



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

**FEATURE INDUSTRY**

**Devolder 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;

Devolder Farms was established by Bob and Diane Devolder in 1988 initially as a small custom seed cleaning business for local farmers. 26 years later, Devolder Farms has developed and embraced new ideas and technology in order to provide quality products and services for Chatham-Kent and surrounding areas.

Since 2005, Devolder Farms seed division is ISO 9001:2008 registered, which demonstrates their ability to achieve consistent quality goods and services. In addition to growing the higher pedigreed seed in their fields, Devolder Farms also grows experimental varieties and maintains select plots. Devolder Farms consistently processes and packages seed that meets the quality standards of purity, germination, appearance and regulatory requirements for their customers.

In 2005, Devolder Farms expanded the business to include a grain storage, drying and handling equipment division, including a sales and design team, installation, millwrighting and service crews as well as a custom fabrication shop and fully stocked warehouse. Due to rapid growth, the equipment side of the business is able to seasonally employ at least an additional 20 employees, complimenting the 30 full time staff currently at Devolder Farms.

In 2014, Devolder Farms expanded yet again, introducing a precision agriculture division, driven by innovative equipment and technology, knowledgeable agronomic advice, planting equipment retrofits and equipment installation and service.

Devolder Farms supports local organizations such as 4H, Kent Federation of Agriculture, Dover Kinsmen, Bushels of Hope, as well as sponsoring other local sports groups and charity events.

Devolder Farms continue to be a leader in agribusiness; creating careers for Chatham-Kent residents and assisting our local agricultural sector to thrive with innovative products and services.

NOW THEREFORE I, Randy Hope, Mayor and CEO of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, proclaim that **Devolder Farms** is hereby designated as the "Feature Industry" for the month of March 2014.

PROCLAIMED at Chatham-Kent, Ontario this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

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

*On Behalf of Chatham-Kent Council:*

Michael Bondy, Jim Brown, Marjorie Crew, Joe Faas, Bryon Fluker, Anne Gilbert, Karen Herman,  
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Derek Robertson, Art Stirling, Doug Sulman, Frank Vercouteren, Jeff Wesley