

March 29, 2010

Dear Mayor Bussiere,

For over 30 years the Green Barn Nursery and Windmill Point Farm have been operating a profitable farm and business in Quebec. We have given seminars and taught small farmers how to make money growing fruit all over Canada most recently in P.E.I. at the Acorn conference and in Nova Scotia at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. We have been featured in many magazines, newspapers and TV shows. We are recognized as one of the leading small and medium sized farm management consultants in Canada. Most recently we wrote an article entitled "Money Grows on Trees" which appeared in the latest issue of Canadian Organic Grower magazine .

We have given seminars for the last 2 years at Eco Echo and are currently building a business plan for them. Both of our visits attracted more than 100 residents and visitors, which demonstrates that there is a keen local interest in this project.

This plan will include a 100% organic "pick your own" as well as a diversified orchard which includes fruit such as Asian pears, pears, nuts, seedless grapes, plums, chums, kiwis and cherries to name a few. This orchard will bring in revenues of \$20 - 35 000 per acre. The campus will be used as a tool to teach other families and Canadians how to utilize their land to make money without compromising their values and beliefs. Having non-toxic land is an important part of this plan and furthermore having land that is easily accessible is key. Without good access this plan cannot be completed and our goals will be difficult if not impossible to achieve.

The organic food market is growing at over 400% per year and the local food movement is getting stronger by the day. We believe that Eco Echo's vision combined with the plan that Mr. Minnes and the Green Barn are currently working on, will undoubtedly make Wakefield a very special town and increase tourism and traffic to your area. This will create jobs and bring in money to your area. Instead of stopping the forward progress it might be a better decision to work with Eco Echo and help them achieve their goals. This would build up the community and turn Wakefield into a "green town" where people could come and enjoy life as it is meant to be, in a beautiful setting with safe, delicious produce to eat. I think that an industrial park is important but not at the expense of a Campus, farm and business such as Mr. Minnes is currently developing.

We would welcome the opportunity to help you develop a profitable and sustainable plan for your town. We are currently working with the town of Sainte-Anne de-Bellevue to help them create a greener city which amongst many other things will include a bike path lined with fruit trees to be consumed by people and wildlife. Feel free to visit our website www.greenbarnnursery.ca. In the seminars and workshops section you can go to Acorn conference 2010 and you can simply click on that heading and scroll down to the bottom of the page. There you will find a power point presentation that can be downloaded (<http://www.greenbarnnursery.ca/PEI.page>). This link will take you to the appropriate section, it should give you an idea of what we do.

The people at Eco Echo are trying to do something unique, functional and positive for the community, the province and our country. Few if any other towns or cities in Canada have such a precious and rare opportunity to do something this important. We believe that interfering with their efforts is a mistake. Expropriation is definitely not the answer.

I thank you for your time and urge you to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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