



**Shirley Fulton-Deugo (4th generation), Scott Deugo (5th generation) and family  
open the 2017 edition of the Pakenham Fair, Saturday, August 19, 2017.**

Good afternoon,

I would like to start with thanking the organizers for giving us the honour of opening the Pakenham Fair, especially on Canada's 150th birthday. Our family takes great pride having been a part of building this great community since the Fulton's arrived from Scotland in 1840. Though this area has a great number of attractions like our 5-span bridge and natural beauty, what makes this community great are the people. Our family has always recognized that our greatest resource is not our trees or our land, but our people. Many things have changed since 1867 but the dedication, loyalty and commitment of the people to make this a wonderful place has remained steadfast. Fulton's and the businesses and groups in this area have succeeded and flourished because all of you and your ancestors who came before you.

We meet people from all over the world. They are constantly amazed to see how the people and businesses of this community work together to help one another - whether it is providing employment for young people or being a part of the Maple Run Studio Tour. In this day and age that is something to be proud of.

My parents and ancestors helped me recognize that being a part of a great community is being engaged. In this community we have citizens. Citizens are engaged, they care and they work not just for their own benefit but also for others. All you have to do is look around and see the countless volunteer hours that people give. This fair, soccer leagues, 4-H clubs, our churches, your firefighters and the Civitan Club are just a few examples. There are also a huge number of individual acts of kindness and generosity that happen all the time. And for that, we can be grateful.

We are proud to have called this beautiful place home for 5 generations. Standing with me and all around us is the next generation. This community has built a solid foundation for them to grow and make this community even stronger than it already is.

In closing, I just want to say thank you to the organizers and more importantly, all of you.

-Scott Deugo