

Brampton trucking company shipping chickens for Maple Lodge Farms moves to Dufferin County

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Steve Attard doesn't run your average trucking company. In fact, it's not really just a trucking company.

S&S Transport currently ships chickens for Maple Lodge Farms, but its subsidiary also works with cranes in the GTA and offers private flights for businesspersons to Montreal and the United States.

Attard recently purchased a property in East Garafraxa Township and will move his operations north, from their current site on the Maple Lodge Farms property in Brampton.

"I did the research here," he said, about the job market in Dufferin County.

Attard says he won't just bring good-paying jobs to the area, but also an opportunity for youth seeking direction and help getting into the trades.

S&S Transport is a family-owned and run operation employing around 28 staff, including mechanics and yard supervisors, office support, forklift and crane operators.

"My biggest investment, it's not real estate. It's not cash. It's my employees," he said.

Attard is most proud of the company's initiative in taking troubled youth and helping mould them into successful professionals.

"If you give the students responsibility and let them have a voice ... they know they're not just there to collect a paycheque."

The group also has a competitive go-cart racing team, which they recruit a student from a local school to participate in.

"We are coming to the community of Grand Valley; we offer a ton," he said.

Attard will be asking the township for variances on the property to allow his trucking facility, plus parking, maintenance and training.

He recently sold his home in Georgetown and will also be living on the East Garafraxa site after renovating the building.