



Carleton Landowners Association Property Rights Information Seminar

**Saturday, April 26, 2014 8AM – 5 PM
Best Western Plus Ottawa/Kanata Hotel &
Conference Centre
1876 Robertson Road, Ottawa. K2H 5B8**

Theme: If you don't know your rights, you don't have any!

Speakers' Bios

Kurtis Andrews, Lawyer, Green and Associates

OSPCA Act Charter Challenge

Numerous stories have appeared in newspapers across Ontario describing shocking incidents involving the conduct of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA). What has been especially unnerving is the fact that the OSPCA Act permits many of such incidents. The OLA has been front and centre in bringing these injustices to the attention of the media and the public. On October 18, 2013, a Notice of Application questioning the constitutionality of the OSPCA Act was filed with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. The OLA strongly supports this application. Lead counsel for the application is Kurtis R. Andrews, an Ottawa based lawyer and associate with Green and Associates who practices constitutional law, animal welfare law and other areas of law which affect rural Ontario. Mr. Andrews will explain the Application proceedings which will hopefully result in legislative reform of the OSPCA Act.

www.fixthelaw.ca

Cynthia Moyer, President, Huron Perth Landowners Association

Affordable Justice

Cynthia Moyer is well-known for her out-spoken support of private property rights, particularly in Huron-Perth, where she is President of the local OLA Chapter. In addition to being a champion of property rights, she is also a strong advocate for affordable justice. Too often property owners are advised to “settle” when charged with offences against by-laws or other regulations, while, if they only had the financial means, they could assert their property rights before the court. Ms. Moyer and a group of dedicated landowner members and supporters have formed the a legal services enterprise (LSCO). She will be explaining the benefits of this organization which intends to provide legal services to its clients as well as a resource centre.

www.legalco-op.com

Tom Black, President, Ontario Landowners Association

Conservation Authorities – Original Mandate

Tom Black is a farmer in rural Ottawa who is very familiar with Conservation Authorities (CA) and their attempts to designate and regulate private property for their own interests. Mr. Black is

a past president of the Carleton Landowners Association. In his current position as president of the Ontario Landowners Association, he receives frequent calls from property owners who have run afoul of a CA's perceived authority. He has helped numerous landowners understand the real intent of the Conservation Authority Act and the limitations of that Act on private property.

www.ontariolandowners.ca

Jack MacLaren, MPP, Carleton-Mississippi Mills, and William D. Nichol, Director, Canadian Justice Review Board present some options and invite public discussion.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) – Time for Reform?

Discussion Overview:

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, or MPAC, administers property assessments in Ontario. MPAC is not a crown corporation or part of the Ontario government. It is a corporation owned by the municipalities. "Every municipality in Ontario is a member of MPAC" and every 4 years MPAC attempts to place a value on your property for taxation purposes.

The Auditor General of Ontario and the Office of the Ontario Ombudsman have been critical of MPAC's costly bureaucracy and assessment methodology. These costs and inefficiencies are passed on to the municipalities and added to property tax bills.

MPP Jack MacLaren, and retired Toronto lawyer and Queen's Counsel Bruce Haines have been studying some options for reforming this costly system. Both are directors of the Canadian Justice Review Board which publishes on its website a great deal of information, commentary and analysis prepared by Bruce Haines QC. William D. Nichol is the executive director of the Canadian Justice Review Board. He is a retired businessman, a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and former C.E.O. of THD Industries (Canada) Limited. The information is intended to assist taxpayers who wish to appeal their property assessments. It should be noted that the deadline for complaining about assessments is March 31st of each tax year.

www.canadianjusticereviewboard.ca

Elizabeth Marshall, OLA Director of Research on Historical Documents and Property Rights

Elizabeth Marshall will speak about two important documents: the Magna Carta and Land Patents. In addition to her role as OLA Director of Research, she is also a Director with the Canadian Justice Review Board, an Association Research Fellow with Meighen Institute for Public Affairs

“Should I get my Patent?” is a question the Ontario Landowners often hear. It's really a personal choice. However, the Courts have stated that Crown Land Patents are legal documents, and combined with a title search and other land registry documents such as surveys and easements, are an essential tool for protecting your rights to your property. The Patent is the root of title; the title search will reveal what other transactions took place after the land became privately owned. This presentation is designed to provide the audience with some practical information about Land Patents and to provide some answers regarding where to go to obtain these important documents.

Magna Carta – Is it still relevant today? The Magna Carta was sealed under oath on June 15,

1215 by King John of England. It was the first document forced onto a King of England by a group of his subjects, the feudal barons, in an attempt to limit his powers by law and protect their rights. After nearly 800 years, this document is still widely referred to in many discussions about freedom, democratic rights, and rule of law.

Ms. Marshall has written extensively on matters pertaining to private property rights. Her reports are available for purchase and download at:

www.store.ontariolandownersassociation.ca/category/reports

Jessica Lauren Annis, BURPI, MCIP, RPP, Operation Pushback

Surviving Sustainability: An Ontario Case Study

Jessica Annis is the Founder of Operation Pushback whose mission it is to assist individuals and small and medium enterprises to successfully navigate an increasing complex regulatory environment. She has a Bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning with Honours from Ryerson University. Jessica is a Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and is a Registered Professional Planner in Ontario. Armed with invaluable knowledge of and insight into the legislative and regulatory framework regulating economic development in Ontario, she is well-armed to assist her clients. We are fortunate to have her speak at our seminar about the original mandate of land use planning and how it has been eroded and distorted to support a hidden agenda.

www.operationpushback.ca

Tim Mount, Director, Carleton Landowners Association

What to do if they come for you

Tim Mount's presentation on "What to do when they come for you" is based on Landowner experiences and discusses ways that people can protect themselves when a government bureaucrat comes knocking on your door. Tim will be distributing "Unwanted Visitor" cards which summarize the steps to take when the unwanted visitor is without a warrant as well as when they have a warrant.

Gary Hale, Author of Victory in the No-Go Zone published by Freedom Press Canada Inc.

www.freedompress.ca/Victory-In-the-No-Go-Zone.php

Gary McHale has a strong belief in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s approach of direct action and peaceful protest, sharing his goal that someday all people will be judged by the strength of their character and not the colour of their skin. He has received numerous death threats and has been assaulted numerous times in the presence of OPP officers. He was the victim of a vicious smear campaign by OPP leadership and was sued for \$7.1 million by officers. He has been arrested illegally nine times and placed in jail without a single case making it to trial. Yet, he was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee media on behalf of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation for his work in exposing corruption in the government. The courts ordered OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino and Deputy Commissioner Chris Lewis to face criminal charges for their actions regarding McHale. His is the story of an average person standing up to big government and refusing to surrender his rights and freedoms at the altar of political correctness.

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Registration Form

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Your tickets and the meeting agenda will be mailed to you two weeks before the Seminar.

Please copy and complete this registration form for each person requiring tickets and the agenda to be mailed directly to them.

Registration will take place between 8 AM and 9 AM.

For more information, contact Shirley Dolan, President, Carleton Landowners Association at 613-623-0675 or email sjdolan@xplornet.com.