

Town of Minto Council Meeting

February 20th, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Delegation re: By-law to permit Sunday  
Gun Hunting in Minto

As submitted by Jill Machan

Good evening Mayor Turton, members of Council and fellow attendees. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jill Machan. I am here this evening with my husband, Gerald and our sons, Reid and Luke. After much thought and consideration, Gerald & I decided we would spearhead this proposal and seek support for a By-law that permits Sunday Gun Hunting in Minto. As rural landowners, we enjoy hunting our property for sport, sustenance and our love of nature. We hunt mainly as a group of six; the four of us, our nephew and my father, who taught the rest of us to hunt. Our boys are fourth

generation hunters and we know several other groups who are multigenerational hunters as well. We get together during hunting seasons to spend quality time doing something we all enjoy. At present, our two adult sons, Reid & Luke and our nephew, Damon are all working full time Monday to Friday as Apprentices in separate fields of Trade work. Being young men who work and study hard, they have very limited days off. At present, Saturdays are the only day they can hunt, unless they take a weekday off, however that is costly, as losing pay in the current economy is just not feasible for them. We have discussed the matter at hand with fellow hunters, family, neighbours, friends and others over the past several months. We have gained a significant amount of support in favor of a By-law. Some of those supporters are here tonight and we

thank them for taking the time out of their busy lives to attend this meeting with us. Others have sent emails of support and numerous people have signed a petition in support of the cause.

At this time, I would like to introduce Mr. Mark Ryckman who is a Manager of Policy at the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). Mark is going to give you a detailed overview of the many reasons why Sunday Gun Hunting is beneficial to hunters and the animal population. He will also highlight some of the positive impacts Sunday Gun Hunting could have on both conservation and the community.

Thank you.