taken the time to speak to me on this subject. To all the rest of the counselors who I have left a voice mail message, with my phone number [REDACTED], I look forward to speaking with you. On behalf of myself as well as my husband I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my story and looking forward to see everyone vote AGAINST the woodlot by-law.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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Gabriel Clarke

To: Anthony Ceccacci
Subject: RE: Under water real estate in Shrewsbury

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, Jul 08, 2021, 11:38 AM
To: Anthony Ceccacci <Anthony.Ceccacci@chatham-kent.ca>
Subject: Under water real estate in Shrewsbury

As a concerned taxpayer with a woodlot, it is my land and I'll do with it as I want as I pay full property taxes as a farmer. I don't believe others have a right to tell me what I can do with my land when they make no effort to create woodlots when they take farmland to build subdivisions.

After hearing they are thinking of selling lots at Shrewsbury that are under water, who is providing protection to the shorelines of Rondeau bay. They are quick to want to preserve my woodlot, they should also preserve the shorelines of Rondeau bay.

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]
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Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 13, 2021 8:45 PM
To: Gabriel Clarke
Subject: RE: C-K Woodlot consultation

Thank you very much, Gabriel.

Here are my main comments:

1 - The vast majority of woodlot owners in my husband's and my area (mostly medium-sized farmers) are good stewards. They only cut trees to square-up a field, or trim live trees along a woodlot/field border to protect their equipment from overhead branches and to improve cropping efficiency. They have also planted many trees and windbreaks over the years. Generally, we cringe when we see new land owners (i.e. larger farm operators from outside of our immediate neighbourhood) buy land and then clear the trees on the property. However, based on the cost of each acre they have paid for the land, we know that decision is completely an economic one.

2 - If preserving woodlots is a priority for all Chatham-Kent residents, then the cost should be shared by ALL Chatham-Kent residents, not predominantly by farmers. At the very least, woodlot owners should not have to pay tax on these properties. If C-K residents are collectively willing to purchase woodlots in order to preserve them, then there should be a mechanism where properties can be severed into crop and woodlot parcels for separate sale, not as a combined farm sale.

3 - I am in favour of education, not regulation, and creative severance options to allow woodlot purchases by non-farmers in C-K (i.e. other citizens who value these properties) – Not forced severance, but a voluntary process.

4 - Also, I do not agree with the argument that Chatham-Kent should have forest cover comparable to other regions of Ontario. C-K has a climate and soils that are ideal for producing food. It is more efficient to grow food in our municipality and grow trees elsewhere. We should keep the tree-cover level that we have, but not expect to expand our it significantly unless this expansion is limited to marginal land (i.e. areas less suited for food or feed production).

5 – When it comes to planting trees in order to increase tree cover, it is not good enough to just plant thousands of trees. The mass planting may make for a good headline in the paper; however, unless those trees are protected from foraging deer, watered when it is dry, and protected from being over-run by weeds, the percentage of surviving trees will be VERY low. I know from experience, from planting trees along our field fence lines.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input!

[REDACTED]

From: Gabriel Clarke <gabrielc@chatham-kent.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 8:50 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: C-K Woodlot consultation

Good morning [REDACTED],

Thanks for your email I will include your comments in along with the other written correspondence received on the issue. If you have anything else you'd like to expand upon please feel free to do so.

Thanks,

Gabriel

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 10, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Gabriel Clarke <gabrielc@chatham-kent.ca>
Subject: C-K Woodlot consultation

Hello Gabriel,

I am very disappointed that the woodlot consultation window was not just a bit wider. I think the timeframe should have been at least four full weeks, June 14 – July 11 (including this weekend). For anyone very busy during the week, your survey included two busy weekends: Father's Day weekend, and Canada Day weekend. A very busy time for some, even during a pandemic.

I am a woodlot owner and farmer. I had prepared for my participation a week ago by putting some notes on paper (so that I would efficiently express my views), but I was unfortunately unable to participate before yesterday's deadline. Of course, this morning, I finally did have time. Why was this weekend (just two more days) not included? The relatively narrow window may serve those who have few responsibilities and lots of free time, but it may have kept others like me from providing input.

I hope the Council strongly takes into consideration the position of the Kent Federation of Agriculture, my representative and the predominant voice of producers in Chatham-Kent's biggest industry. My individual views will remain unheard.

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Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: June 30, 2021 8:18 PM
To: [REDACTED]; Gabriel Clarke
Cc: Steve Pinsonneault; John Wright; Trevor Thompson; Doug Sulman; Carmen McGregor; Brock McGregor; Jamie McGrail; Clare Latimer; Karen Kirkwood-Whyte; Melissa Harrigan; Aaron Hall; Amy Finn; Joe Faas; Marjorie Crew; Anthony Ceccacci; Michael Bondy; Mark Authier; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Woodlot Removal by-law

Very well written and to the point. 100 percent agree

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 3:09:33 PM
To: gabrielc@chatham-kent.ca <gabrielc@chatham-kent.ca>
Cc: steve.pinsonneault@chatham-kent.ca <steve.pinsonneault@chatham-kent.ca>; john.wright@chatham-kent.ca <john.wright@chatham-kent.ca>; trevor.thompson@chatham-kent.ca <trevor.thompson@chatham-kent.ca>; doug.sulman@chatham-kent.ca <doug.sulman@chatham-kent.ca>; carmen.mcgregor@chatham-kent.ca <carmen.mcgregor@chatham-kent.ca>; brock.mcgregor@chatham-kent.ca <brock.mcgregor@chatham-kent.ca>; jamie.mcgrail@chatham-kent.ca <jamie.mcgrail@chatham-kent.ca>; maryclare.latimer@chatham-kent.ca <maryclare.latimer@chatham-kent.ca>; karen.kirkwood-whyte@chatham-kent.ca <karen.kirkwood-whyte@chatham-kent.ca>; melissa.harrigan@chatham-kent.ca <melissa.harrigan@chatham-kent.ca>; aaron.hall@chatham-kent.ca <aaron.hall@chatham-kent.ca>; amy.finn@chatham-kent.ca <amy.finn@chatham-kent.ca>; joe.faas@chatham-kent.ca <joe.faas@chatham-kent.ca>; marjorie.crew@chatham-kent.ca <marjorie.crew@chatham-kent.ca>; anthony.ceccacci@chatham-kent.ca <anthony.ceccacci@chatham-kent.ca>; michael.bondy@chatham-kent.ca <michael.bondy@chatham-kent.ca>; mark.authier@chatham-kent.ca <mark.authier@chatham-kent.ca>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Woodlot Removal by-law

Hi Gabriel,
I received the letter you sent regarding the woodlot removal by-law.

I wanted to state my position very clearly. The municipality in no way, should impose any tree-cutting bylaw. It is a blatant infringement on the rights of property owners and in a democratic society, should not be tolerated.

If the municipality would like to see more trees in the landscape, then the municipality should undertake to plant more trees on the properties that they own. If they would like other property owners to do the same, they should find some other incentive that might entice property owners to VOLUNTARILY participate. Anything other than voluntary participation is a clear disregard to our basic human rights and freedoms.

Some have stated that there should be a by-law because there is an environmental benefit to trees. Well certainly there is, no one is arguing that. But that does not give the public the right to determine when and where one can be planted or cut down on private property. The only time that a public claim can be made, is if it poses a degradation the the environment of surrounding property owners that will impact its use. Cutting a tree down on one property does nothing to impact the environment of surrounding property owners or their ability to use it.

To put this in perspective let's consider the following scenarios where there is also environmental impact....

Urban property owners often hire pest control services to trap or kill rodents, insects and small mammals. Those insects and animals are part of an environmental ecosystem that will be potentially disrupted by their removal. Would Chatham-Kent ban all pest control to prevent this disruption to the environment?

Vehicles burn fossil fuels, that do as much or more to harm to the environment and have contributed as much or more to global warming, than tree cutting has done. Will CK ban the sale or use of any fossil fuel burning vehicles from operating on its streets, to protect the environment and stop global warming? Isn't the societal benefit of protecting the environment more important than the automobile and fossil fuel industries that employ thousands of people?

A farmer plants crops each year. Those crops are plants that sequester carbon, just like trees. Would the municipality put a by-law in effect that would outlaw the harvesting of crops on an annual basis because the removal of the crops will impact the environment?

Most rural landowners are often the best stewards of the environment and will do all that they can to care for the land and the environment to ensure a sustainable future. Their livelihood and their children's livelihoods depend on it. And if a landowner decides to harvest the trees from a woodlot, in order to make way for crops that also sequester carbon, and also provide food security, and an economic benefit to society, isn't there more likely to be a net benefit rather than harm? A well operated farm is still providing environmental benefit to society. A well operated farm still provides ecosystem services, and plants crops that sequester carbon. I would think that if CK was seriously concerned about protecting the environment, they would look harder at developers who are paving over both woodlots and agricultural lands, but then again... that would hit the municipality where it hurts.... in its own pocketbook rather than the pocketbook of its citizens!!

If CK passes any sort of tree removal by-law, we are heading down a slippery slope. What rights and freedoms are YOU willing to give up?

A concerned citizen in Ward 3,

[REDACTED]

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Gabriel Clarke

To: Jessie Passa
Subject: RE: Subject Temporary Tree Cutting Bylaw

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 26, 2021 9:07 PM
To: Jessie Passa <JESSIEP@chatham-kent.ca>
Subject: Subject Temporary Tree Cutting Bylaw

In my opinion, the Temporary Tree Cutting Bylaw negatively impacts the property rights of all rural landowners in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. I believe that trees should be cut down only if necessary because of their value for the environment and as habitats for animals and birds.

I would request that council propose a more equitable opportunity to have a fair and effective discussion on this subject with landowners. Please forward this email to Mayor Canniff and the Councillors of Chatham-Kent.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]
landowner

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 8, 2021 8:48 PM
To: Gabriel Clarke
Subject: Tree By-law

June 30 2021

To Gabriel Clarke

I have reviewed your Chatham-Kent web site and decided to offer my observations and comments. I am from a 5th generation farm family, a full time farmer in his 70s who is totally opposed to a tree by-law. I have noticed over the years the definition of private and public is becoming more blurred. I have found a good test to discover fairness is to reverse the roles. Imagine if the woodlot owners could tell the private home owners that they could not make changes or upgrades to their property. I can't imagine the uproar. It would go over like a plugged toilet.

I have witness the destruction of the elm trees from dutch elm decease and most recently the loss of our ash trees from the emerald ash borer; both pests carelessly imported. Unfortunately for us these 2 tree species where the majority of our trees. We salvaged some ash by logging and sawing fire wood but still the losses were great. In fact on windy days it was unsafe to enter the bush because of falling trees. Despite all this it was OUR decision to keep our woodlot for the present.

However there is a much greater threat on the horizon in the form of the gypsy moth and the long horn beetle. These 2 pest's menu includes most tree species. To me the future of our woodlots does not look bright. We saw the past effort to stop the emerald ash borer fail and future efforts are likely to be no better.

This is a dismal prospect and these 2 pests have already been reported elsewhere and if this become our fate, should the woodlot owners be hindered by a tree by-law?

I also noticed the general tone is of more control. By my experience control always seem to grow and will probably grow even better than the woodlots itself.

In conclusion I am firmly opposed to this proposal, the final judgment should remain with the PRIVATE PROPERTY owner. Thank you.

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Gabriel Clarke

To: Bruce McAllister
Subject: RE: Comments from last week's online Woodlot dialogue

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, Jul 05, 2021, 8:25 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: COUNCIL <COUNCIL@chatham-kent.ca>
Subject: Comments from last week's online Woodlot dialogue

After taking some time to consider the Ethelo/CK Council Consultation process.

Some counselors will recall the 2013 woodlot conservation bylaw process with Brian Boyle and Associates.

It was inclusive, deliberate and civil.

In my opinion, what we experienced last week was none of those things.

People were isolated and segregated. As a result some were bullied and shouted down by those who felt threatened by the bylaw.

These unacceptable emotional attacks rarely happen in open forums conducted by experienced moderators.

After talking with people attending the zoom meeting, it became clear that many views did not become part of the general discussion.

They were either misrepresented or simply unrepresented by the ad hoc moderators.

Quite frankly Ecology and its Importance are far too complex topics for these kinds of political Forums.

Most importantly the 2013 consultation process by Brian Boyle and Associates the report "***Sustainable Forest cover in Chatham Kent***" which included over 200 comments seems to be unavailable to the general public in spite of multiple requests.

The 2013 petition which included over 4,000 signatures demanding Legal Protection of our Woodlands provides the context within which further discussions should proceed.

We're not starting at zero here.

I can understand that the people at Ethelo likely did not have this information and perhaps felt like they were creating a new context.

In terms of time, this entire consultation was squeezed to ineffectiveness.

Aside from the accessibility issues (the required software did not allow typing from Android), to be fair, the number one problem was:

***Attempting this this in the context of Covid19 ***

This process is far too important to be rushed. Especially during a global pandemic.

I know that there are some who would like this process to just go away, and return to business as usual.

I hope Counselors and Administrators will consider that Forest Conservation in Chatham Kent is something that people have been taking seriously for decades and that the political pressure for effective Forest Conservation (not implementation) will only increase.

Failed tree plantations won't cut it! Public Relations and half measures won't cut it.

In the context of a climate emergency, a global pandemic and the worst extinction event in 65 million years, I would humbly suggest a more deliberate and careful approach, using ALL of the publicly funded resources available.

And of course there can always be a referendum.

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Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 6, 2021 1:41 PM
To: Gabriel Clarke
Subject: Fyi...

I have owned a 25 acre parcel of land in kent bridge for 37 yrs . 23.5 acres is considered forest by the min. Of Natural Resouces and Forestry .I have also lived on this very land the same 37 yrs. I have invested and spent yrs of many many hrs maintaining and spending to improve trails and drainage on this property. It is not recoverable as a cost as there is 0 profit in doing all this work.

Between ash borer disease and now gypsy moths wiping out trees in my forest, i wonder what real help and incentives the municipality will give woodlot owners to make a difference. Nothing likely close to the quiet cosy relationship without public inquiry like this woodlot saga ongoing that the chatham council has to buying for 29 million \$\$\$ from natural resources ontario to ensure that rondeau park cottagers can own their cottages at one tenth the cost estimates of what MPAC would ever assess them for. i understand that half of the rondeau leaseholders are american citizens living the usa.

So my point since i dont profit from my woodlot so please give us woodlot owners the same deal to benefit equally with the benevalant offer given to non resident cottage leasers in Rondeau.

That sums up my thots for now .For all the tree huggers out there , i can use your help soon as i approach 80 soon enough. Thanks for hearing me out.

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 29, 2021 1:50 PM
To: Jessie Passa
Subject: Woodlot bylaw

Please forward to the mayor and all councillors

My brothers and I have farmed in this community my entire life, as did our father, grandfather, and great grandfather. We own a woodlot in the Thamesville area and as good stewards, protect it. Other woodlots in this county also need protection, we are in favour of a woodlot protection bylaw. This might mean that landowners that have woodlots will require some incentive to protect them, we never have it was just the right thing to do, but having that option on the table might bring some around to support it.

An incentive like a tax break on acres that are in woodlots would be help. If it requires a few more dollars in taxes to cover off the incentive, then that's fine. Call it an investment in our county and its future. Looking at what other counties have in place would be a good start but in the meantime, keep the trees and woodlots, we need them.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Citizen and farmer of Chatham-Kent

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 9, 2021 9:35 PM
To: Gabriel Clarke
Subject: Woodlot management survey

Hello Gabriel. I must apologize. My husband and I procrastinated a bit in attending to this important survey. Then, with a funeral and estate business, the time has slipped away. Also, I interpreted July 9 incorrectly as being the last day to access the survey.

May I have my comments noted or included somehow?

COMMENT:

I applaud Chatham Kent Council's efforts to retain as much tree coverage as possible. Chatham Kent's added treasure is our Carolinian forests. I support incentive methods because I knew relatives who would quickly bulldoze land for an undetermined future purpose before a bylaw could remove their choices from them.

However, I feel the woodlot proposal hits hard because of its extreme contrast to the proposal to sell land to Rondeau Park cottagers.

Rondeau, Ontario's oldest provincial park, is 3254 hectares of Carolinian forest aside in 1894 to preserve its unique flora and fauna. Acreage preserved and managed for 127 years. It has been identified as a 'Canadian Important Bird Area'. We should be proud to be its neighbours.

Are you really proposing to preserve natural areas on the backs of citizens with small lots (eg. 6.4 hectares) rather than resist the seduction of increasing tax income for Chatham Kent? I love our gentrified Erieau. It's beautiful. But is this really the kind of development appropriate for Rondeau Park?

Let's take the long view. Avoid the quick fix for economic challenges. Think of future generations. Resist the pressure to change how humans inhabit the park.

And I will adhere to a woodlot bylaw as a way to do my part for preserving nature.

thank you,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 27, 2021 6:39 AM
To: Jessie Passa
Subject: Proposed Tree Cutting By-Law

[REDACTED]: Land Owner

Everyone seems to be having a problem with the logistics of how to enforce, and the limitations on individuals, a tree cutting by-law will impose. One must remember that the purpose of proposing this by-law is to protect what little tree cover we have left, especially in our rapidly diminishing woodlots. Woodlots are not just a bunch of trees, but living ecosystems that have taken hundreds of years to form, so why not target these? All the bylaw has to say is this to any purchaser of land. IF YOU BUY A PROPERTY THAT CONTAINS A WOODLOT...YOU OWN A PROPERTY WITH A WOODLOT AND IN THE FUTURE WHEN YOU DECIDE THE SELL, YOU SELL THE PROPERTY WITH THE WOODLOT.

You will hear an uproar from some landowners, but these are the individuals that want that piece of property for the purpose of removing that woodlot for financial gain. (If you don't believe me, contact me and I can give you an example where one property was purchased, woodlot cleared and then resold, all with-in 3 years) AND AT A GOOD PROFIT. If a woodlot is such a problem for some land buyers, then they don't have to buy it. There are people that will be happy to buy that property. Another argument you hear...I OWN THIS LAND AND NOBODY CAN TELL ME WHAT I CAN AND CAN'T DO.. What say would they have if the federal government decided to run a highway through it or a VIA rail? Just as much as the farmers could say when 401 was built. Another example...I'm a land owner. Can I even put up a building with-out jumping through all of our municipality's hoops?

