February 13, 2020

To:

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs,
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario,
John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Ontario,
Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario,
Monte McNaughton, MPP, Middlesex-Kent;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and
Ontario municipalities

RE: Southwest Middlesex Resolution regarding Government Bill 156

Please be advised that at its February 12, 2020 meeting, the Council of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex passed the following resolution regarding Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019*:

Moved by Councillor McGill
Seconded by Councillor Cowell

Whereas the Provincial Government of Ontario is considering Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019*; and

Whereas Bill 156 is intended to protect farms, farm operations, and food safety and security by addressing unwanted trespassing; and

Whereas Ontario farmers are increasingly under threat of unwanted trespassers who are illegally entering property, barns and buildings, and safety of drivers of motor vehicles transporting farm animals which threatens the health and safety of the farm, employees, livestock and crops; and

Whereas additional protection for the agri-food industry to protect the security of the food chain, the farm owners, family and employees is the purpose of the *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019*; and

Whereas unwanted trespassing occurs on all types of farm operations, including grain farmers, which has the potential to impact the safety and security of people and the food chain;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex supports the intent of Bill 156 and requests that the Province of Ontario expanding Bill 156 to identify and include protections against trespass for grain farm operations; and

That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario, John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Ontario, Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, and Monte McNaughton, MPP, Middlesex-Kent; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Ontario municipalities.

Carried