



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

**FEATURE INDUSTRY**

**Delhaven Orchards Ltd.**

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;

Delhaven Orchards is a family run operation, with the Delanghe family owning and operating this business, also known as "The Apple Place" located at 8182 Talbot Trail West, just outside Cedar Springs. They began operations on July 1, 1961 and are in their 54<sup>th</sup> year of operation.

Delhaven Orchards consists of 400 acres of apples (16 varieties), peaches (12 varieties), sweet cherries, pears, apricots, nectarines, strawberries, soybeans, tomatoes, corn, and wheat. Delhaven Orchards are proud to have five full time staff, 18 seasonal workers, and 10 summer students working for them.

Besides the many fruit crops they grow, they also produce apple cider, which is produced on site, along with pitted sweet and sour cherries.

Delhaven Orchards has won numerous awards over the years, including finishing in the top four every year for their apple cider (including 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes), 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Royal Winter Fair in 2014 for their Red Delicious apples, being inducted in 2013 to the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame, being inducted in 2002 to the Kent County Agricultural Hall of Fame, receiving the Outstanding Individual Award from the Canadian Society of Science, the Badge of Honour in the field of Agriculture from the Prime Minister of Jamaica, and a special Lifetime Achievement Award in Horticulture from the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association at their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which is the only such award ever presented.

Hector and Marilyn Delanghe are strong community supporters, and have given their time, sponsorship, and involvement to over 30 local community organizations and events, including University of Guelph, Blenheim Youth Centre and the Blenheim District High School. Hector is also a life member of the Blenheim Kinsmen Club. Hector Delanghe's secret to success is doing your homework before starting something new, learn from your mistakes, and never give up.

NOW THEREFORE I, Randy Hope, Mayor and CEO of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, proclaim that Delhaven Orchards Ltd. is hereby designated as the "Feature Industry" for the month of June 2015.

PROCLAIMED at Chatham-Kent, Ontario this 5th day of June 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,  
Brock McGregor, Carmen McGregor, Bob Myers, Steve Pinsonneault, Derek Robertson, Doug Sulman,  
Trevor Thompson, David VanDamme, Frank Vercouteren, Jeff Wesley.