



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

FEATURE INDUSTRY

Truly Green Farms

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;

Cedarline Greenhouses, which is a family run business owned and operated by the Devries family from Dresden, developed an idea to build a greenhouse on the outskirts of Chatham that would connect to GreenField Specialty Alcohols and utilize their excess heat and carbon dioxide. This process began with public consultation meetings and the engagement of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

The new greenhouse project at 162 Bloomfield Road began under a new company name in October 2012 - Truly Green Farms. The name was chosen to depict the environmentally friendly or carbon neutral way the tomatoes will be grown in their greenhouses. Chatham-Kent and Ontario citizens are benefiting from this innovation from the food they eat, the air they breathe, and the many jobs created.

Truly Green Farms is into Phase 2 of expansion. The first phase is successfully growing 22.5 acres of tomato varieties. By the end of 2016 the crop will be using waste heat from GreenField Specialty Alcohols production as well. Phase 2 expands another 22.5 acres with tomatoes and is expected to be complete by December 2015. Over the next number of years, two additional phases of expansion will be incorporated, bringing a total of 90 acres into production.

This greenhouse innovation, which is one of the first of its kind in North America to utilize waste heat in greenhouse production, was recognized in 2014 as Truly Green Farms won a regional as well as a 'Leaders in Innovation' award from the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence.

Truly Green Farms are also very active corporate partners, supporting many Chatham-Kent organizations such as our local food banks, CK Table, as well as product and monetary support for many other events throughout Chatham-Kent.

Truly Green Farms philosophy is to recognize the value of their employees and all their relationships by keeping it simple while working hard and being thankful for every day.

NOW THEREFORE I, Randy Hope, Mayor and CEO of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, proclaim that Truly Green Farms is hereby designated as the "Feature Industry" for the month of October 2015.

PROCLAIMED at Chatham-Kent, Ontario this 15th day of October 2015.

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,
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