



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

SUMMARY

MARCH 13, 2020

1. **C-083-2020**
Correspondence dated March 5, 2020 from the City of Welland to the Niagara Region respecting a potential “Out of the Cold” program for Welland residents.
2. **C-084-2020**
Correspondence received March 9, 2020 from the Town of Kirkland Lake to the Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs respecting support of Bill 156.
3. **C-085-2020**
Correspondence received March 11, 2020 from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority respecting board of directors meeting highlights from February 19, 2020.



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March 5, 2020

File No. 19-126

SENT VIA EMAIL

Niagara Region
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
P.O. Box 1042
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Attention: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Dear Ms. Ann-Marie Norio:

Re: March 3, 2020 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL

At its meeting of March 3, 2020, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND requests that the Niagara Region to investigate a possible local Welland solution whether it be year round or a seasonal Out of the Cold program that could serve the residents of Welland and South Niagara; and further

THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the other South Niagara municipalities and to Niagara Regional Council.”

Yours truly,

Tara Stephens
City Clerk

TS:cm

c.c.: Local Area Municipal Clerks, sent via email



Hon. Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs
77 Grenville Street, 11th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5S 1B3

Via Email: minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Hardeman,

Ontario farms have come under increasing threat from trespassers and activists who illegally enter property, barns and buildings, causing significant disruptions to the entire agri-food sector. These activists are trespassing under false pretenses to gain entry on to farm properties. They have seized private property and threatened the health and safety of Ontario farms, employees, livestock and crops. These individuals and organizations are causing health and safety concerns and undue stress to Ontario farmers, their families, and their businesses. Once peaceful protests have escalated to trespassing, invading, barn break-ins and harassment. These incidents distress farmers, their families and employees, and threaten the health of livestock and crops when activists breach biosecurity protocols, ultimately putting the entire food system at risk.

We strongly support the new proposed legislation, *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*. This new legislation is an important way to keep our farm and food supply safe for all Ontarians. Bill 156 provides a balanced approach to protecting farms while recognizing a citizen's right to protest. This new legislation will ensure farm businesses have a legal standing to protect their farm, family and employees, livestock, crops and ultimately the entire food system. *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act* is good news for Ontario's agri-food industry. Thank you for this important new legislation. Protection of our Ontario should be the highest priority.

Sincerely,

Meagan Elliott
Municipal Clerk

February 18, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council:

Moved: Eugene Ivanov

Seconded: Patrick Adams

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

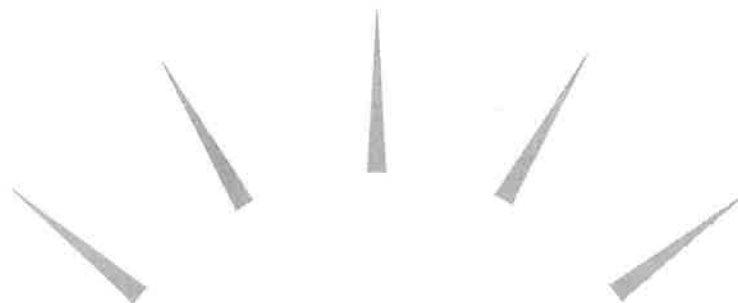
Whereas unwanted trespassing occurs on all types of farm operations, including grain farmers, which has the potential to impact the safety and security of people and the food chain;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Kirkland Lake 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



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Board of Directors Meeting Highlights-February 19th, 2020

Bill 108:

The Board requested that a letter be written in conjunction with other the Conservation Authorities in our partner municipalities to seek support as the Province undertakes a review of Conservation Authorities through Bill 108.

Restoration:

In partnership with landowners across Niagara, the Board allocated \$125,000 toward eighteen new restoration projects for completion in 2020.

Delegations:

The Board received correspondence and heard from a number of concerned parties and individuals on the protection of wetlands throughout Niagara.

Appointments to the PAC:

The Board appointed citizens to its Public Advisory Committee as follows:

Name	Representative seat on PAC
Donna Speranzini	Public at large
Mike Kauzlaric	Agriculture North
Lynn Marie Sherry	First Nations

Binbrook Conservation Area:

The Board approved funds to initiate an engineering design for a septic system at the Binbrook Conservation Area.

Links to Minutes and Video:

<https://npca.ca/administration/board-meetings>