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August 9, 2019

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
720 Bay St
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Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of South Frontenac passed the following resolution at their meeting August 6, 2019:

That Council support the resolution passed by the Township of Warwick regarding the safety on family farms,

And that the Premier, Attorney General, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, AMO, ROMA and all other municipalities be informed of this decision.
Carried.

Our Council was strongly supportive of the Township of Warwick's position to find a better way to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws or the creation of new legislation to ensure that the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals. There have been a number of incidents recently where farmers and livestock transporters have been harassed and activists have had no regard for private property and leaving farmers feeling unprotected by the Ontario legal system. A copy of the Township of Warwick resolution is attached.

We look forward to receiving any updates on this matter.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Maddocks".

Angela Maddocks
Clerk

Encl.

c.c. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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June 26, 2019

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
720 Bay Street
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Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Resolution Regarding Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms

Please be advised that Warwick Township Council adopted the following resolution at their regular meeting on June 17, 2019:

WHEREAS agriculture is the second largest industry in Ontario, contributing \$13.7 billion annually to Ontario's GDP and is essential for putting food on the tables of millions of people here and around the world;

AND WHEREAS in recent months there has been a steady increase in harassment of farmers and livestock transporters by activists opposed to animal agriculture and the consumption of animals;

AND WHEREAS the protests have become blatantly illegal in nature with extremist groups trespassing onto private property, unlawfully entering into buildings and removing animals without fear of prosecution and even promoting and publishing their crimes on social media;

AND WHEREAS maintaining proper biosecurity is essential to ensure the health and well-being of the animals cared for on these agricultural operations;

AND WHEREAS the recent attacks on farmers homes and businesses have resulted in no criminal charges laid, leaving farmers feeling unprotected by the Ontario legal system and afraid for the welfare of themselves, their families, their employees and the animals they care for;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Warwick requests that Hon. Doug Downey work with his fellow MPP's and agricultural leaders to find a better way forward to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws - or new legislation - to ensure the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be circulated to Hon. Doug Downey, Ministry of the Attorney General, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, AMO, and ROMA.

- Carried.

Yours truly,



Amanda Gubbels
Administrator/Clerk
Township of Warwick

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
All Ontario Municipalities
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