
Hi Penny and Heather

I am the Chair of Events for Life Centre (EFL), the Not for profit Charity that has the privilege of being located at Beaver Creek Farms on the 33rd Sideroad in Thornbury. The property owner, Michael Hutchings has given you the background information as to why we are both writing to you at this time. I wanted to provide you with some information about our organization.

EFL serves young adults with disabilities once they have graduated High School and have no further options of Post Secondary Education or a job placement. We provide education, social and recreational day programs geared towards life long learning in the Town of Blue Mountains and the surrounding areas. (Collingwood, Meaford and Owen Sound)

Our centre has been located at Beaver Creek Farms because of the generosity of Michael Hutchings. He has provided us with a house to support our day programs; a garage to build our crafts; a barn full of animals; a tennis court and endless trails for outdoor activities... The farm is a second home for our participants (over 20) our staff and over 30 volunteers. We have a waiting list of over 10 individuals right now. Several of our new participants have moved up from Toronto because EFL is available for their adult son or daughter with Special needs.

EFL is supported by several local business owners, the Town, Grey Bruce Foundation and several philanthropic families. Our small organization has grown in leaps and bounds over the last 6 years. The news of the Cell Tower proposal across from the end of Beaver Creek farm, is quite distressing to our organization, as we understand the reasons behind the potential actions of Michael in asking us to leave.

We are extremely fortunate that a second Tower location is available and would be much more desirable for everyone. Michael and I both wanted our concerns known at the County Level in case you can help in any way. Our Mayor and Town Councillors have recognized our concerns. Please let me know if you need anymore information; I would be happy to talk.

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