



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

FEATURE INDUSTRY

Early Acres Estate Winery

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;

Early Acres Estate Winery is truly a family run operation, with owners Mike and Sue Korpan, and their children Kristen and Bryce sharing in all the winery responsibilities from harvest to bottle. After nine years of growing grapes they were excited to finally produce their first bottled wine just over two years ago in June 2012.

All of their wine is from 100% Canadian grown grapes. Their vineyard sits on seven and a half acres of sandy loam soil which is perfectly suited to the success of their grapes. The warm summers and cool fall weather help to provide the perfect combination of flavour and body to their wines. Being located further inland from the lake allows them to get started for the growing season early due to the warmer temperatures.

Early Acres Estate Winery are truly a great community partner, as they are involved in many charitable events such as the Parade of Chefs, CK Table, Festival of Giving, and so much more.

In just two short years, Early Acres Estate Winery has been awarded eleven medals for their wines, including four medals at the Shores of Erie Wine Competition this past summer. They won gold, silver, and two bronze medals. Their Chardonnay "On the Pontoon" won gold, which had previously won a silver medal at the All Canadian Wine Competition in April. Their new red wine "All Night Long", which is a blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc won silver, and their "Across the Tracks", which is a Cabernet Franc, and their "Falcon's View", a Baco Noir, both won bronze. A great accomplishment in only two years!

At Early Acres Estate Winery, they believe in enjoying life's special moments with family and friends, and they feel the best way to do that is to visit their country setting winery and enjoy a glass of their 100% Canadian wine.

NOW THEREFORE I, Randy Hope, Mayor and CEO of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, proclaim that Early Acres Estate Winery is hereby designated as the "Feature Industry" for the month of September 2014.

PROCLAIMED at Chatham-Kent, Ontario this 4th day of September 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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