



**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT  
CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

**FEATURE INDUSTRY**

**Nature's Finest Produce**

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent recognize the contribution that corporate citizens have made and are making to enhance the economic health of this community;

Nature's Finest Produce, owned and operated by Jason and Kevin Stallaert, is housed in a 65,000 square foot facility in Pain Court which previously housed a tomato canning plant. They presently have 65 workers and have been in operation since 2007.

Kevin and Jason have been farming in Chatham-Kent since 1994. They started out growing Tomatoes for different processors. They noticed the need to change the way they looked at farming and decided to venture into the fresh vegetable market. This resulted in starting their own label; Nature's Finest Produce as well as managing their own pack house.

Nature's Finest Produce package and warehouse fresh carrots and onions. They grow the carrots and onions, along with many other food products on the farmlands throughout Chatham-Kent.

Their company won a Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation and Excellence in 2010 for their innovative research into overwintering carrots.

Nature's Finest Produce believe in confronting and dealing with issues before they become a problem, and this philosophy had in part led to their success as a company.

Nature's Finest Produce are always looking towards the future and have plans on opening a U.S. operation to service their customers year-round. The company continues to grow and strive for excellence in serving their customers and to continue to develop new products and build new business relationships.

Nature's Finest Produce believe Chatham-Kent is one of the best farming areas in Canada. They feel they cannot do what they do in any other community. They also feel that Chatham-Kent goes above and beyond in supporting its local businesses.

NOW THEREFORE I, Randy Hope, Mayor and CEO of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, proclaim that Nature's Finest Produce is hereby designated as the "Feature Industry" for the month of March 2016.

PROCLAIMED at Chatham-Kent, Ontario this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016.

Randy R. Hope  
Mayor/CEO, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

*On Behalf of Chatham-Kent Council:*

Mark Authier, Michael Bondy, Darrin Canniff, Joe Faas, Bryon Fluker, Karen Herman, Leon Leclair,  
Brock McGregor, Carmen McGregor, Bob Myers, Steve Pinsonneault, Derek Robertson, Doug Sulman,  
Trevor Thompson, David VanDamme, Frank Vercouteren, Jeff Wesley.