



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

**FEATURE INDUSTRY**

**Carther Plants**

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;

Carther Plants, owned and operated by Sandra Carther, is housed in a total of 42,000 square feet of greenhouses on Jane Road just outside Thamesville. Sandra and her husband Scott started as a sole proprietorship in 2000 and became incorporated in 2014. Sandra is Past President of the Thamesville Horticultural Society and a volunteer with 'Communities in Bloom.'

Carther Plants is a propagation facility producing vegetable seedlings, including tomato, pepper, onion, leek, kale, and various herbs. They also focus on strawberry plug transplants. They have the capacity to grow 3.5 million plants. A portion of their production is certified organic under the Canadian Organic Standards. They presently have 12 workers during February to March and up to 33 workers during their summer months.

Carther Plants won a Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation and Excellence in 2014 for the development of a hydroponic nursery system for strawberry plug and tray plant production.

Carther Plants are always looking towards the future and believe expansion is required to increase their capacity to meet the demand for their fine products. They are looking to implement new technology for inventory tracking and to hire additional workers for office administration and sales support.

Carther Plants base their success on hard work and dedication. They believe they are here to help maximize the profit potential of their customers by providing them with plants that have a healthy start and high quality. They measure their success by the success of their customers.

Carther Plants believe Chatham-Kent is home and a great place to work and conduct business. They believe there is so much agricultural expertise in our area, which is close to many international border crossings to help grow our exports.

NOW THEREFORE I, Randy Hope, Mayor and CEO of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, proclaim that Carther Plants is hereby designated as the "Feature Industry" for the month of September 2016.

PROCLAIMED at Chatham-Kent, Ontario this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 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.