WHAT CONSTITUTES A WOODLOT? With the state that exists in Chatham-Kent? Any wooded area that houses multiple wildlife species should fall under this protection. These areas could be added to by tree plantings but not removed. We have fallen a long way in the last 10 to 12 years. It will be a lot longer to get back to where we were. So what good are these woodlots beside environmental health? They can be logged and they can produce heating fuel to any extent but as long as the boundaries are not changed the area will rejuvenate. Another problem we face is the building of houses with-in our wooded areas. A house is built, yard cleared out and the eco-systems is destroyed. The homes could be built outside these wooded areas and if the person wants trees around his home they can be planted.

If you keep it simple, it will be easy to enforce and still not limit any wood cutting activities whether for lumber, removal of unwanted trees or for heating fuel.

JESSI, COULD YOU SEND A COPY OF THIS E-MAIL TO ALL THE COUNCILORS?

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Date: July 28 2021

Mayor, Council and Administration
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street W.
Chatham, Ontario N7M 5K8

Dear Sir/Madame:

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I fully support a tree
cutting Bylaw. This bylaw can help
landowners who do know how to manage their
lands. And will stop those who do the
clear cutting without thought or care.
Too many misconceptions are circulating about
what the bylaw is, before its even been designed
Yes, I do agree current process is wrong.

↓?

As landowners disproportionately have the most at stake with the proposed Bylaw, I would request that council propose a more equitable opportunity to have a fair and effective discussion on this subject. The current process that has been established is, inequitable, ineffective, and highly biased toward a specific pre-determined outcome.

As a resident and landowner of Chatham-Kent I expect more from our council with regards to how the proposal of this Tree Cutting Bylaw has been handled.

Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

Name:

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It is amazing that I have been farming for over 40 years live on a 150 year old operation. Maintained tree lines live in a wood lot and planted more trees than ever destroyed. My operation has become six times bigger today in which I pay a big tax bill. It hurts to you want to regulate what I do. Put the shoe on the other foot would you like me in your backyard telling you what you can do.

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We follow regulation from ever branch
of government, I have five different
license and its impossible to break rules.
So let us have some dignity to run our
own property that we bought and paid for.
I built this operation for my daughters
and grandchildren not to give it to
Chatham-Kent to take over

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- have 20 acres wood lot would hate to loose the right to maintain and select wood at maturity for harvest
- also maintain and nature my treelines by thinning and keeping healthy
- can't believe this is a good idea farming all my life 70 years live in a tree lot and have a wood lot and planted more trees than taken why do I need somebody else tell me how to run my property

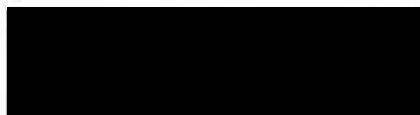
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Yours truly



Name:



Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to give my views on any proposed tree or woodlot bylaws that council may be considering going forward.

I am Tom Kerr, age 80, and the owner of 250 acres of land in Kent County that is north of Dresden. The home farm has been in the Kerr name since 1876 and currently I have two Kent woodlots and an arboretum. The second woodlot is very new. With the help of the St. Clair Valley Conservation Authority I planted 4,500 tree on about six acres of land in May of 2020. Giving up six acres of fully-tiled Kent land was a major financial commitment. I now need to control the weeds for several years and do tree trimming forever.

My deceased father was [REDACTED] and several decades ago he addressed the Kent Council strongly recommending they do not pass a tree bylaw. Yet he was the same person who planted an arboretum and in his own hand writing listed 39 different species of trees that he planted around the farm buildings. I have continued to add tree species to this arboretum.

I might note that I own land in three other jurisdictions and each have a tree bylaw. Urban politicians love passing tree bylaws as they add it to their political flyers to show that they are environmentally progressive. Lambton County has a tree bylaw and I have never planted one tree on my 200 acres of Dawn Township land. I'm afraid if I make a mistake I will have a terrible hassle to correct the problem. I might note that the city of Toronto now has 600 employees in their tree department plus an outside army of tree-trimming, contractors. Old dying trees are falling down on houses, cars and power lines and city arborist's try and save them rather than just plant a new tree.

So who would a woodlot bylaw effect. If you are a legitimate farm operation you must register with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture "OFA" and pay an annual due of \$271.20. In 2021 there are 1,828 farms registered in Kent County and only these farms are given the tax benefits that apply for farm operations. So we have

a situation where the well-intentioned city folk want to dictate what 1,828 farmers should do with their trees. Most farmers love their trees, they plant them around their houses, create wind breaks and use their woodlots for fuel and lumber. In my life time, I have seen a significant increase in the number of trees growing in Kent.

I must admit I am conflicted to know what "The best use of Kent land should be". I call myself an environmentalist. I have done my personal carbon footprint calculation and know how wasteful I have been with my extensive travel around the world. I have written about a dozen environmental missives to my friends and don't get me started on the benefits of septic tanks. Going forward, Kent farm land that produces food, may be a much better alternative than tree growing. We should protect Kent farm land and virtually stop urban sprawl.

If council must pick on woodlots at least make the requirement that the size must be a hectare or more.

If you really want to encourage woodlots, give a tax credit of at least \$250 a hectare every year to farmers that keep their woodlots but then again maybe food production would be better.

If you would like, I would gladly follow my father and attend a council meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



'Farmers working for Farmers'

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519-674-1500 #63593 Fax: 519-674-1512 kfa@uoguelph.ca www.kentfederation.ca

June 25, 2021

Mayor, Council and Administration
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street W.
Chatham, Ontario N7M 3K3

Dear Sirs/Madame:

The Kent Federation of Agriculture represents nearly 1,900 primary producers and agri-business in Chatham-Kent. Our primary focus is a strong and sustainable agricultural sector. Our success is evident as Agriculture in Chatham-Kent remains this municipality's largest economic driver.

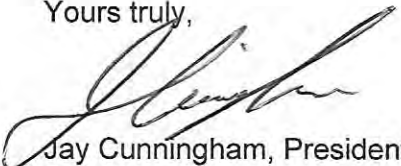
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A recent special Board of Directors meeting of the Kent Federation of Agriculture was held to clearly determine our position on the temporary bylaw – I would like to share the results with you now. At this special meeting, two motions were passed:

- 1) The Kent Federation of Agriculture takes the position on behalf of our membership that there should be no Tree Cutting Bylaw in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent
- 2) The Kent Federation of Agriculture participated in the creation of a Natural Heritage Strategy seven years ago. We continue to support this strategy and must participate in any updates to this strategy.

We will be sharing our position with our members, the media and the general public; however, we felt it only fair to share our position with this group first. As always, we welcome the opportunity for an open and effective discussion on this subject and would hope you would accept our invitation to do so.

Yours truly,



Jay Cunningham, President
519-784-2084



June 2, 2021

Mayor Darrin Canniff
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street West, P.O. Box 640
Chatham, ON N7M 5K8

RE: Temporary Clear Cutting By-Law 72-2021

Dear Mayor Canniff and Members of Council,

This letter is in response to By-law 72-2021 passed on April 26, 2021 by Council to temporarily prohibit clear cutting of woodlots, woodlands and parts of woodlots or woodlands in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. In addition, Council directed staff to begin a review and consultation process on forest preservation incentive programs and updated policies and bylaws.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is a national charitable organization dedicated to the conservation of Canada's most significant natural places. Chatham-Kent is located in Canada's Carolinian Ecoregion. This region fosters an unparalleled level of biological richness. At just one per cent of Canada's landmass, Ontario's Carolinian forests support an estimated 25 per cent of our country's species at risk. Many of the region's seventy tree species — such as tuliptree, pawpaw and sycamore — cannot be found elsewhere in Canada. NCC and partners have conserved over 10,000 ha in southwestern Ontario's Carolinian Canada ecoregion, including properties in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

Less than 5% of Chatham-Kent's forest cover remains today. Despite this low percentage, these forests support an incredible amount of biodiversity and provide many benefits to the local community. Forests buffer communities from the uncertainties of climate change by moderating the impacts of extreme weather events. Forests deliver many ecosystem services that have widespread benefits such as ground water recharge, water filtration and retention, flood and erosion control, air purification, and pollination. Forests are important contributors to the local economy; a well-managed forest can provide sustainable income streams and support thriving lumber and tourism industries.

While voluntary and incentive-based measures can play a role in forest conservation and restoration, these measures will not be enough to ensure Chatham-Kent's last remaining forest cover is protected.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada
P.O. Box 520, Port Rowan, ON N0E 1M0
Tel : (800) 249-9598, Fax: (519) 586-9777

La Société canadienne pour la conservation de la nature
C.P. 520, Port Rowan (ON), N0E 1M0
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A Forest Conservation By-law is the best method to protect this important feature in Chatham-Kent. A well-developed Forest Conservation By-law:

- promotes sustainable management of forest resources and is instrumental in supporting a strong local forest industry on privately owned lands;
- focuses on the conservation of forests and forest resources, not on restricting tree cutting; and
- ensures the forests remain healthy and productive, providing social, economic, and environmental benefits to present and future generations of Chatham-Kent residents and beyond.

We strongly encourage the municipality of Chatham-Kent to carefully consider the benefits of a Forest Conservation By-law in protecting its remaining Carolinian forests and promoting good management of forest resources. We would be pleased to consult with staff and provide input.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kristen Bernard
Program Director – Southwestern Ontario
Regional Vice President, Ontario
Nature Conservancy of Canada

cc. Mike Hendren, Regional Vice President, Ontario
Wendy Cridland, Senior Director of Conservation, Ontario

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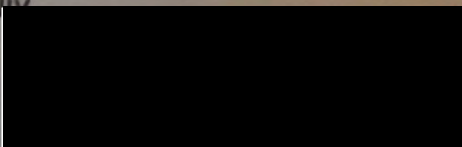
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I pay for this land and taxes on this land. I should have the right to choose how to use my land and the resources on my land as I have been able to do in the past.

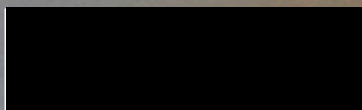
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1. Our farm history has proven for the past 3 generations that we have been responsible land owners who have left our numerous woodlots in their natural state. If you want other farmers to do the same we feel that an annual financial compensation should be paid directly to the landowner for it to be an economic business model.
2. If this bylaw is passed we will not be planting trees/wind breaks as this will require a permit/application fee for any kind of removal in the future.
or maintenance

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IF A FARMER OWNS THE LAND AND PAYS TAXES ON
THE LAND TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM KENT THE FARMER
MUST HAVE THE RIGHT AND FREEDOM TO KEEP OR REMOVE TREES.
GLOBAL WARMING IS A NATIONAL ISSUE.
CHATHAM KENT'S TREES ARE NOT GOING TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT
AS MUCH AS A BYLAW ABOUT TREE REMOVAL WILL HURT
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- PROHIBITS LANDOWNERS FROM MAINTAINING THEIR PROPERTIES

- IF THERE IS SUCH A LAW THE CITY NOW PLAYS GOD TO ~~CHOOSE~~ SAY WHAT CAN IT CANNOT BE CUT & THEN LEADS TO FUD TAPE

- IF PEOPLE IN CITY WANT TREES WE CAN PLANT THEM & THEN WE SHOULD BE COMPENSATED A FAIR VALUE

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BY AN DECISION OF COUNCIL, REGARDING THE
REMOVAL/CUTTING OF TREES.
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO SHOULD HAVE ANY VOICE ON
THIS SUBJECT IS THE PRIVATE OWNERS OF THESE
RURAL WOODLOT PROPERTIES. THIS IS A CONTINUATION
OF THE BLURRED LINE BETWEEN PUBLIC + PRIVATE
NON PROPERTY OWNERS (NON WOODLOT) HAVE NO RIGHT
TO HAVE AN OPINION ON OUR LAND. THEY HAVE NO
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Name:

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BENEFIT TO SOCIETY, THEN SOCIETY
BETTER BE READY TO OPEN THEIR
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At issue is individual land owners property rights.
The goal should be that privately owned forests are harvested on a sustainable basis, to avoid.
Farmers should not be restricted from making a living.
The majority of farmers are excellent land stewards and are improving their land for future generations. Adding a further level of bureaucracy by the municipality to manage this is not required.
Unfortunately, the Municipality cannot manage the aging infrastructure they have now. The decisions made often lack common sense.
For example, the Snobelen Road bridge design has limited my ability to access my farm with equipment and has limited my access to make a living. Farmers should be able to make decisions about their own property.
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Name: [REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

To: Jessie Passa
Subject: RE: Tree Cutting By-Law

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: July 22, 2021 12:08 PM

To: Mark Authier <Mark.Authier@chatham-kent.ca>; Michael Bondy <Michael.Bondy@chatham-kent.ca>; Joe Faas <Joe.Faas@chatham-kent.ca>; Amy Finn <amy.finn@chatham-kent.ca>; Aaron Hall <aaron.hall@chatham-kent.ca>; Melissa Harrigan <melissa.harrigan@chatham-kent.ca>; Karen Kirkwood-Whyte <karen.kirkwood-whyte@chatham-kent.ca>; Clare Latimer <clarel@chatham-kent.ca>; Jamie McGrail <jamie.mcgrail@chatham-kent.ca>; Brock McGregor <Brock.McGregor@chatham-kent.ca>; Carmen McGregor <Carmen.McGregor@chatham-kent.ca>; Steve Pinsonneault <Steve.Pinsonneault@chatham-kent.ca>; Doug Sulman <dougs@chatham-kent.ca>; Trevor Thompson <Trevor.Thompson@chatham-kent.ca>; John Wright <john.wright@chatham-kent.ca>; Jessie Passa <JESSIEP@chatham-kent.ca>; Darrin Canniff <Darrin.Canniff@chatham-kent.ca>

Subject: Tree Cutting By-Law

Dear Mayor and Council,

I recently received a letter in the mail from a "landowners" organization in Chatham-Kent. This letter claimed to that the recent tree cutting by-law "negatively impacts the property rights of all rural landowners" and called the current process "inequitable, ineffective, and highly biased toward a specific pre-determined outcome."

The first claim, I strongly disagree with.

Chatham-Kent's landowners need to become stewards of this land in order to protect our dwindling biodiversity. We sit far beneath the provincial tree cover average, and our monoculture fields, use of pesticides and fertilizers, has greatly impacted pollinators, native species, and wildlife. We are a community that deals with erosion, for which deforestation and agriculture are major causes. This group does not represent "all" landowners. I own a property on Lake Erie, as well as 60 acres near Tupperville. My family owns hundreds more in that area. Woodlots need to be preserved, and landowners need incentive to plant trees, not remove them. The focus in this area has been on drainage, yield, and economics since settlers called Chatham-Kent home in the 1700s. This has served us well, but it is no longer the way forward. We can't keep stripping and overfarming our land. We need sustainable practices that better utilize the space we already have, without further damaging our ecosystems.

This group is not speaking for our environment, or if they understood the future of sustainable agriculture, the economy either. All economic and agricultural decisions need to first speak to the use, and in this case abuse, of our land.

The second statement, is correct. For generations, there has been a "inequitable, ineffective, and highly biased toward a specific pre-determined outcome," in Chatham-Kent's decisions related to woodlots. It has been in favour of agriculture, without consideration of our trees. Otherwise, we would not see only 4% tree cover compared to 96% cleared land. The pre-determined outcome has always been removing green spaces, native wildlife, and ecosystems. When we needed more space, and trees weren't the issue, the dyke road outside Erieau was built. That decision to take nature, and protect farmland alone, has been wrought with issues. We watch farmers burning piles of cleared trees in their fields every year, reintroducing stored carbon into our atmosphere. Climate change, sooner or later, will tip the scales to where farmers will lose yield and crops due

to drought, floods, erosion, and disease. We have pushed this boundary, and exceeded it already for the pre-determined outcome of economic prosperity for a small percentage of our population.

I am a member of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and also the Ontario Beekeepers Association.

We cannot allow this group, portraying themselves as representatives of Chatham-Kent, and as an oppressed group to push council on this matter. This is a group with socio-economic privilege, who will undoubtedly garner written support from other farmers, but it is not out of consideration for Chatham-Kent, it is for personal gain. That's not how councils and governments make decisions, or at least not how they should.

I urge you to please continue to build on woodlot protection, make more strict by-laws and guidelines, protect the few trees we have left, and incentivise people to re-wild. Francis Glenn, a member of Chatham-Kent's agriculture hall of fame is a wonderful example. He owns numerous bush lots, and recently donated 16 acres near Cedar Springs where tens of thousands of trees have been built, and a wetland established. This is selfless stewardship with sustainability and community in mind.

Thank you for your consideration,

[REDACTED]

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Farmland and equipment are huge expenditures that loans need to be acquired for. In most cases we need to utilize all of our land to make enough profit to pay our loans. Our family is now faced with aging fence rows that blow into our's and neighbour's fields during high winds. We need to remove them. This area is prime farmland, meant for growing food. We paid for it and put the work in. It is very disappointing that this temporary bylaw was even considered, and then snuck through in the midst of a pandemic. What an unnecessary and deplorable attack on the farmers of Chatham-Kent.

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Name:

**EICH ROBERT,
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22672 HARWICH RD, RR 4 STN MAIN
CHATHAM ON N7M 5J4**

Wood Lot 13a Ravine

Ravine 13a
we like to preserve it

Public Engagement Regarding Council's Motion on Woodlot Preservation

Dear Landowner,

You may be aware that on April 26, 2021, Chatham-Kent's Council approved a motion that introduced a temporary woodlot removal bylaw for 120 days. The motion also directed Administration to launch a full public engagement process to seek the public's input to develop options to manage woodlots in Chatham-Kent.

You are receiving this letter because your property has been identified as one which likely contains a woodlot that may be impacted by future Council decisions in this regard. Given this, we felt it was important to contact you directly to make you aware of the possibility to provide input through the www.letstalkchatham-kent.ca online engagement platform. There, you will be able to access the woodlot project page where you will find a customized survey that will guide you through a series of questions on options to manage woodlots through education programs, incentives and/or regulations.

The input provided through this engagement will be used to develop options for woodlots in Chatham-Kent that will be provided to Council for their consideration. No final decisions have been made, so please consider taking the time to share your thoughts and shape the conversation on the future of woodlot management in our community.

