



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

FEATURE INDUSTRY

Sunshine 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;

Sunshine Farms started their family farming business in 1974 on the farm which has been in their family since 1854. They began growing grain and diversified into asparagus in 1982.

By 1987 they were the largest asparagus grower in Canada. In 1992, facing a future without any asparagus processors left in Canada, they diversified and began developing pickled asparagus products. From there they continued to grow and expand their line of processed vegetables. All products are made without the use of chemical additives or preservatives.

They also produce a full line of organic pickles for an amazing total of 23 labels. All of their products are grown in Southwestern Ontario, with the majority grown right here in Chatham-Kent.

Sunshine Farms have been fortunate to have received several awards including the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Association Award of Merit in 1998, the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence in 2005 and the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce 'Agriculture Innovator of the Year' award in 2006.

NOW THEREFORE I, Randy Hope, Mayor and CEO of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, proclaim that Sunshine Farms is hereby designated as "Feature Industry" for the month of October, 2011.

PROCLAIMED at Chatham-Kent, Ontario this 3rd day of October, 2011.

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

Ray Payne
Acting Chief Administrative Officer

On Behalf of Chatham-Kent Council:

Michael Bondy, Jim Brown, Marjorie Crew, Joe Faas, Bryon Fluker, Anne Gilbert, Karen Herman,
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