

LAND USE COUNCIL

“advocating social, economic and environmental balance in government legislation affecting land”

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“BACKGROUND”

Last year several Ontario trade associations and community groups met informally to examine how professional lobbyists initiate and merchandise land use regulations that affect use and value of private land. Since otherwise independent Non-Government Organizations often band together to promote statutes and regulations that too often are later entrenched in government land use policy, it was agreed similar collaboration among equally dedicated groups, perhaps more attuned to natural justice and citizens’ rights, might help balance statutory interventions of those alliances..

Initial discussions prompted formation of a loosely structured consortium with a mandate to publish costs and consequences of government land use initiatives, research land title history and precedents and actively promote legislation that recognizes the right of private citizens to own land. This “coalition of coalitions”, organized as a public service, is generally described as follows:

Name:

Land Use Council (L.U.C.)

Profile:

A politically non-partisan federation under a Constitution to advocate social, economic and environmental balance in government legislation affecting land and representing many different sectors of the Ontario economy including industry, business, agriculture, development, construction, forestry, real estate, sport and municipalities.

Mission Statement:

- * to convene a federation of organizations each interested in use and value of private land*
- * to seek enactment of provincial legislation that recognizes private ownership of land*
- * to disseminate positive and negative consequences of government land use planning*
- * to research and document history of government policies affecting land in Ontario*

Member Commitment:

- * publicly support L.U.C. as a coalition focused on analysis of government land use decrees*
- * fund L.U.C. programs to research and publish private land ownership issues in Ontario*
- * endorse L.U.C. publication of social and economic costs of government land use policies*
- * ratify programs and related budgets to recruit additional L.U.C. member organizations*

The over-arching L.U.C. objective is to develop and maintain a fully integrated network coalition based on the above parameters and supported by both urban and rural member organizations each committed to wider public engagement in government decisions that deflate Ontario's economy in the long term and devalue private land in the near term.

L.U.C. is a public service coalition sponsored by the combined memberships of::
*Food Chain / Halton District Federation of Agriculture / Ontario Landowners Association
Ontario Property and Environmental Rights Alliance / Peel District Federation of Agriculture*