The online engagement process will be open from June 14th 2021 until July 9th 2021. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at gabrielc@chatham-kent.ca or call me at 519-360-1998 ext. 3044.

Sincerely,



Gabriel Clarke MES, Hons. BA
Environmental Planner I
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Date: July 27th

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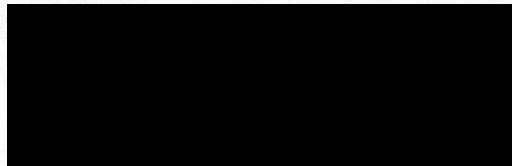
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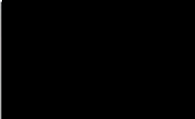
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I do not require governments help managing woodlots .
I do not need any extra costs for owning a woodlot
I do not want any trespassing by anyone at anytime on
any wood lot .
I will entertain a discussion about how a negotiated
tax credit or incentive that would be paid up front
for any upgrades^{or}, tree planting ,

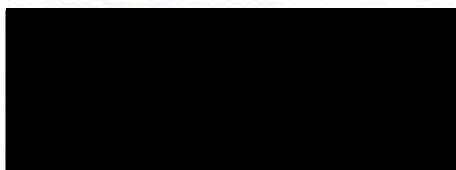
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WOODLOT
ASSOCIATION

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April 30th, 2021

Mayor Darrin Canniff
Chatham-Kent
15 King Street West, P.O. Box 640
Chatham, ON
N7M 1E7

Dear Mayor Canniff,

The Ontario Woodlot Association fully supports our South West Chapter with their requests for municipal governments to review existing provincial policies and community bylaws, that are in place to stop the removal of woodlands and wetlands.

Woodlot conservation and promoting good stewardship of our province's privately owned woodlands are fundamental goals of the OWA. We agree that the Natural Heritage Reference Manual be used to help guide all municipal planning, and that the Endangered Species Act should be taken into consideration with respect to conserving woodlots in all regions of the province.

As stated in the letter from our South West Chapter, bylaws should be reviewed to clearly define acceptable allowances of tree removal in the agriculture sector, and to update the exemption policies concerning the removal of woodlands.

Thank you for considering these important requests by our South West Chapter. We hope that you will be able to discuss these opportunities with their representatives, to create policies that will ensure healthy and productive woodlots in your region now, and in the future.

Please feel free to contact us at info@ontariowoodlot.com for more information or if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Paul Robertson
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Regenerative Agricultural Land-Use Management Farm Group
Chatham-Kent

Position Paper

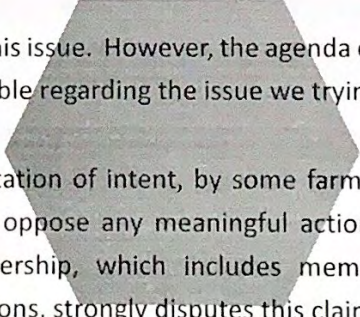
Woodlot Clearing/Deforestation


Chatham-Kent

Regenerative Agricultural Land Use Management Farm Group

July 15, 2021


After considerable discussion, the REALM Team has come to these conclusions:

- The main reason for this Woodlot Consultation Process we understand is to address woodlot clearing/deforestation in Chatham-Kent and to halt further destruction of forest lands by a regulated bylaw.
 - Although considerable effort has taken place to engage the public, many woodlot owners are unclear as to what control/restrictions may be imposed on their use of this resource. Consequently, they are hesitant to endorse a bylaw, even though the majority oppose clear cutting and support action to preserve woodlands.
 - Property rights have again clouded this issue. However, the agenda of those involved with advocating this position is questionable regarding the issue we trying to resolve.
 - There appears to be a misrepresentation of intent, by some farmers in Chatham-Kent, who claim the majority of farmers oppose any meaningful action to preventing clear cutting/deforestation. Our membership, which includes members from all three, provincial accredited farm organizations, strongly disputes this claim.
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- Representatives from our Group, who have sat on the Natural Heritage Committee, have confirmed that regardless of the effort and work involved, this Policy has failed to stop the continued clear cutting/deforestation in Chatham-Kent. Any success of such a Policy will require a regulatory component.
 - There is a sincere desire of the majority of woodlot owners to preserve their woodlands; however, they could benefit from a Best Management Practices Program and the Extension Support of a professional forestry team. Unfortunately, not everyone has the interest or desire to participate in Best Management Practices (BMP) and therefore we are faced with regulation of some form.

In light of these conclusions, we are recommending and encouraging the following actions:

1. In order to address the core of this issue (woodlot clearing/destruction), a bylaw regulation of some form will be needed. We are willing to cooperate and help bring a flexible document to the Community, which will impose a minimum of control on landowners and be applicable to everyone, not just farmers.
2. Regarding incentives, again, we are willing to work constructively to offer sincere woodlot owners opportunities that a BMP Forestry Program would bring; including possible tax relief. Best Management Practices are now accepted as vitally important to long-term land stewardship in agriculture; including as they apply to our rural woodlands that are as important as our open fields. REALM supports and endorses these practices, which need to be accepted and demanded by society and our Community, as necessary for sustainable/regenerative agriculture and the benefit of the greater Community. All three, major farm organizations in Ontario encourages and realizes the value of BMP.
3. Concerning the costs involved, we have discussed funding of an Incentive-Bylaw Program and we feel the Municipality could accommodate these costs (ie. we already have forestry trained arborists on staff at the Public Works Department; an

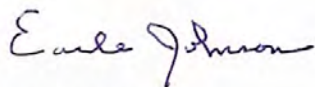


Environmental Scientist with considerable land stewardship experience at the Drainage Department and staff at the LTVCA with a good knowledge of forestry, who could help directly in this matter. REALM also has a forestry trained member, who has specialized in forest harvesting. Combined with the services of our part-time professional forester, we already have competent team in place to move forward with a BMP program.


4. If time constraints are a factor in this Woodlot Consultation Process, we would encourage Administration and Council to keep the Temporary Bylaw intact until a successful conclusion of this consultation process takes place.
5. Lastly, we are willing to work and/or cooperate with any group or party; including Administration and Council, who sincerely desire to resolve this matter. We would like to commend the Administration and majority of Council for the effort they have made thus far and also, the Community of Chatham-Kent for their overwhelming engagement toward resolving this issue.

We recognize agriculture is facing major environmental challenges as we move and transition towards a new era. However, we feel it possible that we can meet and deal with these challenges in a positive and constructive way.....the issue before us is no exception.

Sincerely,



Earle Johnson
Acting Secretary, REALM
Regenerative Agricultural Land Use Management Farm Group
Chatham-Kent



Date:

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315 King Street W.
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I am against Council trying to
control my right to manage my own
property

I am for people who want to purchase
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Yours truly,



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Date: July 30, 2021

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- since we pay the same level of taxes on woodland, we should have the right to use them as we wish.

- this is our property - let us decide how to use it.

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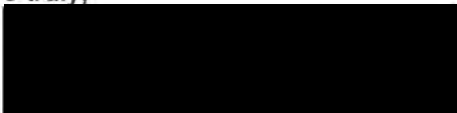
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I am a Blenheim farmer with a 20 Acre Bush Lot. Myself I will probably never take my bush down but it really make me feel like I have no say in the land that I own, my father before me owned and his father before that. Farmer to make a living off land so if they want us to leave bush pay us for the said land. They could use the windmill money since if it was not for farmers, they would not have (TAX money) and we should not have to pay taxes on Bush land

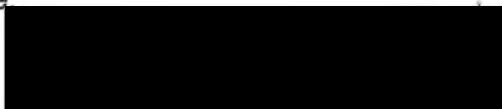
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South West Woodlot Association

A Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association

From: The Executive Members of South West Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association
205 Mill Pond Cres.
Strathroy, Ontario
N7G 3P9

To: Mayor of Chatham-Kent, Darrin Canniff
315 King Street West, P.O. Box 640
Chatham, ON N7M 1E7

The Ontario Woodlot Association (OWA) is a not-for-profit grassroots organization governed by an elected, volunteer board of directors. Our members own and manage woodlots throughout the province and include individuals and organizations that support our goals. We believe that private landowners have a key role to play to ensure that sustainably managed forests remain a part of Ontario's future. We are the South West Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association, representing OWA members from our area.

The Ontario Woodlot Association Guiding Principles emphasize landowners' responsibilities and support any initiative that seeks to achieve sustainable management of our woodlots and forests. Additionally, the OWA upholds landowners' rights, under the law.

The vision of the OWA is for *healthy, productive woodlots*. This habitat takes decades to re-create in plantations. As we deplete the woodlots around us, we deplete our ecosystem's ability to support the pollination of our trees and our crops. We now know there is established evidence demonstrating the importance of wild pollinators for increased fruit set in both wild plants and a range of economically important crops around the world. We also know many of our wild pollinators are bees that live in the deadwood of our woodlands.

Presently in Ontario there are policies in place that should be stopping the removal of woodlands in our region. The Provincial Policy Statement protects significant woodlands and wetlands from destruction and uses the Natural Heritage Reference Manual to guide the implementation of the policies at the municipal planning level. The Endangered Species Act also should be taken into consideration regarding woodlot conservation. As the executive members of our local chapter of the OWA, we ask Council to review the Policies mentioned above regarding the removal of woodlands from Chatham-Kent.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our perspective on this matter. We look forward to discussing these matters with you and extend our desire to help create policies that will ensure a healthy, vibrant Chatham-Kent for generations to come. Please feel free to reach out to us via email at swwaowa@gmail.com.

-The Executive Members of the SWWA

Date:

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It is very dissapointing that a by-law was put in place that impacts the rights of all landowners and farmers in the municipality of Chatham-Kent.

This by law should be reviewed and revised as all landowners in CK should be able to decide on their own property if a tree should be cut down without requesting permission from the municipality. This is one thing that we shouldn't have to deal with. Please review and revise this by law,

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9.2 ... maintained to a presentable standard in keeping with such factors as the legal uses to which the property is put...

I did not purchase expensive farmland to be told what to do with it, if I or anyone deems bushland fit for farm use, we have the right to do so. Impeding property rights of any landowner is just one small step ~~away~~ away from capitalism. Where does the line get drawn, if this passes? Government needs to be less involved in citizens' personal property & their affairs; the big reason people sought freedom in Canada

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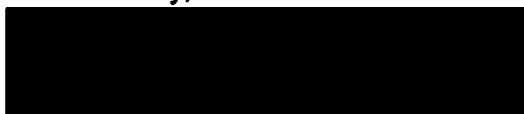
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- As a land owner, I don't agree that a municipality has the right to dictate whether a tree can be cut down or not - on private property.
- As a farm owner, we need to do what's best for my farm and includes clearing ~~property~~ property lines and/or ditches to allow for proper water flow.
- If a tree were to fall on my farm, it should be up to the municipality to decide whether or not it should be removed and how.

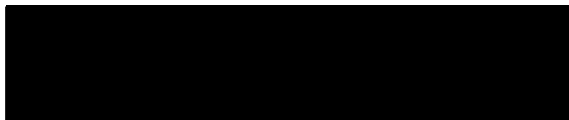
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Dear Sir/Madame:

This should not be a vote of majority from the people of Chatham Kent. The of Chatham Kent citizens are losing control and value of their property. Only the landowners with bugh land should vote on this Bylaw. It is the value of their land that is e stake. You are taking away private property right.

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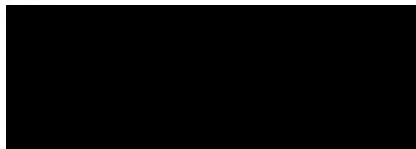
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Presently farm land is selling for \$20,000. per Acre. It cost \$10,000. per Acre to clear it and tile it. So bush land is worth \$10,000 per acre. Are you willing to compensate land owners \$10,000. per Acre if you pass this bylaw. If not that is what you are stealing from the people who bush land.

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Mayor, Council and Administration
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315 King Street West
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Re: Tree Cutting Bylaw of April 26, 2021
Yes, please

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My husband, a farmer with wooded property, received a letter inviting him to participate in the online survey regarding the tree cutting bylaw. He completed it, and so did I. We have planted trees in cooperation with Lower Thames Conservation Authority programs, and support the preservation and increase of tree cover in Chatham-Kent.

Perhaps as a member of the Kent Federation of Agriculture, he received a letter from a group called Chatham-Kent Landowners. The letter urges recipients to write to you to "strongly oppose a Tree Cutting Bylaw" because it "negatively impacts the property rights of all rural landowners in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent."

If a letter is required, here's a letter.

Farmers understand already that rights come with responsibilities. Pond water cannot be contaminated by feeding it directly into sprayers. Fires are burned with permits. Sprays are applied by people trained and licensed in their use. "Property rights" do not amount to a Wild West scenario where land ownership means that "anything goes" on that land. The privilege of owning property includes responsibility for its care.

It is heartbreaking to see clearcutting and burning of woodlots in Chatham-Kent. Whatever regulation is or is not in place to protect our embarrassingly limited tree cover has proven ineffective. I have seen nothing from the Chatham-Kent Landowners to offer a viable alternative. The Municipality has offered a most open process for public input, inviting farmers such as my husband to participate. It is time. Give us something with teeth, please.



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WE OBJECT TO ANY TREE CUTTING BYLAW. WE OWN OUR LAND AND USE IT FOR CASH CROP FARMING. WE HAVE A THREE-ACRE WOODLOT WHICH WE MAINTAIN AND PAY HIGH PROPERTY TAXES ON AND ALL OF OUR LANDS.

WE DON'T WANT TO BE DICTATED TO ON WHAT WE CAN AND CANNOT DO ON OUR OWN PROPERTIES. WE HAVE ALWAYS PLANTED MORE TREES THAN WHAT WE CUT. HISTORICALLY WE CUT ONLY DEAD TREES. AGAIN, WE EMPHATICALLY OBJECT TO ANYBODY TELLING US WHAT WE CAN/CANNOT DO IN REGARDS TO TREES ON OUR OWN PROPERTY.

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We pay huge taxes on our properties. Therefore we should be able to do what we want on said property.

We own the property but there is always some so-called higher-ups trying to order us what we can or can't do

i.e - just tried to get a building permit for a new shed (what a nightmare)

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I own 25 acres of woodlot. Taxes have been paid by me and ancestors since 1850. Since it benefits all, owners of woodlots should no longer carry this tax burden..—NO TAXES ON WOODLOTS.

We have receipts showing we paid the crown for this land and have been good stewards by maintaining 10% of our rich crop land in trees. Wood lot owners are entitled to a yearly monetary payment.

— CASH YEARLY PAYMENTS PER ACRE FOR WOODLOT OWNERS.

KEEP WOODLOTS BY INCENTIVE PROGRAMS NOT LEGISLATION.

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Please forward these concerns to each of the councillors.

Members of the clear cutting by-law C-K.

July, 2021

Our farm property has 145 acres, that consists of approx.30 acres of wooded area.

Under the current legislation there is supposed to be 10%of the 145 acres that is free of tax.

This means we are taxed on the rest of the bush (15 1/2 acres) at a normal farm rate.

It is difficult to see the logic in this 10 % maximum if the intent of this cutting by-law is to save the trees that we already have. Does it mean we can cut everything over the 10% limit?

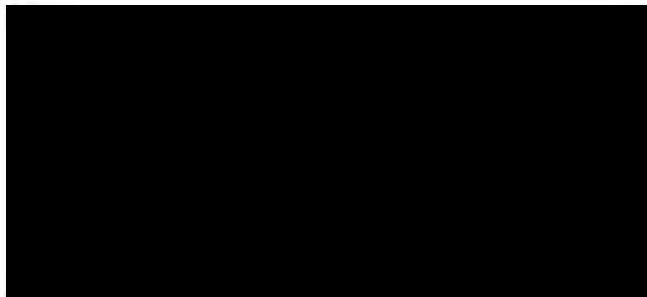
If these bush lots are a benefit to the whole population, then we feel it is unreasonable for the farm population to absorb the total cost.

We believe in a by-law ,to prevent the clear cutting of the forest we have left. However on most farms , there are a few smaller areas that would be better cleaned up. There should be an unbiased council to hear any request of this nature.

There should be guidance set out as to what we can and cannot cut for the council to work under.

In closing, we enjoy our bush for walking, biking, kubota rides, catching glimpses of deer, and wild turkeys and the beauty of all the different trees.

Thank You.



JUL 12 2021

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Clerk's Office
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
P.O. Box 640
315 King Street West
Chatham, ON N7M

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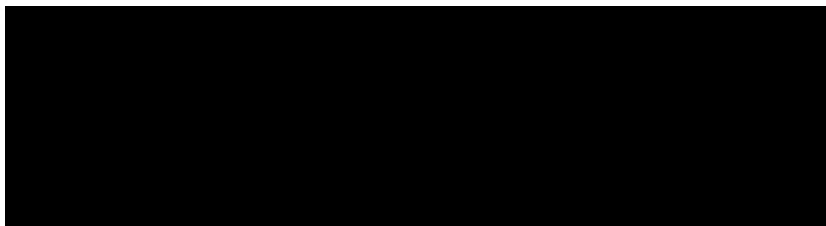
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- 1- Work has been done with natural heritage strategy in 2014 I support that.
- 2- Tree coverage numbers do not include all trees in the area like fencerows shelterbelts home lots roadsides and town and cities.
- 3- Farmers already plant most of new trees in CK. I have planted over 5000 trees on my 150 acres in the last 30 years but on marginal land not productive food producing land.
- 4- We are good stewards of the land now.
- 5- Farm land feeds the world not trees, do not grow them on prime farmland.
- 6- Farming is a business our land in CK is worth 20000 per acre and more.
- 7- Farmers are the only group without an exemption to this i.e. municipality hydro homeowners etc.
- 8- Survey is biased and skewed to favor of a bylaw. People from all parts of the world have taken it.

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AS A LAND OWNER (103 ACRES WITH 10 ACRES BUSH)
IN CHATHAM KENT SOUTH OF THAMESVILLE
I AM NOT OPPOSED TO TREE CUTTING BYLAW. IN LAST
4-5 YEARS I HAVE SEEN TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF 5 FARM
BUSHES WITHIN 3 MILES OF MY FARM. "BIG MONEY" AGENTS
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I ALSO BELIEVE LANDOWNERS HAVE SOME
THINGS TO BE CONSIDERED: TAX BREAK ON
LESS PROFITABLE AREAS - RIGHT TO CUT ANY
UNDESIRABLE TREES. IN OTHER WORDS

Name:

MANAGE THE ASSET
LET'S DO SOMETHING NOT ANALYZE UNTIL
ITS TOO LATE!

