

Response to: Gord Jardine, 162 King St., Burford, ON, N0E1A0

1. There have lawn mowers, etc out on our property at one time or another as I am busy, have a huge family and lots of friends, and often would fix something for someone, and / or put it out front to sell for them if their property was off the beaten track where they didn't get a lot of drive-by traffic. That was before I knew there was a bylaw against doing so. Since then, there has been nothing out front for sale.

The chainsaws were primarily in use when I paid to have the two large trees, that bordered both Gord and our properties, cut down. As well, the year before the smaller trees between our two properties were cut down by Gord, after he borrowed one of my power saws to do so. When the bigger two trees were cut down, the power saws were used to cut off the tree limbs and buck up the logs into smaller pieces of wood. Gord took home most of the wood from the trees and said he would pay for the wood as his part of the cost of the trees being cut down. I paid the full price for having them cut down, but to date he has not paid anything for the wood. He also 'bought' a power saw from me, and six months later I took it back as he hadn't paid for it, and it did not appear that he had any plans to do so.

The trench digger was for rent but the few times someone rented it, it was always taken away from our place to the property where it was used.

2. The hours the bicycles were available for sale have traditionally been 7 days a week, and occasionally the sign was not turned to 'closed' as it should have been, as after a long days work I plain and simply forgot to turn it around before I went into the house in the evening. That being said, we never had anyone coming to purchase a bicycle in the middle of the night or early mornings when we, and the neighbours would have been asleep.

3. When Gord and his wife bought the house next door they were aware there were bicycles, lawn mowers, etc for sale at our place, and Gord purchased bikes from me for both himself and his wife after they moved in. He has also come over to my place numerous times while he was being friendly, and neighbourly, and borrowed equipment when his was broken down, or when he needed something and I had it but he didn't; my wife even mowed their lawn a couple times with our riding lawnmower. Whenever his truck wasn't working properly, I went over at his request and helped him fix whatever the problem. When my wife and I went away for holidays for three weeks in 2012, Gord even sold bicycles for us while we were gone. That is perhaps why some people may have thought he had something to do with the bicycles, as when he sold them for us while were were gone, he would have come from his place over to ours to show the bicycles.

4. As to the statement that there is a constant flow of people everyday - I might get three or four people a day drop in at different times during a weekday afternoon or early evening, and perhaps five or six each day at various times, on the weekend. Occasionally a family will show up with two or three of their kids.

As for the dogs, they do bark from inside our house, when someone comes on our property. We have a barking collar on the youngest, as she's the one who initiates it, and we are training her to bark appropriately and only as needed to let us know when someone comes onto the property.

As an aside, over the spring, summer, and into the fall while the weather is good, Gord's driveway is full of vehicles from their friends, and friends of their kids and there is always someone sitting out on their deck talking, often loudly, and coming and going into the shed in their back yard. I've often counted as many as ten vehicles coming and going out of his driveway the same day and well into the evening. They also have huge bonfires out in their backyard with all their friends drinking and hanging out and chatting. The smoke from their fires have made us have to shut all our windows because it blows right into our house. Also at times we've had to ask someone from their parties to move back into their yard as in the middle of the night they will be out talking loudly on the sidewalk in front of our house and it has woken us up.

5. When I have been home and people are looking at bicycles, perhaps one or two people over the

past number of years since he moved in has parked in Gord's driveway and when they realized they were in the wrong driveway they promptly moved out of it. I deny that there has been as many as eight who have done so. When customers come here I can clearly see where their vehicles are parked, and I have two driveways of my own which clearly belong to our house so there is no way I would leave them to park at Gord's.

6. The only time we've even heard of anyone approaching Gord when I wasn't home, was when he told my wife and I, twice last summer that someone had parked in OUR driveway, and when they realized I wasn't home, and saw Gord out in his yard, they walked over to his place to ask him if he knew when I'd be home. Burford is a small community and people are friendly.

No-one looking for me would ever have thought that talking to my neighbour would have caused problems. The one time Gord let me and my wife know that quite an elderly couple had gone to his house by mistake looking for bikes and the man had walked into Gord's house, he came over to our place with a beer for him and Gary, laughing at the mistake the man had made, blaming it on his being confused because he was elderly. Other than that, Gord has never said anything to me about anyone else walking into his house.

7. As for the statement that there is *always* noise, grinding etc, this is quite an exaggeration: I have a full time job and during the week I don't even get home until close to 2 pm in the afternoon. During the week from Sunday evening to Thursday evening, I am in bed by 7:30 pm or 8 pm at the latest, as I get up at 4 am to go to work. On the weekends, I am gone to garage sales looking for bicycles every Saturday morning until about 11 am. Sunday mornings I am gone to church; and I am often gone away from home on an outing somewhere on Sunday afternoon.

Also any loud noise made by me during the hours that I am outside is limited to a specific task I am doing and is only of very short duration, ie cutting a piece off a bike or pumping up a tire, and the noise might last one or two minutes and then it is done, and most often not repeated.

8. As for the statement that I'm not respecting Gord or his property, I feel that I and my wife have done our best to be respectful while I feel the shoe is on the other foot in all this. Last spring Gord informed me that I had taken away (at some distant time in the past) five feet of his property boundary that is between our properties and he wanted it back. When I asked him how he figured that out, he said someone he knew had an app on their cell phone that showed where the actual property boundaries between us lay, and that it showed that my property boundary should be over five feet from where the marker at the back was. I denied this to Gord as I have lived on this property for almost three decades and knew from January 1987, when I purchased the property, where the property boundaries lay. Gord was so certain he was right that he paid for surveyors to come in to survey between the properties only to find out that he was mistaken, and that the property boundaries are and have always been as I tried to tell him. Shortly after that, he started being a poor neighbour and complained to the County about all of the above.