

Jones tells Town of her bill

By Josh Braun

The private member's bill from Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Bill 36 ? Private Property Act, passed second reading in the legislature with all party support, and has been referred to the Standing Committee for public consultation.

Caledon Council recently received without comment details about the bill and how it's receiving support from residents and a wide range of stakeholders, including the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

If enacted, Bill 36 would amend the Trespass to Property Act by creating a minimum fine of \$500 for trespassers and increase damages to \$25,000. Jones stated the current Act has no minimum fine for those who trespass and has a maximum limit of \$1,000 for compensation on damages.

Bill 36 would ensure property owners are fairly compensated for destruction of their property and signal that trespassing will not be taken lightly in the justice system.