Date: July 23, 2021

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There is no question that the remaining woodlots in Chatham Kent should be preserved.
Other jurisdictions have bylaws in place to protect their wooded land so it must be possible to achieve the same in CK.

I'm pleading with Council to use your collective wisdom to find a way to prevent further destruction of our municipality's limited wooded areas.

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Yours truly,

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Mayor, Council and Administration
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315 King Street W.
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The landowner is the person that in fact owns the land.

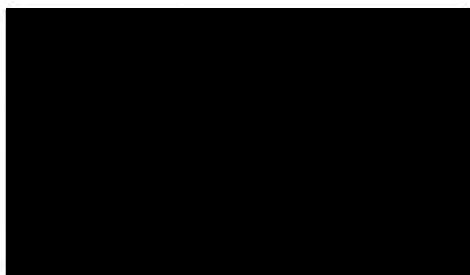
They bought it, paid for it, and they have paid property taxes on the land.

They are therefore the one that should make the final responsible decision on tree cutting.

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July 28/21

July 23, 2021

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

315 King Street W.

Chatham, Ontario N7M 5K8

Dear Sir/ Madame,

This is regarding the temporary Tree Cutting Bylaw. I am a retired farmer living in the former Chatham Township. I do NOT oppose the bylaw. I believe it is the right thing to do. Chatham Kent has the lowest tree coverage at 3.5% in Southwestern Ontario. Trees and forestation are good for the environment. Trees provide habitat for wildlife which includes species that aid in pollination or act as controllers of pest species. They help prevent soil erosion. They absorb carbon and lock it into their wood and roots thus helping prevent or slow down climate change. They improve water infiltration rates in the soil and consume water both of which help prevent flooding from heavy rain. These are some of the important benefits of trees, hedgerows and bush land. We need trees to survive.

I understand people wanting to control their property but we have regulations in place for many aspects of life whether it is on the farm or in the city. They are all there for a reason. This bylaw is important in many ways, seen and unseen. There are bylaws like this in most municipalities in Southwestern Ontario. Chatham Kent needs to protect this important part of our lives and our world.

Perhaps reducing or eliminating taxes on bush land would encourage people to grow trees or at least cooperate and understand the need for a Bylaw.

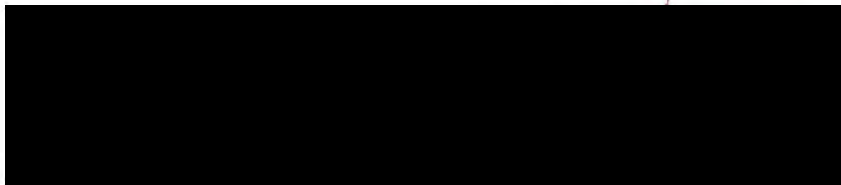
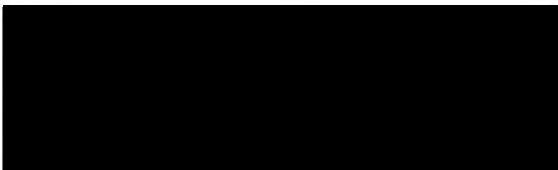
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July 28, 2021

Mayor, Council and Administration

I am opposed to your by-law pertaining only to rural lands pertaining to tree cutting. I have several points that follow

1. Why can't all of Chatham Kent pay for more trees along roadways etc.? Quit mowing the road allowances and water the new trees. No jobs lost!
2. After someone pays the big bucks for a farm (\$13,600) and then be told how they work this farm or creates the money to pay off the farm, is unfair. They are required to still pay for this land and to pay taxes on this land, all for the good of others. This sounds, a might, like taking advantage of one segment of your population! Do you not think some monetary compensation would be called for? This woodlot needs to be tended and paid for. It will have no monetary value for the owner but all will benefit???
3. Why is it dependent only rural citizens to combat low tree coverage? Why can't a fair campaign be launched that equally affects rural and urban citizens? Personally I have planted thousands of trees. I do not want to be told how and when I can remove these trees by someone in town who has never planted a tree. If you want more trees plant them on municipal property and all pay for the trees and the up keep.
4. Farmers, as a whole, sequester carbon in the growing of their crops. What do our urban friends sequester with one lawn that is mowed frequently?



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Mayor, Council and Administration
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Chatham, Ontario N7M 5K8

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Woodlots are one of the most valuable natural resources from an ecological point of view and deserve to be protected. Woodlots are used for education, recreation and remove carbon dioxide from the air. We appreciate the range of species living in our local woodlots, Take a walk in our woods at any season and it will give you a growing appreciation of the diversity of life present in C-K. Our mayor + council should be good stewards of our woodlots and their sustainability, please do what is right!
Thank You.

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- TRAMP THREW YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN
- (H) I DON'T WANT MY BUDDY TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO WITH MY PROPERTY ETC
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It is with great sadness that we the farmer have to rally to protect our rights as land owners. Even though most farmers do a great job of soil. With all the green you see in the fields for up to six months means nothing. But you can bulldoze for urban development is okay. Maybe clean up your inner city blight. You people are the experts of the city. And we are the experts of the rural. If taking out some wood in C-K is forbidden that is wrong. Maybe making landowners plant wind breaks after clearing would be great compromise. Or adjusting taxes or compensate to serve it.

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I am not in favour of a Bylaw for tree cutting in Chatham Kent.

Farmers don't need someone telling them which trees to leave when a bush is next to crops land.

My opinion is that there is enough tree cover in C.K. I live near the Sydenham river which is clogged

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I am a firm believer in tree planting, have planted many so far and plan on more. But if everyone wants trees, I don't think landowners should carry the whole burden. Generous tax incentives would entice more farmers to turn marginal and unproductive land into the wood lots. Tax payments by non landowners could fund this tree planting.

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July 22, 2021

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Civic Center

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Chatham, ON N7M 5K8

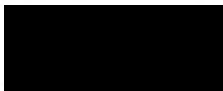
Att: Don Shropshire

This letter is in response to the article written about cutting down woodlots. Since "everyone" benefits from trees, why not have "everyone" pay for them!?

Yes: Taxes!

Have the municipality "purchase" land and build "forest lots". That way everyone will benefit!

Simple solution from a 92-year-old resident from Village on the Ridge.



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Date: July 27/2021

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Chatham, Ontario N7M 5K8

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- ① Woodlots could be removed if the landowner agrees to plant wind breaks to compensate for loss of woodlots
- ② If there were true compensation for leaving a woodlot then farmer's would be more inclined to do so.
- ③ To make a farming business successful sometimes it could require the removal of a woodlot.

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Nobody cuts a tree unless its in the way. Ditch trees, River bank trees Driveway trees, backyard trees it cost a lot of money to cut down a tree. Look at all the tree's the municipality wanted or are gonna cut on Victoria Ave. I do not believe that we need to cut tree's with their permission. There are a lot of dead tree's on Stewart line that the city should cut they are falling in the Drain! Now that should be done!

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1. I understand the logic behind a law on clear cutting. But landowners restricted in the use of their land, should be exempted from paying taxes on that portion. A tax break might also be instrumental in persuading landowners to keep their woodlots.
2. There should be NO restrictions to tree cutting to thin or maintain a woodlot or windbreak, and certainly no law about cutting down a tree in the yard. I'm not about to apply for a permit if a tree is dying or damaged enough to warrant cutting it down.
3. Why is this coming from the same group that wants to cut down all the trees along Victoria Ave.?

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Date: *July 25th / 21.*

Mayor, Council and Administration
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street W.
Chatham, Ontario N7M 5K8

Dear Sir/Madame:

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please see attached letter.

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and expect a permanent bylaw.

Mayor, Council, and Administration

Dear Sirs/Madames:

As a landowner/woodlot owner at [REDACTED], please let it be known that I do not agree with the drivell presented in this so-called new-found Chatham-Kent Landowners group.

I will not state statistics here, or go into detail about why Chatham-Kent is so far behind other municipalities in enacting a bylaw, because I trust, at this point, that all of you are aware of the broader issue. Considering we now have a temporary bylaw in place as of April 26th, 2021, I like to think we will go further and make it permanent.

I say this because, although I can appreciate individual rights, there is more at stake here than immediate gratification. We owe it to future generations to make Chatham-Kent a healthy/liveable/prosperous area. This is my home. This is where I was born and where I choose to live, and where I believe it is a RIGHT of all citizens to have clean air and all the benefits provided by having a healthy amount of woodlots.

This is about far more than individual rights. This is about a common responsibility, in which all of us play a part in protecting the woodlots for a greater good.

I am extremely pleased to see a temporary by-law now in place and I applaud you for that. It's simply unfortunate this did not happen back in 2012. However it is not too late to continue on the right path and not be bullied into stepping back again by the very people who seek to gain the most from the opposition. This is less about rights and more about money and it is ludicrous to pretend we think otherwise.

Furthermore, I encourage CK to implement some kind of tax break on woodlots and set things to rights.

Best,

[REDACTED]

Date: *July 27/2021*

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July 27th, 2021

It is no wonder that we have a few Green Heads on the city council. The Federal government and it's control over the big media outlets is peddling it's propaganda to defend the Carbon Tax. Most of media content is about fear mongering and maybe 20% science. The truth about the carbon tax is taxation. The carbon tax which is again taxed by the HST is creating inflation throughout the economy which will result in higher wage demands to afford the carbon fuels we currently need. The big beneficiary is the government taxing higher priced goods & services and higher wages. The big losers will be people on fix income who will eventually put more demand on social programs.

A simplistic explanation of the Carbon Cycle is that photosynthesis through plants allows carbon & hydrogen to build structure. Thus carbon is temporarily stored. Because we live in an oxidizing atmosphere, these structures are eventually oxidized back to their fundamental elements. Thus only long lived species of trees can provide some effective storage of carbon.

The next Green Head target is livestock production because they omit methane gas which also happens to be more worrisome to climate change. No one is talking about the human mammal population explosion. That is because the archaic tribal religious

ideologies promote human reproduction which also means more & more consumption. Why do we ignore the biggest problem of all?

*Regarding woodlot by-laws. WE DO NOT NEED THEM!!!!!!!!!!
We have enough by-laws which mostly serve the bureaucrats who over see them. The Chatham Kent government is well known for it's self serving fiefdoms and nepotism.*

I would challenge the CK Council to the big picture. Open up the Corporation accounting system for public view !!!!! Take the 20-30% in tax savings and promote science based effective technologies.

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Date:

Mayor, Council and Administration
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street W.
Chatham, Ontario N7M 3K3

JUL 15 2021

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*We need a by-law to cut down Wind Mills on
Class #1, ~~and~~ farmland?*

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- I'M AGAINST THE BYLAW WHICH YOU'RE TRYING TO PASS.
- I THINK THE BUSH SHOULD BE RUN BY PROPERTY OWNER NOT TOLD WHAT TO DO.

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*Let Land Owners Make Their Own decisions.
Hr Their investment.*

Do NOT enforce by laws on our woodlots. Regulations lead to more and more regulations that take away our rights as the property owners. We provide so much green growth in productions of crops that aids in climate control. Each year more farmland is lost to the concrete jungle. Most farmers will not destroy their woods. I am against any form of bylaw that prohibits our choice of what happens on our land. Proud Farmer:

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To whom it may concern - I think any original forest should be left as is.

When someone buys an original woodlot, they should expect that it should remain so.

~~Original~~

As far as wind breaks, ditch banks, fence rows, trees around a yard, I think the owner should have the right to do what he ^{or she} wants.

If a new woodlot has been established, but is not original, I don't know about that.

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1. Takes away property owner's care of her/his property.
2. Example of government dictating taxpayer's use of their property.
3. Bylaw does not "fit all" situations and property.

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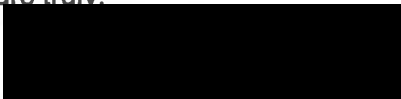
As a rural landowner, I have planted hundreds of trees. I resent the municipality of Chatham-Kent mandating what I can do on my land. Farmland is very expensive to buy, so a new farm owner needs to make use of every acre to pay for the farm. They should not be told what they can or cannot do with the land. At the very least, farmers should be consulted on the process.

If someone in the city decides to cut down all the trees on their property is there a bylaw that tells them they cannot cut down their trees?

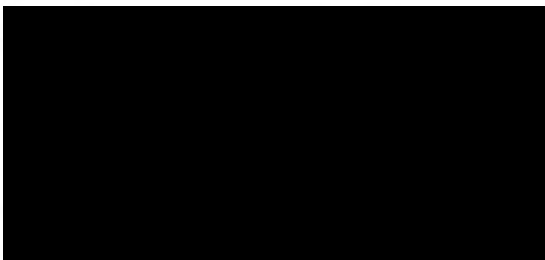
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A bylaw will negatively affect woodlot property value - turning an asset into a liability. Chatham-Kent cannot maintain land already under their control - no way will they be able to manage woodlots as well as the current property owners. - Woodlot owners have paid taxes, insurance and all associated costs for their property for years/decades/generations - now you want to penalize them for being responsible citizens by restricting their use of their property. It is frankly an insult! The online survey was terrible. It was open to anyone with an internet connection - regardless if they were a resident/tax payer of Chatham-Kent. It is very easy to support a cause when you aren't affected by the outcome. The survey should have only been open to woodlot owners in Chatham-Kent asking for input of how we could help/encourage them to keep/maintain and possibly grow their woodlot.

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Please feel free to contact me to discuss, or with any questions.


As a Chatham Kent woodlot owner, we should be rewarded for being woodlot stewards and supporting wildlife habitat, not penalized by having a bylaw. We have taken approximately 10 acres out of farmland and developed woodlot and wetland areas on our property over the years without any monetary assistance. A neighbour took 15 acres out of farmland and planted trees and a wetland area.

We heat our house with wood and supplement our income with selling wood by managing our forest. If a bylaw is implemented, this will cause livelihood issues and will result in penalizing us for being woodlot owners. We have no intention of clear cutting our forest but want to continue our practice of good forest management. We would like to continue to do so without supervision by authorities that do not own woodlots or live on woodlots or that we have to support by increasing property taxes.

A bylaw would make the woodlots worthless and a liability to own. This would affect our income and our property value as that is all we have is woodland- no farmland!

The municipality of Chatham-Kent tree budget is \$800 which is embarrassing for a municipality concerned about tree cover. The urban settings should have increased taxes to help cover the cost of tree planting in the municipality. Rural areas or homes should not be penalized as they usually have tree cover around their property. Urban areas are also a cause of lost forest tree cover and without the farmers, how would the urban people eat?? There should be an incentive for increasing tree over or wetland areas on rural property as well instead of penalizing them for already owning a woodlot.





July 31, 2021

Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street West,
Chatham, ON – N7M 5K8


Attn: Municipality of Chatham-Kent Council

I am a land owner in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

I am the sole owner of a farming partnership that my husband and I took on when we purchased the farm from his parents – 50 years ago. We dedicated our lives to this land – and sacrificed many things in life to keep the land and preserve it for future generations.

We both had to work off the farm as well as on the farm to financially sustain the land, our property and the family that we raised together.

We were/are conservationist of the land – planting buffers and tree lines – FOR YEARS – to keep the integrity of the land and soil at its best quality.

We have participated in the environmental farm plan, rural stewardship plan, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement and many other programs that my partner/husband  also facilitated.

These reasons all contribute to the reason why I oppose a tree cutting bylaw.

I feel that the tree cutting by law infringes upon our rights as land owners and personally to my dedication to the land - that I have already been practicing for years. I have taken financial responsibility, for years, to plant trees and maintain them on my properties.

My family sacrificed things in life and chose to spend our hard-earned money dedicated to keep our land.

Perhaps we did not take in a movie, drove a new vehicle or vacationed, ate meals at home, made different financial choices - only to save for our future and our families future to keep that land allowing us to make our decisions our own.

As a rural farmland owner of Chatham-Kent, I have paid tax on that land - for years - I have earned the right to make decisions on my properties as I have made sacrifices that no one else has made.

What right does anyone else, but the land owner, have for that land.

Farmers and woodlot owners - not only grow food for the world – but plant acres of green crops that benefit us all. I believe in the preservation of woodlots and conservation but do not feel this tree cutting bylaw is the answer. Perhaps the Municipality should consider tax breaks/deductions for the existing woodlots to encourage preservation and stewardship of their individual properties.

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The proposed restrictions do not give the landowner freedom to manage the health of their woodlot without outside interference from someone who is unfamiliar with the landowners property.

We need to act quickly to remove diseased trees fallen trees or trees that impeded the young growth with will ensure the longevity of the woodlot.

The bureaucracy that would be involved would be detrimental to the well being of the woodlot.

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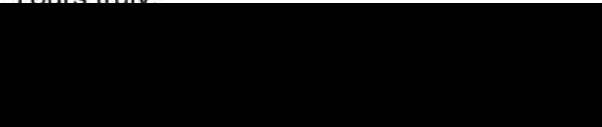
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THIS BY-LAW WILL ACTUALLY HINDER ME FROM PLANTING MORE TREES. I PLANT HUNDREDS OF TREES ON MY FARM IN THE FORM OF WIND BREAKS AND CORNERS THAT ARE UNFARMABLE. I WILL BE HANDCUFFED TO A BY-LAW THAT STOPS ME FROM ANY REMOVAL IN THE FUTURE IF I NEED TO CLEAN UP AREAS THAT ARE NO LONGER SUITABLE. WE OWN HUNDREDS OF ACRES THAT ARE PRIME AG LAND, CLEANING UP BUSH LAND AND TURNING IT TO FARM LAND IS A VERY PRODUCTIVE AND PROGRESSIVE MOVE. IF CHATHAM-KENT WANTS TO HAVE MORE TREES, BEGIN PLANTING PROGRAMS ON MUNICIPAL LAND AND PRIVATE LAND IN URBAN AREAS THAT LAY VACANT.

