



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

February 13, 2020

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

Dear Minister Hardeman,:

The Council of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, February 11, 2020, gave consideration to correspondence from the Essex County Federation of Agriculture, dated February 6, 2020, requesting support for Bill 156.

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

“That the Essex County Federation of Agriculture letter be supported;

And that The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh **send a letter** of support for the proposed legislation, Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019 to the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Carried”

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh’s action on the above matter.

Yours very truly,

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Director Corporate Services & Clerk

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Attachments

1. Essex County Federation Letter

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February 6, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*

The Essex County Federation of Agriculture represents the voice of agriculture in the local community, and advocates on behalf of our farm family members. Along with our Commodity partners in Essex and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Essex County Federation of Agriculture is committed to a sustainable and profitable future for farm families.

Ontario farms have increasingly come under threat of unwanted trespassers and activists who are illegally entering property, barns and buildings, seizing private property and threatening the health and safety of the farm, employees, livestock and crops.

On December 2nd, 2019, the provincial government introduced Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019*. The bill is intended to protect Ontario farm animals, farms, farmers and their families, and the safety of the entire food supply by addressing the ongoing threat of unwanted trespassing and from unauthorized interactions with farm animals. The risks of these actions include exposing farm animals to stress and potential diseases, as well as the introducing contaminants into the food supply.

The Essex County Federation of Agriculture appreciates the support from the provincial government for taking a strong stance to protect our farms and food safety, and introducing more significant consequences for illegal trespassing activities.

The Essex County Federation of Agriculture is calling on all municipal councils in the province to reassure their citizens that the safety of Ontario farm animals, farmers and farm families, and the safety of the entire food system matters. We respectfully ask that your council show your support for Bill 156 by sending the following letter (see below) to Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Honourable Ernie Hardeman.

If you have already indicated to Minister Hardeman your support for Bill 156, we thank you for your initiative!

Thank you for showing your support for stronger legislation to protect Ontario farms, animals, and food from intruders.

Sincerely,

Lyle Hall, President

Essex County Federation of Agriculture