

From: Joanne Hughes
Sent: September 13, 2019 10:11 AM
To: Chris Peabody
Subject: Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms

Hi Chris,

The Township of Warwick in Lambton County adopted the attached resolution following a delegation from Lambton Federation of Agriculture. As you can see in the second attached document many municipalities and townships are supporting Warwick's resolution, including some from Bruce County. I would love to see all municipalities in Bruce County supporting this resolution including Brockton. I received this list on Monday before spending the week in Woodstock at the farms show so I'm sure there are updates that aren't listed. Maybe even Brockton?

If you would like some further information I would be happy to provide that. Below is the link to the livestream of the delegation to Warwick.

Livestream segment of Don McCabe doing delegation (3:44 min into this video)
<https://lambton.civicweb.net/document/84677?splitscreen=true&media=true>

From the members I spoke to at the Farm Show this past week this was the top issue right now. Hope to see Brockton on this list very soon.

Thanks,

Joanne Hughes
OFA Member Service Rep
Grey/Bruce

Municipalities Supporting Warwick Township Resolution

Township of Addington Highlands	Township of Melancthon
Township of Amaranth	Municipality of Mississippi Mills
Township of Armour	Township of Montague
Municipality of Bayham	Township of Nairn and Hyman
Town of Blue Mountains	Municipality of Neebing
Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston	Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula
Municipality of Calvin	Municipality of North Middlesex
Municipality of Chatham-Kent	Township of Norwich
Township of Douro-Dummer	Village of Oil Springs
Municipality of East Ferris	Township of Papineau-Cameron
Township of Enniskillen	Peterborough County
Township of Faraday	Town of Plympton-Wyoming
Town of Greater Napanee	United Counties of Prescott and Russell
Municipality of Grey Highlands	Town of Rainy River
Hamilton City Council	Township of South Frontenac
Township of Hornepayne	Township of South Glengarry
Municipality of Huron East	Municipality of South Huron
Township of Joly	City of St. Catharines
Township of Lakeshore	Township of St. Clair
Township of La Vallée	Village of Sunridge
Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands	Township of Tarbutt
County of Lennox & Addington	Municipality of Thames Centre
Township of Malahide	Town of Thessalon
Municipality of Mattice-Val Côté	Township of Tudor and Cashel
Municipality of McDougall	Municipality of Tweed
Township of McKellar	



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June 26, 2019

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
720 Bay Street
11th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Gubbels', written in a cursive style.

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
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Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)