

RESOLUTION NO.: 2019- 86



DATE: July 17, 2019

CARRIED: ✓

DEFEATED: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOVED BY:**



**DIVISION LIST**

**FOR**

**AGAINST**

Councillor Constable

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Councillor Dixon

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Councillor Gregory

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Councillor Ryman

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Mayor Robinson

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**SECONDED BY:**



**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall supports the attached resolution of the Township of Warwick regarding enforcement for safety on family farms.

  
**MAYOR**



# TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

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June 26, 2019

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario  
Ministry of the Attorney General  
720 Bay Street  
11<sup>th</sup> 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,



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  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)