

JEFF LAIDLAW SPEAKS OUT ON FISCAL ISSUES

There are a number of naturally occurring economic opportunities, other than residential development, which King Township should explore. Bigger bedroom communities simply aren't the answer to economic sustainability. Making use of the natural assets of King is the most logical course to follow.

Examples of economic opportunities that King Township should explore:

- King Township has over 7,000 acres of the Holland Marsh, the "Salad Bowl of Ontario", responsible for the production of about 40% of Ontario's fresh produce; and yet no food processors, packagers and related industries.
- King Township has over 50,000 acres of land within the Oak Ridges Moraine; and yet few bed and breakfasts, no promotion of hiking, skiing, bicycling, and limited promotion of the national historic site of Lloydtown.
- Thousands of tons of manure are produced annually on King farms which are now facing new provincial legislation (Nutrient Management Act). This legislation changes the rules for the handling of manure and will cost livestock operators substantial capital investment to comply. Manure is a wonderful source of fertilizer. Development of fertilizer plants could help solve two problems at once.
- King Township has over 5,000 horses, yet no showgrounds or racetrack.



Development in these areas would lower taxes and provide jobs. All it takes is imagination; thinking outside the box and recognizing what exists. Only in this manner will King become economically viable and sustainable for the future.

Building bigger bedroom communities costs more money (*\$1.40 cost for every dollar generated - Golden Report*) than they can ever generate.

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