

Oyez Oyez Oyez

Me Lords, Me Ladies, All Here Present. Draw Yea near good citizens and guests to Midland.

I, Judy Contin, Town Crier of Midland, do, on behalf of His Worship, Mayor George MacDonald, your President Lanny Dennis and the Midland Committee of Adjustment welcome you to this meeting of your “Ontario Association of Committees of Adjustment and Consent Authorities” – such substance and power. Your seminar theme says it all; “To Grant or not to Grant”. And, because you are heading to Stratford’s Conference in May, here’s some authentic Shakespeare to prepare you.

To Grant or not to grant: that is the question:

Whether ‘tis nobler in his neighbour’s mind to suffer

The slings and arrows of a garage too close,

Or to take arms against him at OMB,

And by opposing – has he waited 20 days?

And 20 days from when?

To reduce setback, to sever:

To sever: perchance to ease right of way: ay, there’s the rub:

That makes calamity of an adjuster’s life.

Yes, that’s Will Shakespeare, Midland style.

Whether thou cometh from a hamlet or Venice, know that Sandra Madsen has made Much Ado About Nothing, sometimes encountering A Comedy of Errors in order that all is As You Like It. All’s Well That Ends Well.

So cried this 22 day of March in the year of our Lord, 2002

God, bless this meeting and God, Save the Queen.