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Municipal CAOs
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Dear CAO,

RE: Steering Committee participation - Bruce County Land Evaluation and Area Review (LEAR) Study

The County of Bruce Planning Department has begun working with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) staff to develop an Agricultural System for Bruce County. The LEAR process is recognized as best practice for a defensible identification of an agricultural system in Ontario. To date, OMAFRA's Land Evaluation and Area Review (LEAR) process has been utilized, using Bruce County features and map information to prepare a draft map for discussion purposes in the development of an Agricultural System for Bruce County.

The Planning Department wishes to engage with agricultural stakeholders and local municipal representatives as we consider the use of the LEAR Process and/or refinements to the mapping, in this important work. To this end, Bruce County Council has directed Staff to establish a Steering Committee to ensure that mapping produced is of high quality; the goals of the County and local areas are maintained; and, an appropriate balance is achieved to protect the agricultural system while allowing for future population growth and economic development in the County.

It is anticipated that there will be up to one (1) meeting per month (1-2 hours) until project completion (not expected to go beyond 2019).

The proposed composition of the Steering Committee is as follows:

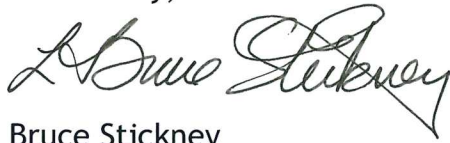
- two members of local Municipal Councils (e.g. one from the Peninsula+another)
 - two stakeholders from the Agricultural Industry/Communities,
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- two Bruce County Councilors (Councilor Eadie, Kincardine and Councilor Peabody, Brockton have already been appointed by the Planning and Development Committee); and
- two County Planning Staff resource individuals (Manager and Senior Planner).

We would appreciate if you could provide/suggest individuals to fill the appropriate roles, as described above. We would be happy to consider suggestions for additional stakeholders (please include background and expertise that these individuals would provide) or other suggestions to ensure a successful outcome.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Stickney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce Stickney
Manager of Land Use Planning
County of Bruce.

cc. Kara Van Myall, Director of Planning and Development
