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Easement means Caledon farm to stay in agriculture

By BILL REA
Caledon Citizen

A conservation easement has been granted on a Caledon property that will keep it as farmland in perpetuity.

The unusual arrangement between Deirdre Wright and the Ontario Farmland Trust (OFT) was announced last Thursday at the Belain Farm on Shaws Creek Road.

This land securement project is the first one completed by OFT, a not-for-profit organization that promotes the preservation of farmland in the province.

The Benlain Farm site has been a working farm for more than 30 years. Consisting of 97 acres, it includes 40 acres of leased agricultural land, which has been used to grow corn, soy beans and wheat. As well, 11 acres are used to graze horses, and 22 acres have mature hardwood forest and some provincially significant wetlands.

"This is a very special event," commented OFT chair Dr. Stew Hilts. Pointing out that the property is surrounded by aggregate pits and resources, he observed that land values too often determine land uses.

"It's a breakthrough for us in protecting farmland," he declared. "We have to find ways to learn to protect the farmland here if we're going to have that good farmland in the future."

Bob Baker, of Baker Forestry Services, called the property an "Oasis in the middle of all these aggregate issues."

"I just want to say 'thank you,'" declared

Dufferin - Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones. "What an incredible gift!"

She added that it was particularly impressive, considering the development pressures in the area.

The property is also part of the provincial Greenbelt. Shelley Petrie, program director of the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, stressed the importance of keeping land in agricultural production.

"We need a critical mass of farming in the Greenbelt," she declared, adding that a lot of businesses that support farmers have been disappearing, making things difficult.

"This donation will help put more youngsters in uniform and on the ice," said Trevor Downey on behalf of the Foundation. "It provides additional sponsorship support as we head into the hockey season. And it builds momentum for our upcoming fundraising event."

The Foundation's second Annual Charity Game and Music Festival will take place Saturday at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex and feature a hockey game between the House9 Stars and the Shelburne Muskies, a barbecue and a number of live bands headlined by Arkells, the Hamilton-based group that has performed across Canada, issued recordings and

earned positive reviews for its mix of blues, rock and Motown sounds.

"We're delighted to support the House9 Foundation on behalf of our employees and their families," said John Lowndes of The Highland Companies. "The Foundation's goal of making hockey more accessible to children in the community is one that everyone can support."

A not-for-profit organization, the House9 Hockey Foundation was established in 2008 by Trevor Downey, his brother (and member of the 2008 Stanley Cup winning Detroit Red Wings) Aaron Downey, and their friend Shawn Kilshaw. The Foundation's mission is to "ensure that children can participate in minor hockey through the sharing of good fortune by a supportive community."

Additional information is available on the Foundation's website, www.house9hockey.com

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Supporting People With Disabilities

Hi, I'm Diane Goody

I have been married to my husband Richard for thirty-five years and we have two children, a daughter, Erin and a son, James. Things were very different when I was young, not all good or bad but different. I was thirteen years old when our neighbour gave birth to a child with Down Syndrome. Their choice was to send this child away and have him raised in an institution and they never saw or spoke to him again. I was so upset that they sent this baby to an institution; they never even acknowledged their child. I was determined at that point that things would change. I was going to change the world and make it better. Even to this day I cannot understand how parents can deny having a child for reasons such as Down Syndrome, or how they couldn't or wouldn't take care of their child. I sat on the Allison Chamber of Commerce, but gave up my seat to become a Board member of Community Living Dufferin (CLD). It was the best choice that I have ever made for myself. I honestly believe that this Board makes a positive change in the community. One stand out example of how rewarding my work with CLD has been is helping to serve Christmas lunch to all of the people that we support. The joy and the appreciation from them filled me with warmth, honour and satisfaction to have made an impact on someone else's life. In turn, it made an impact on mine - an overpowering sense of joy. As in life there are challenges to being on the CLD Board. The difficulty is being able to look far enough into the future, to know that the plans we are making today will go at least partway to meet the challenges in the future. Because we receive the bulk of our funding from the government we do not know year to year what the funding is going to be. It is also difficult to know what the challenges are going to be as the people we support become older. We also have a new generation of younger people coming into service. The challenge is to know how to best support both groups of people. The accreditation process that CLD has been through will provide a positive stride forward to ensure that we, as a Board, always put the best interests of the people we support first. If I could change anything in the world it would be the attitude we as a community have towards one another. I wish we could simply accept each other for the way we are. It does not matter who we are or whether we have a physical or developmental disability, or simply a different life philosophy or cultural background; we are all people and all we want in life is to be accepted.

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