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We need the trees. They take bushes down to
work extra land + they do not plant trees
to make up for what they take down. The
bushes could be cleared out with fallen trees
but leave the rest. On behalf of wildlife
they need a place to graze, sleep etc. They
take their chomies away from there. It is
nice to see deer at the back of our farm +
if they take ^{the} bushes down which the person who
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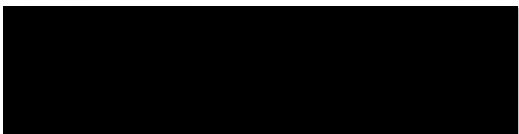
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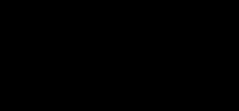
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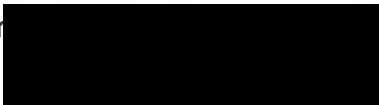
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Council

July 28, 2021

What a dirty trick you played on Chatham Kent Farmers. Bringing this motion to Council in the busiest days of Spring 2021. As farmers we could not take time off to react or we could jeopardize our whole years profit. I hope you think this was smart but you have lost my respect.

Why woodlots continue to fall? Farmers must compete or fail. The rest of our competition around the world are buying 50 foot wide corn planters. You can come to my farm anytime and show me how to drive a \$300,000 machine around a 2 Acre wood lot left there by a pioneer in 1850. A 100 Acre farm with a 5 Acre wood lot in the center of the farm is worth \$200,000 less than a farm without a wood lot. Will you ask the people of C.K. to pay the difference? I think no. So you want the farmers to pay, so you can say you saved the world.


I have owned and operated a farm business in Chatham Kent for the last 51 years
I have paid all of my bills including my taxes, married and raised a fine family.
I have preserved a small woodlot on our family farm and it is one of my prize possessions.
I have volunteered 1000's of hours to my community and am proud of my service.
I have served on the board of a private corporation with 500 million in annual sales.
I have shaken the hand of 4 premiers and 2 prime ministers.

My opinion on this proposed bylaw is :

Mayor and Council have been led astray by administration twice.

First by the administration suggesting that this issue should be led by the parks and recreation department.

Agriculture in Chatham Kent is a business yes the largest business in Chatham Kent.

It pays the most taxes has the largest sales and employs the most people! And to quote the mayor it has been a savior to the tax situation in Chatham Kent in the last few years. The wood lots of Chatham Kent are located within that business, they are not parks or are they or will they ever be a safe place to recreate. Just try to hug one of the trees in my bush any one. If you did you would get either poison ivy or poison oak, you would be attacked by dangerous insects and could get West Nile disease or lyme disease, the animals carry rabies and hepatitis and the moles are even known to harbor the plague, and if all that is not enough the falling dead ash trees will crush your skull. Large machinery and dangerous chemicals often surround the wood lots operating 24 hours a day rain or shine cold or hot. There are no washrooms no baseball fields and no grass to cut no access for emergency personal.

THESE WOODLOTS ARE NOT PARKS

THE INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE OF CHATHAM KENT SHOULD BE LEADING THIS STUDY!!!!

If they were they would tell Council that the agriculture industry in Chatham Kent is World Class and in order to succeed it must compete with the rest of the world. If it does not compete it will leave and go where it can operate unimpeded, IE. INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER!!!!

THEY WOULD TELL COUNCIL TO GO TO GOOGLE EARTH AND COMPARE CHATHAM KENT TO EVERY ONE OF OUR COMPETING COUNTRIES

They would show Council that our competition has few or no trees on all of their class 1 and 2 land,

They would inform Council that the farmers must compete or they will not be able pay the huge tax load they are now paying.

They would understand that they would not tell Union Gas or Daymond Corporation how to run their business and certainly not by the parks and recreation department

They would inform Council that the tree cover in Chatham Kent should be limited to the amount of class 3, 4 and 5 land that exists, not by some bylaw.

There are millions of acres of tree growing land in Canada but Canada's prime land should be used to grow our food.

SECONDLY

MISLEAD BY THE C.E.O. that there was enough money in their current budget to develop and implement a law that would control an area the size of Chatham Kent.

There are two things wrong with this statement

1...If there are enough funds this C.E.O. HAS A FALSLEY INFLATED BUDGET
OR

2 ...THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MONEY AND TAXES WILL BE INCREASED TO COVER HIS MISTAKE.

EITHER WAY IT SHOULD BE THE MAIN THEME OF HIS NEXT REVIEW!!!!

IN CONCLUSION I ADDRESS CHATHAM KENT COUNCIL

THE WOODLOT COVER IN CHATHAM KENT MUST BE DETERMINED BY WORLD MARKET FORCES AND BY A FEW OF US WHO KEEP WOODLOTS AS A HOBBY HOPEFULLY ENCOURAGED BY COUNCIL
THE FARMERS OF CHATHAM KENT MUST BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE OR WE WILL FAIL, AND THAT MEANS YOU WILL FAIL!!!!

Thank You

[REDACTED]

July 23, 2021

As a 3rd Generation Farmer of some 450 acres that I OWN, MANAGE and FARM, I am **DEEPLY OFFENDED** by ANYONE, whether it be Municipal, Provincial or some SPECIAL Interest Group telling me what I can plant, harvest or in general manage MY Business.

This nonsense by these Special Interest Groups, who have **"No SKIN IN THE GAME"** and feel they can harass and bully us **MUST** be stopped! It's appalling to me that they could even get the ear of a councilor, to waste councils time. This has created an even **GREATER** Rural/Urban divide.

Of the acreage that I OWN, some 15% is woodlot. I must be able to operate my business using established Best Management Practices as I see fit. Not only do I have an Agronomist on payroll, I seek advice from numerous sources, input suppliers, Agricultural Internet Sources and inform my neighbors of any actions that I may consider undertaking, that could have an impact on them. Do I get the same consideration from Urban folks? NO... on several occasions I have had to approach these people...who happen to be from the urban areas...about **"IT's NOT OKAY"** for you to wander through my woodlots.

If certain people in THIS Municipality and NOT from OUTSIDE our county, want to see more trees.. That's OKAY with me....Just advise them to go purchase acreage, just like I did, and plant Trees...Many Trees, until they feel satisfied with their actions. Just **DON'T** tell me what to do with my farmland. After all, South Western and Southern Ontario is the **BEST AGRICULTURAL** farmland in the province for the production of **FOOD** for our people! It's ridiculous to attempt to compare tree cover in these areas as to say the northern parts of our province.

I've also heard that in CK doing their **"% under Tree cover assessment "** they are not taking into account certain areas, i.e. Rondeau Park, Moraviantown and windbreaks along property lines. If this is true....WHY Not???

In closing let me say that some 7 years ago, I was one of the taxpayers who was able to give a deputation in **FRONT** of council **AGAINST** such a bylaw being imposed in Chatham Kent. Council at that time did the proper thing and put in place the Natural Heritage Strategy. It worked!! Now, here we are again on this Merry Go Round.

Put a **STOP** to this **NONSENSE NOW!!**

If ANY councilor wants to visit my farms, get in touch with me and I will be pleased to further discuss my feelings and show them the windbreaks that I and my family before me have planted as well as show them the passion we feel about farming and taking care of our lands.

Sincerely,




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That farmer owns
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Leave things as they are. We
are very opposed to this by-law.

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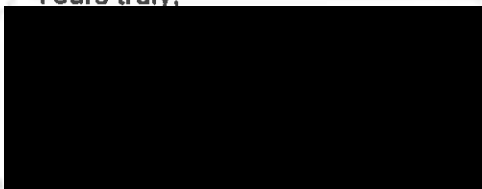
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- don't tell landowners what trees to plant
- no tax increase for landowners
- no tax on bush land farm
- stop having local and foreign corporations telling mayor and council what to do.
- save the small family farms

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I do not agree with the
By law as it stands now.
Please leave the preservation of
these lots in the care of
their present day owners.
They ~~are~~ all that remains
of the forests that greeted my
great grandfather when he
arrived in the late 1800's.
Concentrate on stopping the
massive slaughter of larger
wood lots. This is a disgrace
that a natural resource is
treated with such little respect.
I think of the hundreds of small
wildlife that if they are lucky
enough to live must now search
for a new habitat which may
not be nearby. I realize
thinning may be necessary for
healthy growth and to give
seedlings in the ground cover
a chance to flourish.
In closing when considering
cutting down a tree, remember
the part it plays in chemical
balance of nature.

Yours truly

Date: July 29/2021.

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While I support the concept of a tree cutting bylaw, I cannot in good conscience, endorse a bylaw that totally strips rural landowners of their rights for land use, while giving the Municipality of CK and others implicit control. Obviously, much more discussion will be needed to reach equitable resolution. Compensation in various forms (tax cuts), incentives to maintain present woodlots and reforestation programs need to be further considered. Anything less is a disservice to the rural TAXPAYERS of Chatham-Kent.

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RED TAPE AND RESTRICTIONS AND BE
VERY HARD TO ENFORCE FAIRLY. -
THE MUNICIPALITY WILL PROBABLY CREATE
ANOTHER 100K PER YEAR JOB TO ENFORCE IT.
THERE SHOULD BE AN INCENTIVE TO
KEEP BUSHLOTS, INSTEAD OF PAYING TAXES
W NO RETURN.
- I REFUSED TO DO THE ONLINE SURVEY
BECAUSE IT IS BOGUS! → PEOPLE OUTSIDE
MUNICIPALITY HAVE INPUT AND SHOULDN'T.

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Attachment to letter to Mayor, Council and Administration

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What we need from the Government.

Provide restoration of the access to a Forest management specialist to provide assistance in determining proper tree selection for harvest and current market value of the commodity being harvested.

Provide property tax relief on the woodlot acreage with the resulting tax deficit affect being shared by all tax payers as this is a benefit to all.

Provide assistance with the enforcement of the property trespass law.

No interference via bylaw implementation in the decision making process of the woodlot property owner in regards to woodlot management .

I trust the Council will respect the opinions of the property owners in their decision making process

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Chatham Kent Council

Note " How many trees/woodlots were destroyed to
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I agree with the Kent Federation of Ag & Christian Farmers on the
Temporary tree-cutting bylaw & the Natural Heritage which was
made 7 years ago

If there was a bylaw that the city residents plant
5-10 trees on their property they may have to
remove their swimming pool; would they be
HAPPY. Then I can drive to the city and see
the homes in the forest with birds, it wouldn't
cost me a dime.

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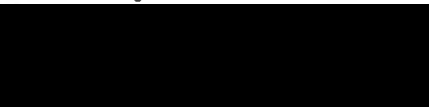
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bush on about 30 acres.
IF I want to cut trees for hog or
firewood. I shouldn't have to get permission.
In 10 years my bushes will be ready
to hog again.
I've paid taxes on it all my life so
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Look how much land has been
covered with houses. go have lumber to
build

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*It is our Land and we Respect it
Daily & We are the Tax payers who pay for municipality
Expenses and don't need an outside voice to tell us
what to do on our land. We have no voice to
tell persons in the city what to do on their property
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We paid for this land and we should be able to say what we do with it.

If we were native this discussion would not be happening right now, they would have an uprising, close roads with violence

But with us someone in a highrise apartment or someone not owning anything are making life decisions for me, which is wrong.

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- HOWEVER, I WANT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE MY OWN CHOICES AS TO WHERE AND WHEN TREE LINES NEED TO BE TRIMMED OF DEAD SPECIES (ASH, ELMS) OR THORNAPPLE, MULBERRY.
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I am in favour of controlled harvesting of mature trees.
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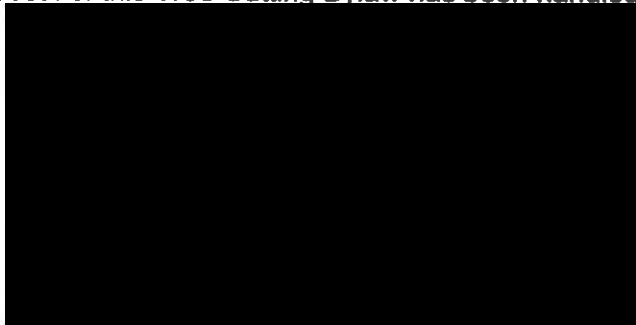
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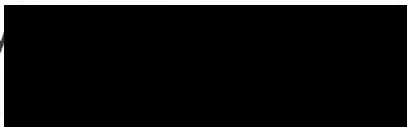
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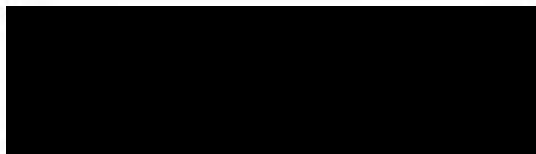
I need to clean a Fence Row, is that considered clear cutting.

I think it's a good Idea to plant Milk Weed around every Wind Mill, to help save the Monarch Butterfly. Is this going to happen.

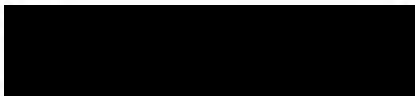
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Council Members;
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- WHO WOULD BE THE "JUDGE & JURY" TO DETERMINE IF A TREE(S) CAN BE REMOVED?
- EDUCATION & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE THE PATH TO GOOD STEWARDSHIP.

FOOTNOTES: THE "UNEDUCATED" SHOULD CRUISE OUR RURAL AREAS AND OBSERVE THE MILES OF NEW TREE ROWS THAT FARMERS HAVE PLANTED ON THEIR PROPERTY. MYSELF AND MY FAMILY HAVE PLANTED APPROX. 2000 TREES IN RECENT YEARS. I HAVE ALSO REMOVED SEVERAL DEAD OR DANGEROUS TREES AND I DON'T NEED A BYLAW TO IMPEDE MY PERSONAL DECISIONS.

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I planted about one half acre of trees back
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It is nice to go back there and see the birds
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Every tree counts

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As a landowner and farmer I am trying my very best to protect and preserve my property for the use of growing food. We planted a number of windbreaks consisting of black cedars and norway spruce trees, over the past years to help with wind erosion protection. These trees will not live forever. At some point in time will need to be removed but will be replaced with new younger trees. If a tree cutting by-law is implemented this process will become complicated in the removal of the old trees.


I am in support of the NATURAL HERITAGE STRATEGY that was developed 7 years ago. Maybe Chatham-Kent could buy some farms across the former 10 townships (Dover, Chatham, Camden, Zone, Romney, Silbury, Raleigh, Howard, Harwich and Orford) of C-K and plant them into trees for woodlots. The cost would be forwarded to each tax payer of the municipality. I wonder how well that would be accepted by the public! Hm!

It is very hard to accept a by-law designed by a public engagement process of opinion to control the rights of a landowner.

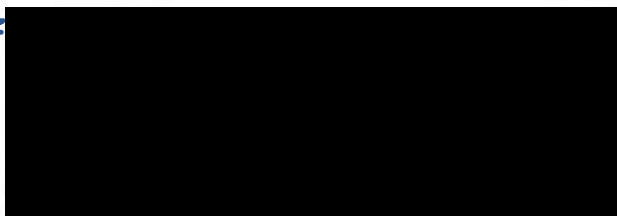
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I strongly disagree with this Bylaw. We farm and we plant trees every 5 years. Wind breaks are very important. But we cut back our fences Rows, Lot lines to keep everything well manicure. This law would not allow us to do this.

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My question is who are the people pushing for this bylaw? Where do these people live? I'm guessing they are not farm owners.

How can someone from the city or a lot owner dictate what I can and can't do on my own property? I am all for planting a tree in a spot of my choice if I cut a tree. I believe as many farmers do that trees are ^{as} important of our property.

Can I put forth a bylaw that prohibits everyone from cutting their lawn to bring the property back to pre-inhabited time?

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- First of all it singles out a minority of land owners to benefit everyone.
- Council has always said we need to make best use of the land ... so far in that Chatham Kent rural area best use is agriculture, north of great lakes is shelterbelt & rocks best use is trees.
- property tax funds are perpetually short. As taxes of wood lots must be zero now if and or later.

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I see other sheet

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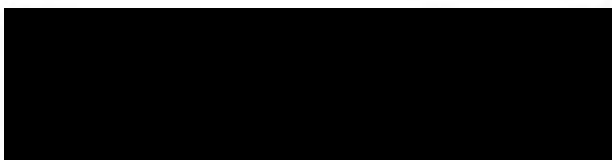
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that interfere with my farming

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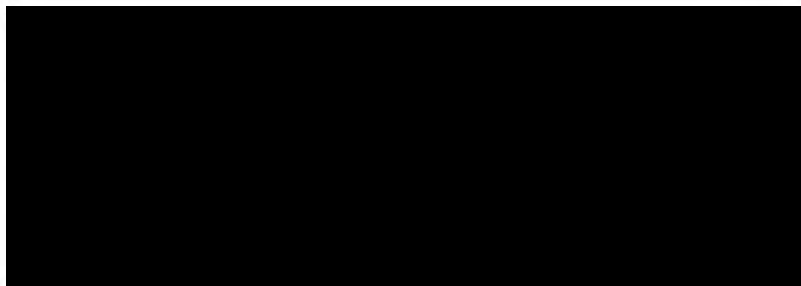
*I am against this Tree Cutting Bylaw
Consider all the farmland that has been
put under subdivisions, cement, asphalt
- this will never be recovered. I should be
the person who makes decisions concerning
my own property. Until others pay my
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*Done against the tree bylaw. Facts 125 A's
per day are taking off from Ag to build homes
and factories. Chatham Kent is one of
the worlds top producers for food
I don't agree to clear cutting but to
manage woodlands I believe if this bylaw
is put in place there will be more
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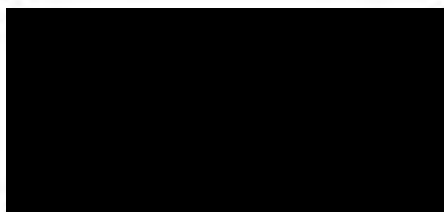
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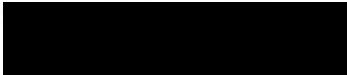
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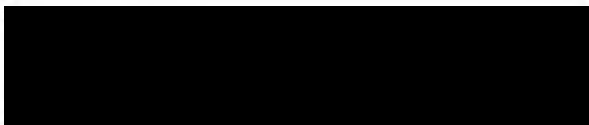
2. They have already prohibited the land owners from brushing both sides of a drainage ditch through our farm land.

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Our rights are being taken away without hearing what we have to say.

If we are to leave the bushlots intact, we should be fairly compensated for maintaing them.

