



Dear Mayor McKean and members of Council

Hello:

My name is Piers Roberts (Operations), My partners David Butterfield (CEO/Wine maker in Burgundy, France) and Paul Christopher (CFO/Butterfield & Robinson Travel Company accountant) are establishing an on-farm Cidery & Distillery called Spy Cider House & Distillery at 808108 24th Sideroad in Clarksburg. The Business will produce Cider and fruit-based Spirits, such as Apple Brandy(Calvados), Vodka, Gin, eu de vie, and Pommeau, from apples grown on our 78 acre farm, and from surrounding orchards we purchase fruit from. We believe this area is the perfect environment to grow exceptional quality apples and that it can become a destination for Cider just like Niagara is a destination for wine.

We have been consulting with Denise Whaley, Planner for the Town of The Blue Mountains about our project. We have been in contact with Denise since before we purchased the property in the summer of 2016. We first contacted Denise to see if this project was something that fit into the community and was the type of business they wanted to see in the area and we understand that it aligns with the Town's Strategic Plan, which includes supporting on-farm businesses and Agri-tourism businesses in The Blue Mountains. Once we heard this word of support, we purchased the property. It is our understanding through consultation with Town staff that Cideries and wineries are a permitted use of the Special Agriculture area, and we have been working with Greg Miller from the Town to work through the building permitting process.

We intend to have a tasting room/retail inside our building and an outdoor patio area outside, where people can sample our on-site manufactured products. We have plans to add an accessory service of light food to go with our Cider and Spirits in the tasting room and patio areas.

We are now in the final stages of construction at the site. We have put in 40,000 feet of piping for a state of the art geothermal loop for our cooling and heating needs in our production & retail building. The interior production area consists of six 12,000 litre fermenters, one 12,000 litre carbonation tank and one 700 litre CARL Still, with a 21 plate rectifying column (Vodka) and another 4 plate rectifying column (Brandy). We are waiting for power to be hooked up by Hydro One as we speak. The building is 35ft x 75ft. The building will have two sections, 25% will be for the retail section and 75% will be for production.

Our intention is launch sometime in mid to late August if all goes according to plan. Once we have our timeline set we will send a formal invite to the Town of The Blue Mountains and the community.

LOCATION

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The Blue Mountains, Ontario NOH 1J0

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Once we took possession of the 78 acre abandoned Apple orchard on 24th Sideroad our intention was to bring back as many of the Apples trees as possible. Last season we pruned 16 acres (8 acres Macintosh 8 Acres Spy) and sprayed organic inputs. This year we pruned those two sections again and pruned another 6 acres of trees at the front of the property for the first time. We have taken out and burned a lot of the old diseased trees and burnt them this spring. We intend to plant Cider Apple varieties in these sections next season.

We also intend to plant the back 40 acres in Cider Apples as well in the future.

We are writing council because would like to get the Town's approval to manufacturer Cider and Spirits-retail Cider and Spirits and serve "Wine by the Glass" at our location listed above. Specifically, we need support of Council for our Licences with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) for:

- Manufacture of Alcohol on the property using on-site fruit and additional locally obtained fruit
- Sales "by the glass" of alcoholic products produce in the manufacturing facility
- Retail sales of the alcohol produced on the property

We look forward to establishing our business in the Town, and to meeting members of Council and of the community as we launch our business. We look forward to establishing our business in the Town, and to meeting members of Council and of the community as we launch our business.

Thank you

Best regards

Piers
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