

The Wilson St Farmers Market is

- Ojo eat local Joanne Turnell & David Coons
- <u>Soldaat Poultry</u> Jeff Soldaat
- <u>Plan B Organic Farms</u> Alvaro Venturelli
- Locke St Bakery Mike Falco
- <u>Paris Bakery</u> Marty Verhey
- <u>The Farm Network</u> Tyler Ferguson
- <u>Striped Aardvark</u> Joan Krygsman

















Community advisor & board member -

Tammy Quinn – Incoming Manager of the Ancaster Ag Society

We founded the Wilson Street Farmers Market On March 21st 2014 at 1632 Wilson Street West



Why are we here?



June 5, 2014.

The City of Hamilton on June 5 2014, sent the Wilson Street Farmers Market a letter which in summary states.

"the location of the proposed Farmers Market at 1632 Wilson Street West, Ancaster, is not permitted and is not contemplated by the City as being a permitted use in the industrial areas.

The location is not being contemplated within the Farmers Market review as a location to permit Farmers Markets.

No changes in the zoning by-law or other legislation will be processed by the City to permit such a use."





- We feel that the city's position on the Wilson Street Farmers market is not consistent with the approach to other Farmers markets.
- We feel that this letter by the city regarding zoning is pre-emptive imposing a by-law that had not been approved by the Planning Committee.
- We feel that our location is ideal for a new Farmers Market.
- The West End of Ancaster is supportive of a new Farmers Market.
- Since June 21st we have received over 250 signatures of support for our petition to keep our market open.
- Since June 21st we have had over 460 local residents show social media support for the continuance of our market.



Bill 36 The Local Food Act!



- Ojo's is a recent recipient of a grant from the local food fund to build a canning kitchen.
- The improvements made to the building @ 1632 Wilson Street West courtesy of ojo's and the ontario govt make it an excellent facility to host an indoor/outdoor farmers market on a year round basis.
- The Wilson Street Farmers Market is a natural extension of Ojo's and neighbor Soldaats Poultry - creating a community supported event each week around a canning kitchen, food truck, & wholesale and retail chicken (Soldaats).

Our intent is to support Bill 36 – THE LOCAL FOOD ACT!

- To foster successful and resilient local food economies
- To increase awareness of local food.
- To encourage the development of new markets for local food.



December 30 – 2013 Contacted Farmers Market Ontario



Farmers Market Ontario told us to get in touch with the city if we wanted to start a market.

From: ojo@ojoeatlocal.ca [mailto:ojo@ojoeatlocal.ca]

Sent: December-30-13 3:21 PM

To: fmo@farmersmarketsontario.com **Subject:** setting up a new farmers market

I am looking for some guidance on setting up a new farmers market.

I am hoping to set up a year round indoor Saturday market in Ancaster at 1632 Wilson St W. It is a 2 acre parcel of land with greenspace. I hope to have a year round indoor market in the 1000sq warehouse and a seasonal outdoor market.

Do you have any info packets that you can send me on setting up a new market.



Feb 27 -2014

We contacted the city of Hamilton Health Dept. stating we would like to host a farmers market on private property and comply with regulations.



From: ojo [mailto:ojo@ojoeatlocal.ca]

Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 11:12 AM

To: 'Richard.MacDonald@hamilton.ca'

Subject: FW: ojo - SHOP LOCAL SATURDAY INDOOR FARMERS MARKET APPLICATION

Richard,

Ojo's will be hosting shop local Saturdays at Soldaats Poultry – 1632 Wilson St W – Ancaster – LOR 1R0

This is private property (ie: not city or publically owned), we will host a shop local day ever Saturday from March 22nd thru June 21st.

Attached is information about us and our market and online @ http://ojomojo.ca

Our market which will be held inside the Soldaat building.

We are in the building stage so any special requirements that the city may have would like to comply.

