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Happy Canada Day Weekend!

July 1, 2018 Newsflash

We are Proud Canadians!

In this newsflash, we wish you a wonderful Canada Day weekend and hope that you are taking some time out to do something typically Canadian while enjoying this glorious weather. We are sharing our sentiments about the great country we live in, and what makes us proud to be Canadian.



Our "Top 10" on being a Canadian living in GET!

1. Protection of our lakes, rivers, springs and groundwater because water is for people, *Not* profit.
2. Canadian Democracy and the freedom to express our concerns because we love our communities.
3. The most actively engaged citizens and grassroots advocacy groups are located right here in Guelph and Guelph-Eramosa and are dedicated to protecting and preserving their water, air, wetlands, moraines and wildlife.

4. Our fresh air that invites multiple migratory songbirds, bees and butterflies to visit, live and thrive on our landscapes.
5. Cows! And the Best dairy products and beef in the world.
6. The natural beauty of our entire country, and our enjoyment and preservation of it.
7. Our "Bee" Cities, Guelph, Kitchener and Waterloo which are proud to protect pollinators.
8. The University of Guelph which is ranked as one of the best agricultural research centres in the *world*.
9. We love that in GET we can hang our clothes on the clothes line so the breeze can caress it, leaving it smelling sweet and clean.
10. Our Maple trees – which is our national symbol and not only spectacularly beautiful in the fall, but bring us Maple Syrup in the spring. Canada produces 80% of the world's Maple Syrup.



Unlimited growth assumes unlimited resources, and this is the genesis of Ecocide

Maude Barlow

GETconcerned in Action

A summary of the events of the last 2 weeks:

Meeting with Mayor: GETconcerned met with Mayor White and CAO Ian Roger for the 2nd time on June 20th at the Bruceville office to discuss the Xinyi proposal and its violation of our M1 “dry” zoning.

FOI Request: A freedom of information request has been made regarding matters pertaining to GET Mayor and Council.

Letter to the Ombudsman: GETconcerned has lodged a complaint with the Ontario Ombudsman since we have discovered that important information has been suppressed by GET Township. This information would help Councilors to make a more fully informed decision on the Xinyi project in general.

GETconcerned Getting Greater!

Thank you to the many people who made donations at the community meeting! Your generosity is much appreciated.

AND, Thank you to the many new people joining the GETconcerned TEAM! We are excited to be working with such dedicated people.

We are on FACEBOOK and TWITTER now!

Follow our new Twitter account:

<https://twitter.com/getconcernedO>

Follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/GETconcerned.org>

Upcoming Events

IMPORTANT DATE:

On July 16, 2018 in GET Council Chambers, Council will be voting on a motion to DECLINE the Xinyi application because it does not meet the “dry” requirement of our zoning bylaw.

Please **come out** and **HELP US HELP YOU**—Council needs to see that this is of critical importance!

Get ALL written letters in to Council by July 11th and instruct the Town Clerk to INCLUDE your letter in the Council Agenda Package. You can ALSO sign up as a delegation by July 13, 2018 if you wish to **speak to Council on this very important matter**.

Maude Barlow Event in Sept.

We are thrilled to announce that Maude Barlow, will be coming to Guelph-Eramosa **in support of**



GETconcerned and be keynote speaker on the threat to our drinking water posed by Xinyi and Nestle's. Maude Barlow is the world-renowned Canadian activist and author who

campaigns to have water recognized as a human right by the UN. She is the National Chairperson of the “Council of Canadians”. In her book, *Blue Future*, she details the spreading international crisis over water shortages. She also campaigns against governments which allow water to be squandered, against letting corporations take over its management, and the resulting privatization of clean water.

Details on Time and Place to follow.