

Views From Our Readers

Here are some of the letters, messages and notes we've received from readers and viewers. We appreciate hearing from you by Canada Post or email.

Thank you for your insightful editorial in this issue [Autumn 2009] of *Escarpment Views*. As a resident of rural north Burlington, I could not agree with you more regarding development in this area. Developers have the staff, the time and the money to push their causes, and unfortunately, money seems to talk when it comes to the OMB as well as some other levels of government. When will cities and towns stop thinking about their infrastructure and the money that development throws into their coffers and start to think about the environment and the people for whom they owe their existence?

Those of us who have lived in this area for more than two generations see people want to live in this area not realizing the stewardship required to maintain the rural flavor of our communities. Anecdotaly, we have seen subdivisions arise on farmlands, only to have the families who so wanted to live in the country leave after only living here a short period of time. Or, these same families move into our community, realize that living with a well and a septic bed require some work, having mail delivered is not always perfect, roads are difficult to navigate in inclement weather, garbage is not as easily picked up as it is in the city and then demand that we change to accomodate their needs!!!! Just recently, our community was informed that our rural mail addresses were changing to accommodate inefficiencies related to GPS technology. I didn't move, why can't you find me now????I feel that we, the residents who have lived in these areas for years are being pushed out, if not inconvenienced greatly because certain of us want more than the environment is capable of giving. Please don't stop speaking out for our cause! Thanks again, Gloria, you nailed it!

Cindy Powell, Burlington

[Editor's note: Through our blog at www.EscarpmentViews.ca, there's been discussion on various topics, including responses to Prime Minister Harper. All the comments received were similar in attitude to this first one:]

I think the Prime Minister's proroguing of Parliament is both cynical and dangerous to Canadian democracy.

Joan Vinall-Cox

[We got this lovely note about the feature on Frogpond Farm that we published in our autumn issue:]

After reading your article about Frogpond Winery we added a new stop to our travels. During our visit at Frogpond we sampled some excellent wines...beautifully balanced in flavour, colour and aroma. We left with a few bottles of the Chambourcin and Riesling tucked into our saddle bags. Since bringing it home we have shared them with family and friends who were all as pleased as we were with the quality of this wine. We continue to buy all kinds of wines but it is with great interest we watch the development of the wine business in the Niagara area and the increasing emphasis on alternative growing methods and fermenting techniques. Keep up your great work in profiling these new and up coming agri-businesses. We can all learn from them and truly work towards supporting sustainable agriculture systems.

Brenda Moher