Best Regards

Joanne Turnell



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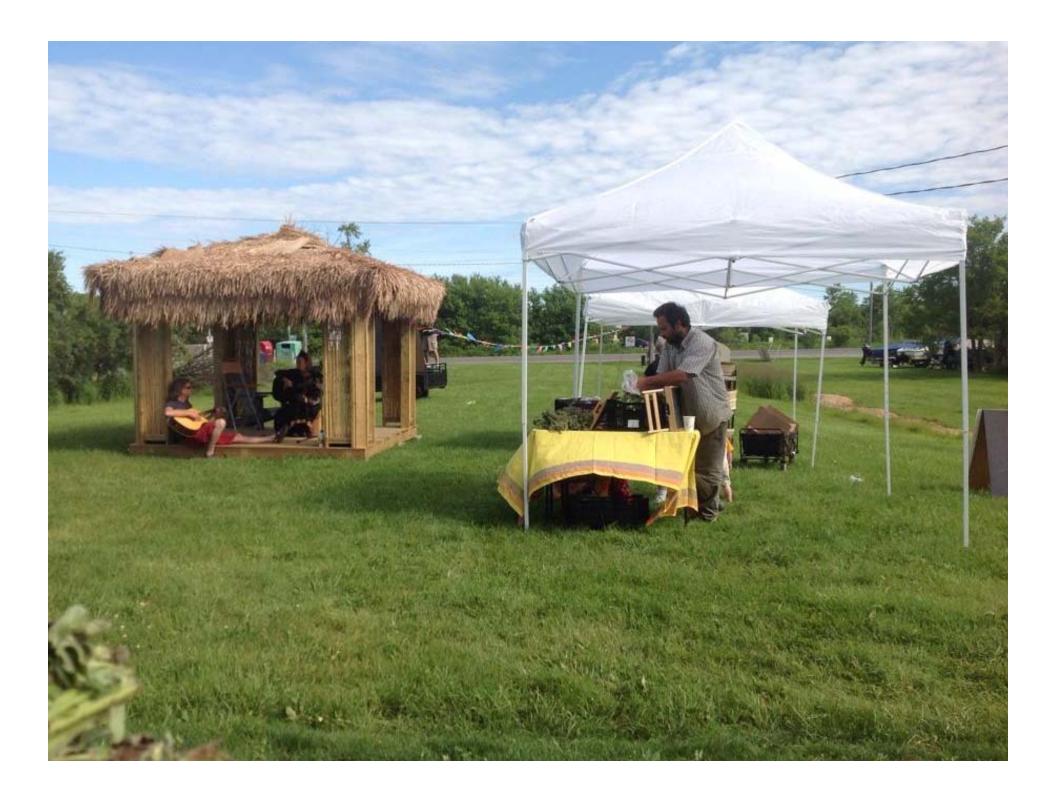
- This market was conceived with no knowledge of a farmers market bylaw that would prevent farmers markets from being founded barrier free. In fact it was the assumption of the parties involved that the city of Hamilton supported new farmers markets provided that they were 7 km's apart from other markets and did not operate at the same time/day.
- Despite being zoned industrial we are actually a green space with agriculture surrounding us. We are next door to a gas station convenience store and the Ancaster Fair grounds. We have a community garden across the street. We are surrounded by horses chickens, and farm land we have a tiki hut for musicians, it's a really cool place to host a market.











Zoning!

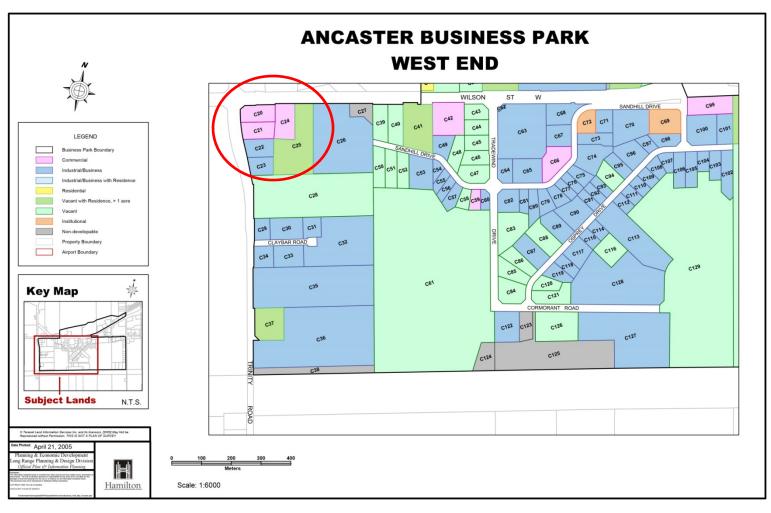


- Our zoning is M3 Prestige Industrial.
- Coming zoning changes to Ancasters west end may change our zoning to Commercial which would permit a Farmers market.
- Requiring Farmers markets to pay for zoning verification is fruitless as farmers markets are not currently listed "as of right" in any zoning bylaw

The Farmers market white paper and multiple other documents and recommendations on food security and healthy communities resound the same recommendation that there is a need to have less red tape and bureaucracy for farmers markets, farmers, their vendors, or other service providers.

Current published proposed zoning (2005) showing 1632 Wilson West as commercial farmers market ANCASTER





City of Hamilton - Please



Permit the Wilson Street Farmers Market permission to continue to operate.

Consider Barrier Free Zoning for all Farmers Markets.



City of Hamilton

It is essential for municipality of Hamilton to align municipal policies with federal and provincial law.



Support Bill 36 – THE LOCAL FOOD ACT

- Foster successful and resilient local food economies and systems throughout Ontario.
- Increase awareness of local food in Ontario, including the diversity of local food.
- Encourage the development of new markets for local food.

Thank you for your time



