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- ②. IF "CARBON" ISSUE → STUDIES OUT THAT PROVE A CORN FIELD ABSORBS MORE CARBON THAN WOODLOT.
- ③. IT'S A COMMON SENSE THING - WHEN A SUBDIVISION IS DEVELOPED ITS OK TO TAKE TREES DOWN BUT WHEN A FARMER DOES IT'S NOT OK. PEOPLE NEED TO MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS
- ④. LOTS OF DONATED / DESIGNATED WILDLIFE / GREENSPACE ALREADY IN THE MUNICIPALITY. AND WITH ALL THE LYME'S DISEASE + WEST NILE VIRUS ~~ISSUES~~ ON THE RISE WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO CREATE MORE FAVOURABLE ENVIRONMENTS

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The woodlot is owned by Tom Goens
This is how it started
Andy Goens bought woodlot 1948
Jory Goens bought woodlot 1977
Tom Goens bought woodlot now
is owner, so today it's been
in Goens family for 73 years
Tom uses it for shelter for cattle
logs for boards for barn
and tile drains go through
woodlot to drain fields next to
woodlot

I don't know why it is even
brought up in such a way that
some one else can tell us what
to do with our own woodlot.

It seems to me the one's that
have most of the say, have not
a nickel of money in the woodlot
it is not right, these people should
come and buy the woodlot put
their money into the woodlot, then
I Tom will tell them what to do
with the woodlot

The woodlot is mine Tom Goens and
is on the deed of the farm and is paid
for.

I don't know what more it takes to
tell you it is my woodlot

Thankyou

(2)

If people would like to keep
the woodlots that's fair enough
But the owner ship should stay
with the owner and Chatham Kent
council should bear in mind that the
owner should have the say
We need trees, between

We have ^{planted} more than a thousand
trees, oak, maple, evergreens
In other countries the government their
just comes in, takes a lot of land
and farms from people
Here in Canada we don't do things
that way (thank Heaven)
So what I'm trying to say
the woodlot is mine

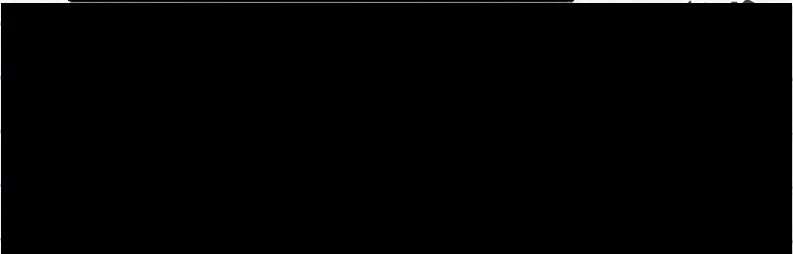
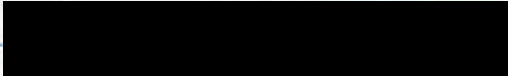
There should be looked in on
Chatham Kent Council the trees that
are cut down by Hydro One
and the Farm land that houses
are put on (good farm land)
Some day Tom will sale woodlot to new
owner and it should be worth money
Thankyou

P.S. don't think
the woodlot will be
in Goens family for
another 73 years

(3)

I hope Chatham Kent Council will leave the land ~~the~~ woodlot that is bought and paid for stay with the owner and not be taken away by a group of people. It is in my (deed of the farm) the woodlot as such. is mine - Tom woodlots.

Thankyou



If people can have control over ^{our} ~~own~~ woodlot, it would be like saying to the owner of the house, I have control of your back yard

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As property owners, and as farmers, we have rights and responsibilities to husband our lands for ourselves, and for future generations. I am not aware of municipal bylaws restricting the rights of non-farmers, developers, industrialists, et. al., for reasons such as those that are currently being pushed at the agricultural segment.

When you lose the trust and goodwill of the ag./property owners, your attempts to increase tree cover in C-K will be dead in the water. Tree planting, when restricted to public lands, will not do the job. Loss of public access to privately held lands could also halt development of projects such as trails, water access, etc.

Space & time limit my comments; I have many more, you can be sure.

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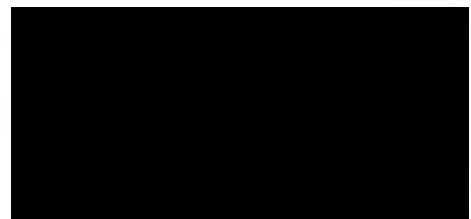
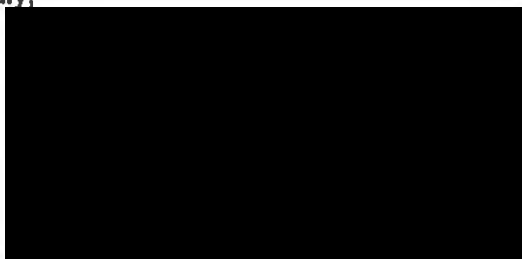
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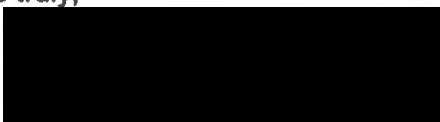
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the trees in our woodlot, but, now I have
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As a C-K landowner, I am opposed to having a "full blown" tree cutting by-law, whereby little or no tree cutting would be allowed. It is also my belief that we have to work together as a group on the so called "climate change". In our big country, there are locations within, where natural tree habitat thrives, and areas where modern agriculture thrives the best. Our C-K area is one of the best areas for agriculture in the country. Therefore, we should promote agriculture by maximizing our available area. At the same time we should promote natural tree habitat in other non-agricultural areas to balance the environmental equation.

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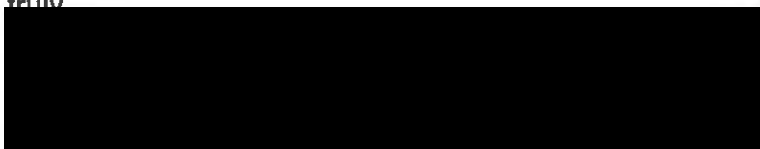
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I fully support the recommendations ~~of~~
~~the recommendations~~ of the above
organisations, most of us remember what happened
~~the last time~~ the last time this was tried.
Agriculturist are probubly the most
~~highly~~ aware of the need to preserve
the land for future generations and the
wet & lands.
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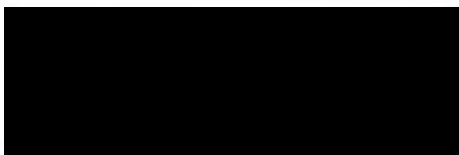
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Having ownership of several farms, I am
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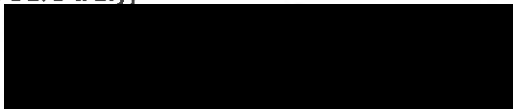
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I am all in favour of preserving our trees + forests. I have a wood lot and should be given the right to handle it as I see fit. Wood lots need to be maintained, therefore some cutting is required at times. I want that right. The last time this type of bylaw was threatened to come into play, dozens of wood lots were needlessly bulldozed for fear of the bylaw. Otherwise they would have been left alone. I am also sure that if some developer wanted to build a housing or commercial unit on that property, the wood lot would be bulldozed in no time. Landowners just want the right to do what we want.

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can cause problems.*

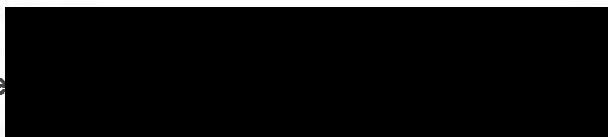
*Hide farm equipment hitting a tree
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I am a landowner with a 25 acre bush lot and numerous wind breaks around all my fields. Each year I plant new trees and care for my existing trees. There are trees that need to be removed for safety reasons and because they are encroaching on buildings or property lines.

* As a property owner I am quite capable of making my own decisions on a tree without the interference of a bylaw rule. I own the land and the trees. The stewardship is my responsibility and my legal right.

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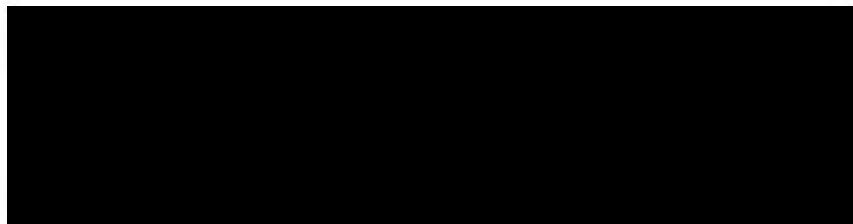
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In my opinion Chatham-Kent has no business telling private land owners what to do on their land. Land owners own their land and have the right to cut down their trees or put more up. Government has NO RIGHTS to PRIVATE PROPERTY!
It's high time they mind their own business.

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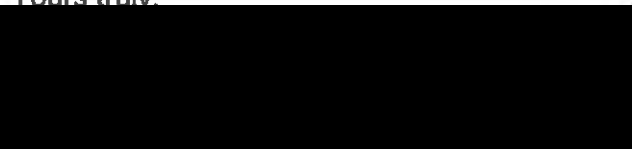
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C-K does not own the trees on a farmer's land. I think people should M.Y.O.B. If they wish to see trees growing start a "tree fund" buy 50 acres of land & plant trees!!! Leave the farmers alone!! They are the stewards of the land!!

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This bylaw constitutes theft of ownership of property. is in fact nothing more than plunder! The sole purpose of law is to prevent plunder, and certainly not to be the plunderer. There is absolutely no reason to believe that without theft of ownership of trees by the municipality that all the trees will disappear! no reason whatsoever. Keep your thieving, coveting hands off of my trees. If this bylaw is allowed to stand the next thing this council will steal is water in our wells!

Exodus 20 vs 17 Thou shalt not covet

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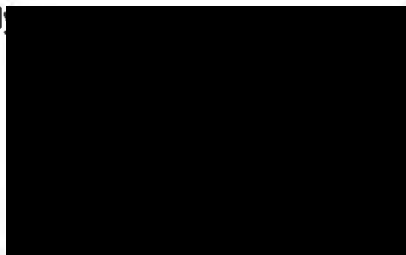
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- Indignement on the rights of property owners
- Compensation for farmers to protect wood lots insufficient or non-existent
- disincentivizes farmers from planting trees / other conservation measures when there is so much bureaucracy involved to put productive land into production and take poor land out of production
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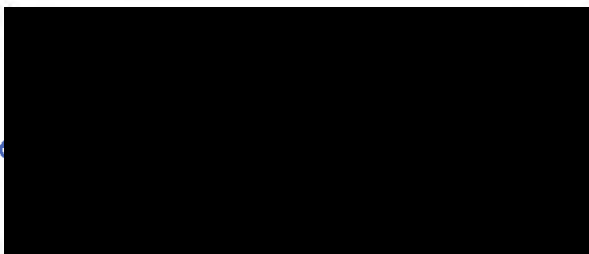
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This Bylaw would be an infringement on the rights of private property owners.

There is not adequate compensation to encourage land owners to refrain from cutting trees or

consider planting tree in areas that have been cleared.

This Bylaw would discourage any reforestation on marginal farm land because it would eliminate future options.

Not all bushland is well looked after and full of low quality trees, and weeds, making them undesirable for wildlife.

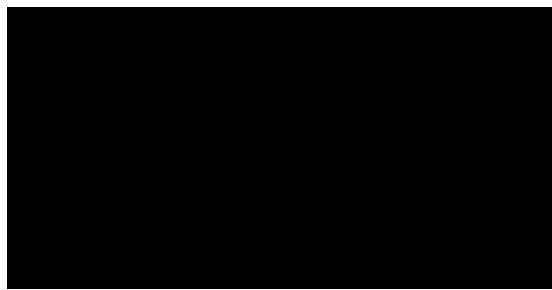
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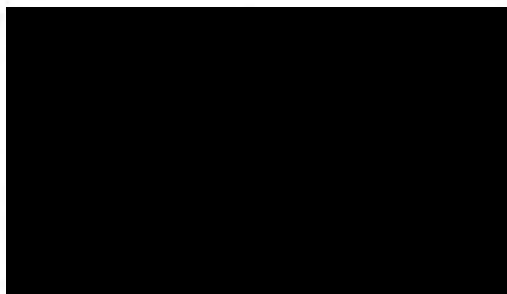
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- The financial burden of this bylaw is born by private property owners with no compensation or incentive.
- The administration / enforcement of this bylaw would be another level of bureaucracy in Chatham-Kent that we do not need and cannot afford.
- Consider putting dollars into incentives to plant trees

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- council members continually say we need to make the best use of the land. (a fair statement) so #1 farmland best use is for agriculture purpose as we cannot eat trees. North of the great lakes is shield, rocks and sparse soil, which grows great trees. This is impossible to produce food, but produce great trees. This is the best use of the land I believe.

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- just more "red tape"
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- having more by-laws creates a disincentive to grow your business.

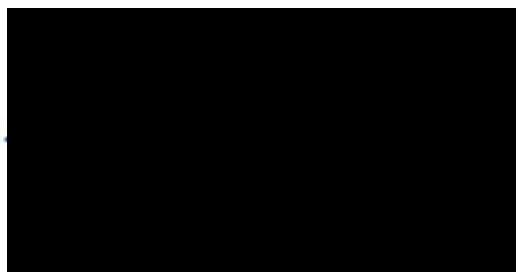
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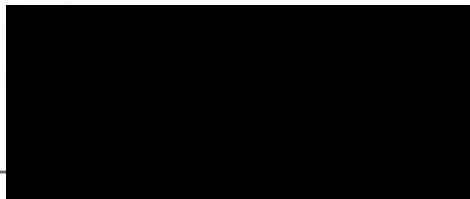
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I, being a landowner, have individual property rights. I believe that I am an excellent steward of the land. I am capable of making decisions regarding the usage of my property.

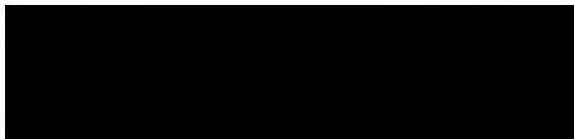
I disagree with the purposed Tree Cutting Bylaw because the Good Lord is not making any more land for farming. If a woodlot is deemed to be worthless, the farmer may choose to remove it. The decision is his to make.

The farmer must pay taxes on his woodlot and does not reap any income from his woodlot for at least 20 years following harvesting of mature logs.

In contrast, it seems to be no problem for the Municipality of Chatham Kent to relinquish prime farm land for housing development.

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Dear Sir/Madame:

On April 26, 2021, C-K Council enacted a Temporary Tree Cutting Bylaw for 120 days that, in my opinion, negatively impacts the property rights of all rural landowners in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. I am strongly opposed to a Tree Cutting Bylaw in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent for the following reasons:

I can see that there has not been proper public engagement to discuss such an important issue. The discussion so far seems to be heavily lopsided towards groups or people who's focus is primarily directed towards strict environmental views and not a balance of leaders from both voices looking for natural alignments, which I believe there are! Goals are vague as are leadership, administration and financing. Online forums, poles and surveys are definitely not an appropriate way to discuss issues that affect so many people - with long term consequences.

As landowners disproportionately have the most at stake with the proposed Bylaw, I would request that council propose a more equitable opportunity to have a fair and effective discussion on this subject. The current process that has been established is, inequitable, ineffective, and highly biased toward a specific pre-determined outcome.

As a resident and landowner of Chatham-Kent I expect more from our council with regards to how the proposal of this Tree Cutting Bylaw has been handled.

Yours truly,

Name: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]



July 7, 2021

Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street West
Chatham, Ontario
N7M 5K8

Attention: Mayor Canniff and Councillors

I am writing this letter in protest to the temporary tree cutting moratorium and any future tree cutting restrictions on potential farm land.

My first point is: why are farmers responsible for maintaining tree lots? Any parcel of land can be purchased by either farmers or non-farmers. There is nothing stopping non-farmers from buying a parcel of land with trees on it and leaving them. There is also nothing wrong with a non-farmer buying a piece of bare land and planting trees on it.

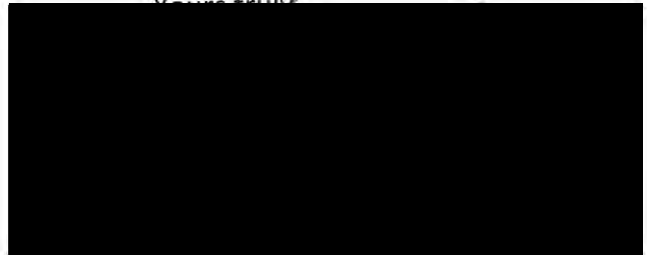
As farmers we make business decisions to determine whether land farmable or not. Just recently Chatham-Kent decided to redevelop the old "Navistar" property. If trees are that important, why didn't the Mayor and Council implement a "Return to Nature" program for that parcel. Instead, they made a rational business decision. This decision was applauded by most people. If a farmer makes a similar business decision, he is instantly labelled as "anti-nature", "anti-environment", "greedy", or "selfish" on social media. Why is there such a double standard?

Another concern I have is the cost to the municipal tax base. If a parcel of land is not allowed to be cleared, it will not be worth \$20000-\$25000 per acre. There would be less income for the municipality. That means less money for roads and bridges. On top of that, a new municipal tree cutting and enforcement bureaucracy will be created. Are the taxpayers of Chatham-Kent willing to fund this type of government overreach with reduced revenues?

My final point refers to the lack of tree cover in Chatham-Kent. When land is cleared, crops are grown in its place. These crops help feed the rest of our country and help feed the rest of the world. Despite what a lot of people think, these crops cannot be grown just anywhere in Canada. Most of the crops need the natural fertile soil and the warm climate that Chatham-Kent has an abundance of. I would also argue these crops can produce just as much or more vegetation as a tree lot. The land which is cleared does not turn into a desert where nothing is produced; in fact, it creates an oasis of good quality food which is in demand all over the world!

In closing I would like to reinforce an earlier statement. Anyone has the right to buy any parcel of land with or without trees. If that person buys land without trees, he has the right to turn it into a woodlot or farm it. If that parcel has a woodlot, he should have the right to leave or clear it. It is basic common sense.

Yours truly,



Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: June 30, 2021 5:04 PM
To: CKmayor; John Wright
Subject: woodlot

Categories: DC

Mr Mayor and members of council:

We strongly object to any woodlot removal bylaw without consent of the woodlot owner. The municipality does not have any jurisdiction over our private lands. You only have rights over municipal lands.

We have purchased the land and the woodlot.

Therefore we suggest that the municipality make it easy to sever off woodlots to individuals or groups. Also that individuals or groups can buy any acres of land to be planted in trees and for that reason only.

There is also municipal land that is empty or not being used .Start planting trees there.

[REDACTED]



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Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: April 27, 2021 8:54 AM
To: Aaron Hall; Clare Latimer; Amy Finn; Anthony Ceccacci; Brock McGregor; CKmayor; Carmen McGregor; Darrin Canniff; Doug Sulman; Jamie McGrail; Joe Faas; John Wright; Karen Kirkwood-Whyte; Marjorie Crew; Mark Authier; Melissa Harrigan; Michael Bondy; Steve Pinsonneault; Trevor Thompson
Subject: Woodlot retention
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed
Categories: Farmers Against

I was disappointed with your stance on privately owned woodlots!

I planted approximately 4 acres of trees in 1995 at my own cost, sprayed and maintained it at my own cost and paid taxes on it the whole time. Recently the white ash portion of the woodlot was devastated with emerald ash borer and that variety of tree died and now are either falling down or have fallen down making it almost impossible to walk through. Clean up is back breaking and at my age almost impossible so I have to hire people to do that work. I am considering total removal and returning it to productive farmland.

Why should I bear the cost of this woodlot and have someone else tell me that I have to maintain it?

[REDACTED]
Dover Centre

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 23, 2021 1:54 PM
To: CKmayor
Subject: Woodlot preservation concerns, Call to action

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories: Printed to speak to Mayor, DC

Dear Mr Mayor,

I moved to Chatham-Kent from Toronto in 2015. For the last 6 years I have seen the potential that exists in CK, but when asked by friends from the GTA about Chatham and how I liked living here, I explain the potential and the changes I've seen happen here - but have to preface my comments with "well, Chatham is kinda 15 years behind the rest of the province". That was in 2015, now in 2021 the comment has changed to more of "20 years behind". I have lived in my share of cities around central/southern Ontario, and one example I lead with is Barrie - started as a rural AG community, and is now booming. As London, Windsor and Sarnia grow and company's allow for more telecommuting, what is stopping Chatham-Kent from becoming a booming bedroom community like Barrie was to Toronto for so long

We are moving backwards. Further from the goal of a healthy thriving community. We lack any environmental values here, the goals we set (NHIS, 1 million trees, ect) aren't being honoured and it looks like you're green-washing, and performative - it's embarrassing and the municipality should be ashamed of the false promises.

The KFA comes across in the media as mob - greedy, money hungry bullies, who are receiving the benefits of the propaganda spread of "farmers feed cities", this isn't true about most of the farmland in Chatham Kent. We feed cows and and create chemicals, all that corn isn't feeding people. Agricultural zoned properties are taxed at only 22% no matter what they grow or how many of the Services they receive from the municipality. They plant too close to the roads without receiving fines, they clear the ditches of native plants and don't plant cover crops so we can see the pounds and pounds of topsoil being washed into our water ways, causing algae blooms and other dangers to the community. They receive so much and are NOT paying their share.

Who is policing the KFA? Why are they untouchable? I've heard of death threats being sent to people who oppose them - how is this okay?? I am strongly against the KFA receiving any more incentives, when they should be held to standards any Urban land owner would be.

We NEED more tree coverage and environmental initiatives in Chatham-Kent if it is going to remain livable. Our current tree coverage is unacceptable, and causing health issues in our community. I STRONGLY support a by-law that protects woodlots, wildlife, and growing community - like the by-laws that exist EVERYWHERE else in Ontario. Why is CK different?

If this motion is not supported by you - you will no longer receive my support, my vote, my donations, or encouragement to friends and family to support you. You need to do the right thing for the many, and not the thing that benefits just a few.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: June 30, 2021 9:43 AM
To: Aaron Hall
Cc: CKmayor; CKcao
Subject: woodlot conversation

Hi Darrin, Don & Aaron

We have been googling the farm forestry (property tax) exemption as mentioned last night on the Zoom call.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/managed-forest-tax-incentive-program>

This tax reduction only applies to woodlots over 4 hectares (9.88 acres).

If you are going to proceed with woodlot regulations, it would make sense that CK should only put restrictions on woodlots that can benefit from this farm tax incentive program: Woodlots that start the at size of 4 hectares+ (9.88 acres+).

That way, these farmers (with woodlots over 4 hectares) can be subsidized for keeping the woodlots and the smaller woodlot owners won't be punished by not qualifying for the exemption and therefore having to pay the regular farm tax rate on this land.

[REDACTED]
Wallaceburg
Woodlot owners

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: April 27, 2021 8:07 AM
To: COUNCIL
Subject: Wood lot clear cutting tree issue

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Apr. 27, 2021

Mayor & Council:

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

King St. W., Chatham, ON.

Worthy Mayor and Council.

Been reading the report from last night's municipal council session on the subject of clear cutting wood lots and trees in Chatham-Kent. The comment by one councillor that Chatham-Kent farmer's "feeds not just CK but the world" is greatly overblown in my opinion. My Father raised a family of 8 people on a farm, we fed the people of Chatham-Kent and probably to some extent the world, and we didn't have to clear cut any trees, other than those trees that were dead or dying. We had a bush, but the last time I was out to my parents farm area, it is scary too see the number of bush lots that have lost a lot of coverage, if they aren't gone!

I don't think the matter of clear cutting is an issue of farmers needing more land to feed Chatham-Kent or the world! Rather it comes across as a money grab, make more money at the environments expense, so they can afford their big fancy, expensive farm machinery and take their winter trips to the Caribbean and USA south states once this ongoing pandemic ever ends! Its the same old story from the time my father farmed and companies that produce these big farm machinery at huge costs are part of the problem. Don't repair your machinery if it breaks down, just send it to the scrap dealer and buy bigger, new machinery instead at enormous expense! The cost of fuel and seeds to run these farm machines is not helping farmers in their expenses either!

This is in my opinion, some of the logic that comes into play for more clear cutting of trees. Farmers here and their various political organizations should remember that the great depression in the USA and western Canada in the 1930's was caused by a combination of not safe farming practices and a lack of trees to hold the land in place. Some of these areas in the USA Midwest are still uninhabitable and unusable now, almost a 100 years after they happened! If clear cutting of wood lots continues on the path it is going, and we get a series of

extremely hot, dry, summers, what is to prevent such a calamity as the 1930's dust blow in Chatham-Kent again?

i wonder how many of these big corporations and the other farmers that practice agriculture here in Chatham-Kent, remember this lesson from their school years?

Please continue to encourage our farm organizations and farm corporations to cease this business of clear cutting trees and woodlots out of existence in Chatham-Kent for the sake of profit maximization!

[REDACTED], a resident of Chatham-Kent, Ontario.

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: April 26, 2021 1:04 PM
To: CKmayor

The lack of tree cover and resulting poor air quality in C.K is a disgrace. Aaron Halls tree proposal must be supported.

[REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: April 29, 2021 12:23 PM
To: CKmayor
Subject: tree cutting

The new bylaw for woodlands is a great thing. In the article it said people were objecting, why not educate people in saying that trees supply us with oxygen and they are our lifeline to living. They absorb the carbon dioxide and also affects climate change like drought and rainfall etc. and you would be surprised as to how many people do not realize this. Only cut trees down if they are dead or cause a nuisance but the world needs trees. If we are going to battle climate change then yes I agree we need protection against people cutting them down for no reason. I am surprised that some people on council objected to this.

[REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: April 27, 2021 7:02 PM
To: CKmayor
Subject: Tree cutting bylaw

Categories: Farmers Against

Your Worship Canniff and Council,

I hope you kill any thoughts of a tree cutting bylaw as nobody deserves or needs to lose there right to do something that has been going on since the area was settled .

Farms feed not just the locals but the world , its unhumanitarin to decree that Farmers cannot clear there land that they paid for and have been paying taxes on.

There is many other options for tree cover as any group,the Munciplaity ,Conservation Authorities,ect. can freely buy woodlots or land and plant forests.

Chatham-Kent is home to the best growing area in the world and people have no qualms about building subdivisions or paving over some of the nicest soil in Ontario.

I remember years ago at a farm meeting people were complaining about Brazil clearing land to grow food , and, one Professor said "People here (USA/Canada) live in big homes with car garages and you want to dictate what a third world country can do to improve there quality of life"

Just think if C-K had never been farmed or brought into production how much potential would have been lost.

Our family has been farming in Southwestern Ontario since the 1850's and left England in 1634 for a better life..

Please consider the damage that a tree cutting bylaw would do to the many farmers that provide food for you and your family.

Respectfully yours-

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: May 10, 2021 4:40 PM
To: Mark Authier; Melissa Harrigan; Anthony Ceccacci; Aaron Hall; Carmen McGregor; Michael Bondy; Marjorie Crew; Karen Kirkwood-Whyte; Brock McGregor; Doug Sulman; CKmayor
Subject: Tree clearing in Chatham-Kent ~ Thank you
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Mayor and Councillors:

Please accept my belated thanks for your April 26 vote, to place a temporary ban on tree clearing, while a fair and comprehensive plan is researched & developed. I, and others I've spoken with, are so thankful we don't have to watch anew, the destruction that happened in 2013-2014 while decisions were being researched. It is regrettable that the actions of some, then, reminded us so strongly that we didn't want a similar scenario repeated.

I am very encouraged about the proposed work that should take place. Listening to the April 26 council meeting online, I believe I heard some very helpful deputations by knowledgeable people, willing to offer their experience and input. Thanks too, for your votes of support in that endeavour.

Looking very forward to an environmentally sound approach, reasonable to landowners (including the municipality) to ensure we all are good stewards of the resources temporarily in our control.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: June 29, 2021 2:23 PM
To: anthony.ceccaci@chatham-kent.ca; Clare Latimer; Mark Authier; CKmayor
Subject: Tree bylaw meeting tonight

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: Passed message along to Darrin

Subject: Tree bylaw meeting tonight

Looking at the 46oC, 47oC, 48oC temperatures in BC and moving across the West should help Council determine VERY quickly that maintaining as much tree cover as possible is vitally important to Chatham Kent!!!
There is NO income amount for farm owners that can be achieved when temperatures near 50oC guarantee crop failure and illness among farm workers!!
I sincerely hope that ANY concern about the rights of farm owners to remove treelots and plant crops, is quickly laughed down in light of the MUCH bigger issues of climate change and rising temperatures!
The mild winter this last year and the much less rainfall this spring, flooding from earlier than normal glacier melt, reduced snow cover through the winter, all tell us:
TREES are MUCH more important to Chatham Kent than another field of corn or soybeans!
Please, please, heed the wisdom rather than \$\$\$ and vote to prevent any further loss of our valuable woodlots!!
Sincerely ,
[REDACTED]
Chatham ON

Sent from my iPad

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 16, 2021 2:18 PM
To: CKmayor; Don Shropshire
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Temporary Clear Cutting By-Law On April 26, 2021, Council passed By-law 72-2021,
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed
Categories: Printed to speak to Mayor, DC

Dear Mayor Darren :

I have talked to many & called but not got returns from all councilors . I very much appreciate you & Don coming to meet our 10farmers at [REDACTED] . You spoke fairly & sincerely & listened a bunch . We appreciate your work to get out across the whole Chatham-Kent Community, the pandemic did not help. I feel that we as Kent Federation of Ag. and you folks as councilors missed a great opportunity to inform council of the Natural Heritage Strategy when our new council was installed 3 yrs ago . We are paying the price today .

Our group of Chatham-Kent farmers want you to **KNOW** :

WE **DO NOT SUPPORT** THE CHATHAM-KENT PROPOSED WOODLOT BY-LAW - EVERYONE BUT FARMERS GET AN EXEMPTION.

WE **DO NOT SUPPORT STEALING** FARMERS' LAND USE PROPERTY RIGHTS.

WE **DO SUPPORT THE NATURAL HERITAGE STRATEGY** :

WE HAVE USED THE NATURAL HERITAGE STRATEGY TO BETTER THE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE

1. "THAT THE MUNICIPALITY of CHATHAM-KENT,

2. THE LOWER THAMES CONSERVATION AUTHORITY,

3. THE CHRISTIAN FARMERS AND

4. THE KENT FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE **HAVE WORKED WITH FOR THE LAST 7 YEARS."**

We ask you to consider fairness in the exemption to this bylaw - EVERYONE BUT FARMERS GET AN EXEMPTION.

We look forward to you stopping this bylaw immediately,

Cc: Don



Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: April 26, 2021 12:02 PM
To: Mark Authier; Melissa Harrigan; Anthony Ceccacci; Clare Latimer; Trevor Thompson; Steve Pinsonneault; John Wright; Joe Faas; Jamie McGrail; Aaron Hall; Carmen McGregor; Michael Bondy; Marjorie Crew; Amy Finn; Karen Kirkwood-Whyte; Brock McGregor; Doug Sulman; CKmayor
Subject: Support for Councillor Aaron Hall's motion re: Woodlot Preservation - 2021-04-26 agenda

Good morning Mayor Canniff and councillors:

I am offering my whole-hearted support for Councillor Aaron Hall's motion, regarding Woodlot Preservation.

I greatly appreciate that Councillor Hall is trying to accomplish what Sheldon Parsons long ago attempted. "I introduced this to council and we were one vote short of implementation" (<https://chathamvoice.com/2014/10/08/ward-5-candidate-sheldon-parsons/>). This motion is long overdue, and very welcome, considering our poor tree cover and environmental responsiveness here in Chatham-Kent. It is disheartening to see fire after fire in this past decade, watching nature's valuable environment-balancing components go up in smoke.

Our air quality is precious, as is our diversity in wildlife. I am thankful whenever I read of the local efforts to plant more trees and restore more land to its natural state. We can see, as we walk the trails in Clear Creek Forest, that when nature is left to manage heavy rainfall, droughts, etc, it balances those out better than our human attempts.

However, at the same time, I sense the futility of it all. Currently, any work done by private landowners to restore nature's balance, can be undone immediately following the sale of their land. Even worse, the already-mature wooded areas are subject to the same fate. The imbalance here, is that today's planting of seedlings and saplings, barely mitigates the immediate loss of very mature woodlots, and all the habitat built up there over decades, centuries. No jack-in-the pulpits, trilliums, Solomon's Seal, etc, and no mature haven for fauna. Certain animals and birds only thrive many metres deep into forested areas. We lose those, every time we allow woodlots to burn; it will be decades, if ever, that our newly planted areas can offer that, and by that time, that flora and fauna may no longer be around to replenish.

I recognize that we are an agricultural community, and I hope we can remain so, for a long time, given our excellent soil types, and our agricultural strength (acquired through centuries of hands-on experience, local government support, and access to updated education, such as found at University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus). I am myself a farmer, farmer's daughter and granddaughter.

We all benefit from responsible agricultural stewardship, and that includes a balance with nature. Since the previous soft "policy" approach to preserve woodlots has proven ineffective, I fully endorse the temporary by-law and the 5 directives which Aaron Hall proposes.

My father planted a woodlot on his property in the 1980's, since his father's farm and woodlot was acquired by another brother. We ourselves have a small woodlot, and we have over the years, planted trees such as hackberry, sycamore, Kentucky Coffee trees, oak, etc on our property. It is our hope that all these efforts, and the efforts of other like-minded landowners will not go up in smoke.

Full disclosure: I am not a member of the Sydenham Field Naturalists nor the CK Woodlot Preservation Group, nor have I ever been a member of a similar group. I do know a few members, or have been on

tours conducted by them. I will state that I am of like mind, and did attend numerous council meetings in the time of the 2013-14 motions. I also attended community meetings, and vividly recall one of those, at the Ridgetown Scout Hut. Outside, after the meeting, KFA leaders told Councillor Frank Vercooter, that they represented all local farmers, and that none wanted a bylaw. I spoke up, saying I was a KFA member and supported the bylaw. Having those comments dismissed by the KFA leaders there, prompted me to attend the upcoming KFA annual meeting. I was extremely disappointed to see, that besides the agenda items posted in advance, at that meeting the leaders put forth an ad-hoc vote to send CK council the assurance that the KFA and its members did not want a bylaw. Some other attendee, who I do not know, spoke up to question putting forth this no-notice vote, but his comments were dismissed. Vote taken, and passed. For one more year, we watched the leadership of the KFA, seeing inaccurate statements in the press, etc.

We finally decided to redirect our Farm Business Registration fees to the National Farmers Union, whose local leadership even spoke on an Environmentally Supportive documentary (I believe this was Wesley McDonald's "Caroline: Trees, People, Politics"), shown in 2015 at the Kiwanis Theatre. (If I recall correctly, the KFA and the local members of the Christian Farmers declined to be interviewed in that documentary).

I find the language in Harry Lawson's KFA letter to council, dated February 19, 2021, to be quite adversarial. I find the language in Larry Cornelis' SFN letter, date February 8, 2021, to be far more collaborative. We have been members of the NFU for 5 years now, and this recent KFA letter reminds us that the KFA still does not "speak for all farmers".

To address some negativity in the KFA letter: Sitting in the council chambers in 2013-14, I watched the attempts of the environmental advocates to be heard. I saw what happened when their concerns were not heard, nor acted upon. We need only look to our neighbours south of the border to see what happens when people cry out for justice, and authoritative bodies do not listen (until forced into a corner with videos, etc). If Mr. Lawson's letter is accurate regarding councillors suffering personal attacks and harassment, I am truly sorry to learn that. Still, it was disheartening to see Chatham-Kent begin to implement a variety of restrictions on deputation processes. For this reason, I very much welcome Aaron Hall's 2nd directive concerning public consultation. (It is also why I and many others valued the pre-Covid South-Kent Ward meetings hosted by Councillors Latimer, Ceccacci and Thompson. These meetings drew a good turnout, and constituents embraced a forum where they could speak without being limited to one chance to speak, and without being cut off.)

I believe it is [past] time to listen to those who advocate for environmental justice here in Chatham-Kent. It is a shame when this is left up to the MOE to respond (Thamesville Herald, February 17, 2021) to "extremists" (per Mr. Lawson) wishing to preserve American Chestnut trees and Flying Squirrel, and other native species. Please embrace the opportunity now presented to have our Municipality act pro-actively.

This is an old issue, sadly needing to be addressed again, in a better manner. If my recollections of any events or facts are incorrect, please advise me via return email. I do not wish to cloud any progress on this matter, through any inaccuracies on my part.

I thank you for this opportunity to speak for myself, to provide input and to support Councillor Hall's motion. It is my hope that you will also support his motion.

Sincerely [REDACTED] (a "new" member of Chatham-Kent. My families have not quite been here 100 years).

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 21, 2021 3:50 PM
To: CKmayor
Subject: Support a Woodlot Bylaw

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Mayor Canniff,

I am writing today to ask for your view on the ongoing discussion regarding a woodlot bylaw in our area.

As a resident of Chatham-Kent, I am asking you to support a woodlot bylaw that would build upon the Natural Heritage Strategy and ensure we are preserving precious natural ecosystems within Chatham-Kent.

As you know, Chatham-Kent has only a 3-5% tree canopy coverage rate and given the environmental and economic benefits, we should do everything we can to increase tree coverage throughout the Municipality. Chatham-Kent was once home to some of the most pristine deciduous forests around - we should preserve and protect what remains left of these important ecosystems.

I believe working together with property owners, a fair bylaw can be produced that will help preserve and protect woodlots while also retaining rights of landowners. I believe we should incentivise the protection of woodlots.

I appreciate your work on council and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Chatham

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: April 26, 2021 7:36 AM
To: CKmayor; Mark Authier; Melissa Harrigan; Anthony Ceccacci; Clare Latimer; Trevor Thompson; Steve Pinsonneault; John Wright; Joe Faas; Jamie McGrail; Aaron Hall; Carmen McGregor; Michael Bondy; Marjorie Crew; Amy Finn; Karen Kirkwood-Whyte; Brock McGregor; Doug Sulman
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: I Support the Motion for Woodlot Preservation

Dear Mayor and Chatham-Kent Councillors,

As we are in a climate emergency and a biodiversity crisis, I fully support the motion being presented to you today, Monday, April 26, 2021, regarding Woodlot Preservation. I recognize the need for a regulatory bylaw in Chatham-Kent to protect our remaining forest ecosystems over 0.5 hectares and therefore, support this motion in its entirety. I urge you all to do the same.

Many thanks to Councillor Aaron Hall for presenting this motion.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

<https://www.chathamdailynews.ca/news/local-news/birds-canada-joins-call-for-forest-conservation-bylaw-in-chatham-kent>

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: December 2, 2020 9:22 AM
To: ckmayor@chatham-kent.ca <ckmayor@chatham-kent.ca>; mark.authier@chatham-kent.ca <mark.authier@chatham-kent.ca>; melissa.harrigan@chatham-kent.ca <melissa.harrigan@chatham-kent.ca>; anthony.ceccacci@chatham-kent.ca <anthony.ceccacci@chatham-kent.ca>; Clare Latimer <clarel@chatham-kent.ca>; trevor.thompson@chatham-kent.ca <trevor.thompson@chatham-kent.ca>; steve.pinsonneault@chatham-kent.ca <steve.pinsonneault@chatham-kent.ca>; john.wright@chatham-kent.ca <john.wright@chatham-kent.ca>;

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Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Forest Preserves within Chatham-Kent

Dear Mayor Darrin Canniff and Good Councillors:

Since we have declared a climate emergency, I would like you all to consider creating an incentive program for landowners within Chatham-Kent to preserve our remaining forest canopy instead of risking them to be cut down for short term gain. We should take an accounting of these patches of healthy biodiversity; just 3.5 percent left and herald these landowners in our community as heroes for land stewardship when preserving them. Planting trees that our native to our ecosystem where we live is very important. It is equally important in preserving what we have left. These forest fragments store carbon dioxide, clean our air, recharge our ground water, stabilize our weather patterns, and provide important habitat for wildlife. They already have special microecosystems happening that are difficult or even impossible to recreate once destroyed. Did you know that lack of forest canopy can cause drought? Do any of you love birds? Migratory birds travel thousands of miles to come here expecting to feast on insects and breed and we have very little forest left to accommodate them. We have a massive decline in bird numbers because we are not preserving and making room for nature. So please let us create an incentive program and be proactive to let all these special landowners know about it. A special tax credit may be persuasive. We are in an ecological crisis otherwise known as the Anthropocene which is the sixth mass extinction taking place right now on our planet Earth. Our municipal policies should reflex this, and we need a public education program to turn things around locally.

How can we fund these incentives? Well, I propose that we look at the cost of leaf collection each fall. I know stopping this service was dismissed this past September, but I ask you all to consider this again. Have you ever heard the saying, "Don't starve the trees, leave the leaves?" This is true. Leaves are like black gold. They are where our butterfly larva and native bees overwinter. When we take the leaves away, we take the butterflies and bees away which can be attributed in part to our massive insect decline. The leaves breakdown and feed the soil which feed the trees where they fell from. This is the natural cycle that we are intervening with because we need everything neat and tidy and spend so much money for nought. The leaves provide nesting material to give wildlife shelter throughout the winter. In the winter and spring, the fallen leaves hold the food that birds need to survive in winter and feed their young in spring. We must start making room for nature and not be so humancentric. The leaves breakdown when we mow them not to be noticed come May anyway. Or we can easily rake them into a corner if we feel we must or use them as a weed suppressant in our flower beds. They work beautifully at that. This is all about preserving and restoring our biodiversity.

Leaves Improve Gardens Autumn-atically

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Ever since spring the leaves of our Town's trees have been working hard to produce shade and cover, pushing out oxygen and soaking up carbon dioxide. In October they put on a month-long show of color. Now our yards are piled with fallen leaves ready for further service. greenwichfreepress.com

Fall Leaves: Love 'em AND Leave 'em

https://mgofmc.org/fall-leaves-love-em-and-leave-em/?fbclid=IwAR1AZAIIqUUfhkMBuJqBqxAtUtSc6PmcEbEVot6t_rQiBwU_GXPfJv73Sds

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**LEAVES
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Do your beds look like this?

We are a part of nature, not separate. Healthy biodiversity is directly correlated with human health. Our local population will be healthier if we establish healthy biodiversity where we live.

Conserving Biodiversity: A Public Health Imperative A report by EcoHealth Ontario, a working group of the Ontario Biodiversity Council 2017

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c3cebfd45776eee4408f72d/t/5c89d708a4222f460fafe847/1552537392038/Conserving_Biodiversity_2.pdf

According to peer reviewed science living among trees can help us prevent dementia, control cronic illness and prolong life. <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/53137865-take-back-your-outside-mindset>

Please take the time to look everything over and consider what I have had to say. We are in a grave ecological crisis and must learn to do things differently.

[REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: April 27, 2021 10:33 AM
To: CKmayor
Subject: Fwd: Wood lots

Categories: Farmers Against

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

Subject: Wood lots

Hi

My 17acre wood lot at the end of Blind fourth was worth \$350000 cleared yesterday and today is a total useless expense to me. Very disappointed in this decision! CK is trying to put more of the tax burden on farmers now this. Yes we do have high grain prices right now but are expenses have also gone up. We all know high prices are followed with low prices. I have contacted a company to start demolition of my bush ASAP thanks to Chatham Kent decision last night to take over my property without having a cent invested in it or understanding what this decision does to me as a farmer just trying to make a living like everyone else. Maybe we could chat when you have time.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 29, 2021 11:53 AM
To: Mark Authier; Michael Bondy; joe.fass@chatham-kent.ca; Amy Finn; Aaron Hall; Melissa Harrigan; Karen Kirkwood-Whyte; Clare Latimer; Jamie McGrail; Brock McGregor; Carmen McGregor; Steve Pinsonneault; Doug Sulman; Trevor Thompson; John Wright; CKmayor
Subject: Forest Clearing Bylaw

Mayor, Council and Administration
Municipality of Chatham-Kent 315 King Street W.
Chatham, Ontario N7M 5K8

Dear Sir/Madame:

On April 26, 2021, C-K Council enacted a Temporary Forest Cutting Bylaw for 120 days. I see this as a positive first step to ensure the ongoing maintenance of forest cover. In my opinion, I strongly support the Forest Cutting Bylaw for the following reasons:

As a Farmer and Landowner in Chatham-Kent, I see a forest clearing bylaw as one of the most important things we can do right now to keep agriculture sustainable and diverse for the present day and for future generations.

There is barely any significant forest cover left in Chatham-Kent and less every year. Saying that, I am not against cutting down trees here and there on our property, clearing ditches or logging sustainably. The bylaw would not prevent that which many people seem to think would. I am just against cutting down large forest areas permanently.

There are many obvious environmental reasons to keep forests but the economic reasons may not be talked about as much. Some being:

They help prevent soil erosion on farmers fields from wind and flooding, they help keep a diverse range bird and bat species alive to help us keep pests in our crops under control saving us a lot of money, they host many pollinator species that pollinate some of our crops increasing our yield, they create different jobs such as logging, woodworking, hunting, tourism and maple syrup production and one of the biggest reasons is because they attract people from all over to come live and work here wanting to live somewhere beautiful with things to do outdoors, in turn increasing the tax base and having a happier/ healthier population.

So please enact a bylaw now to protect the little remaining nature and heritage we have left here before it is gone for good.

Thank you for your time,
[REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: April 29, 2021 3:29 PM
To: CKmayor
Subject: Farmer thanking you for your vote!

Good Afternoon Councillor

As a farmer, I just wanted to pass along a quick note to say thank you for your vote on the Clear Cutting Bylaw the other night. Hopefully, the consultation period allows for incentives to be developed that will allow CK to become a leader both in agriculture and conservation. A long term and permanent incentive program coupled with a strong but fair Bylaw will provide us as farmers with certainty on this issue and allow us to plan our business interests for the future. For myself as a young farmer, it will allow me to plan for future generations knowing that the little bit of forest cover we have left will remain untouched and not threatened. Many of us in the farm community finally feel that Council has heard our concerns after decades of being shouted down by a vocal and extremist minority.

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Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 8, 2021 7:19 PM
To: Mark Authier; Michael Bondy; Anthony Ceccacci; Marjorie Crew; Joe Faas; Amy Finn; Aaron Hall; Melissa Harrigan; Karen Kirkwood-Whyte; Clare Latimer; Jamie McGrail; Brock McGregor; Carmen McGregor; Steve Pinsonneault; Doug Sulman; Trevor Thompson; John Wright; CKmayor
Subject: Concerned farmer and woodlot owner.
Categories: Printed to speak to Mayor, Printed to speak with Darrin

Dear Mayor and Councillors of Chatham of Kent.

My name is [REDACTED] I am a full-time farmer as well as a woodlot owner in Chatham Kent (Howard Township). I am against the woodlot by-law. This is taking away farmers property owners rights. Chatham-Kent has some of the best crop land in Canada and grows a very large variety of crops. This woodlot by-law would impact farmers of Chatham-Kent the most, as majority of the woodlots are located on farmers property. Farmers are not telling non woodlot owners what they can't and can do with their properties, so why should they have a say what farms can and can't do with trees on their property. Chatham Kent has a lot of fence rows and windbreaks, which are not included in the woodlot cover which are still trees! In neighboring county's, you don't see nearly as many windbreaks as you do in Chatham-Kent. Speaking to farmers in neighbouring county's, farmers are thinking twice about planting trees if there is any form of tree by-law in place. As a farmer if this tree by-law passes, I will be thinking twice as well before I plant new trees on my property and believe me, I love tree's so this is very heart breaking.

A tree by-law is not the answer. Incentives for farmers to plant trees is a better approach. Don't come up with restrictions such as a by-law, as this is going to have an adverse effect on the amount of trees being planted in Chatham-Kent. It seems to be that there is a small group who majority are not even woodlot owners who are very vocal and in favour of this by-law (against clear cutting and are about saving trees). Because that they are vocal about this by-law and farmers are busy in the field which made them look like a big group but really, they are not.

Why don't you allow farmers to sever woodlots and sell them to people who are interested in purchasing just woodlots and they are able to maintain these woodlots their selves. I can tell you that they are not interested in this as of course this will cost them money. This by-law does not financially impact non-woodlot owners but will negatively financially impact the farmers who currently own woodlots. There are a lot of farms for sale with woodlots on them. No one is stopping anyone from purchasing land and planting trees. If you can make your payment and plant the farm full of trees go right ahead, no one is stopping you! Placing a tree by-law is going to hinder our equity and the future of the next generations of farmers. If there is a woodlot by-law in place, there is zero value on any woodlots on Chatham-Kent.

The woodlot by-law is taking away farmers property rights as well is impacting the future for my children and grand children. PLEASE VOTE AGAINST ANY FORM OF WOOD-LOT BY-LAW IN CHATHAM- KENT!!!!

Sincerely a very concerned farmer and woodlots owner,

[REDACTED]

Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: May 7, 2021 12:15 PM
To: CKmayor; Mark Authier; michael.bondy@chatham-kent.caa; nthony.ceccacci@chatham-kent.ca; Marjorie Crew; Joe Faas; Amy Finn; Aaron Hall; Melissa Harrigan; Karen Kirkwood-Whyte; Clare Latimer; Jamie McGrail; Brock McGregor; Carmen McGregor; Steve Pinsonneault; Doug Sulman; Trevor Thompson; John Wright
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Tree Bylaw
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Mayor Canniff and Councillors,

We are asking that you seriously consider the implications of mandating a tree bylaw for Chatham-Kent. There is a substantial amount of information that can be used to sway your opinion to one side or the other of this controversial issue. We ask that you seek input from various experts such as OMAFRA, OFA, CFFO, as well as Thames Valley Land Conservation authority. From a farmer's perspective, we take pride in our job as stewards of the land and do our outmost part to follow best farming management practices. These practices include: controlling soil erosion through use of cover crops, field crop production, environmental farm plans, GPS technology and more. As farmland owners, we have assumed the loss of crop due to wildlife finding a readily available source of food during the harvest seasons. In addition we have assumed the cost of clear cutting tree lots, fence rows which consist of damaged/decayed trees and shrubs in order to produce profitable farm land. "Chatham Kent soils are almost all Class 1,2 or 3 and combined with a long growing season, resulting in some of the most diversified non irrigated and consistent production soils anywhere in the world" <http://wegrowfortheworld.com/2014/08/kent-farms-federations-applaud-municipality-for-tree-policy> In addition, there are environmental benefits to farmland. For example, according to the Michigan State University, their calculations show that an acre of corn can absorb in excess of 36,000lbs of carbon dioxide per acre through the growing season. Likewise, according to Trees in Trust, an acre of mature trees absorb 5,200lbs of carbon dioxide per year. We believe that there can be a fair and equitable solution to both sides of this issue. Possibilities could include allowing farmers to clear fence lines, scrub bush and clear cut tree lots less than 2 acres in size without permission and if the tree lot is over 2 acres they would need permission, incentives for maintaining tree lot as well as no property tax assessments on tree lots.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and taking all sides into consideration.

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Gabriel Clarke

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: May 21, 2021 6:42 AM
To: CKmayor

Mayor,

I've sent you several letters over the last 2 years in regard to the tree cutting devesation happen around chatham kent. I myself live rear wheatly and the amount of tree lines and small and large bushes being cut down and burnt I'd unbelievable. There is going to zero tree cover left . From my home there have been thousands of trees cut down . I have great concern over what is being done to stop this because I am aware this issue was on the table at one time but was never resolved . I wrote to Mr fluker at the time and he sent my letter to you because he was no longer mayor. I never got a response so I continue to write about my concerns hoping to make a difference. Our environment here I chatham kent needs your help the wildlife is suffering and eventually so will people. We can't life without trees mayor and that's a fact . You want to spend million to replant and that's wonderful but it doesn't make sense to cut down live standing forest of mature oak and maple to be burned. If you would like more information on what I've been seeing in my community send a reply bu email if not I will not be surprised but I will keep writing and trying to do my part before there is nothing left but flat fields windmills and giant polluting greenhouses on the lake shore. Thanks for hopefully listening [REDACTED]

Dear Chatham-kent Mayor and Councillors

My name is [REDACTED], and me and my husband [REDACTED] have a [REDACTED] in orford county

We operate under the name [REDACTED]

We are very proud of being a Farmer, but with all the bylaws that the Municipal comes up with its no fun off being a farmer

We have a woodlot, but also a lot of windbreak trees, that we contain really well

And sometimes you have to cut a tree that is dying or in the way of another tree, so with this bylaw we can't contain our windbreaks anymore

And we live on [REDACTED], and hydro one is cutting all the nice trees on the otherside off our road

So why can they cut down all these nice trees when its convenient for them

And we as farmers have to pass this tree by-law to what they can or cant do, How is this fair

The trees are on our own property, so I don't get it why we can or cant do what we need to do

If you look to all the woodlots and windbreak trees at the farms, you can see that they all look good and they cut down trees who are dead or sick, If we can't do that anymore then all the trees will die

And If a farmer buy land with a woodlot on there and he want to use it as farm land that should be okay too, we profite everybodys food
The farmer will think twice to plant any trees back with this by-law

Im also very disappointment that the motion was at the time that all the farmers were relly busy in the filed planting there crops,we are also residenst of chatham-kent who are the most impacted by this bylaw We couldn't even defend our self ,that's not fair So we didn't had any saying in this,how is that fair ,this was already planned ,wich is an absolute shame

So please let fartmers decide what they want to do with trees and vote against the woodlot by-law to support the farmers property rights

On behave off me and my husband I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my letter ,and hopefully you all will vote agisnt the woodlot by-law

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Date: July 9th, 2021

Mayor, Council and Administration
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street W.
Chatham, Ontario N7M 3K3

Dear Sir/Madame:

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It's a property rights issue.

As landowners disproportionately have the most at stake with the proposed Bylaw, I would request that council propose a more equitable opportunity to have a fair and effective discussion on this subject. The current process that has been established is, inequitable, ineffective, and highly biased toward a specific pre-determined outcome.

As a resident and landowner of Chatham-Kent I expect more from our council with regards to how the proposal of this Tree Cutting Bylaw has been handled.

Yours truly,

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street W.
Chatham, Ontario N7M 3K3

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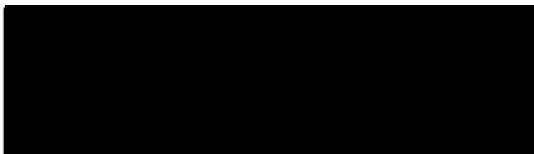
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