Gosfield North Sportsmen Association



Working to Preserve our Hunting Heritage

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Established in 1985

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Town of Kingsville 2021 Division Road North Kingsville, ON N9Y 2Y9

Attention: Mr. Mayor and Councilors

Re: 2021 Hunting Fees

Dear Sirs/Madams;

On behalf of the Gosfield North Sportsmen Association, please accept our deepest gratitude for your contribution of the hunting license fees collected for the many years past. These monies helped tremendously towards the continuation of our pheasant release program. Our club have annually raised and released 1000-1500 mature pheasants into the Town of Kingsville. We have received many compliments on the appearance and condition of our birds that we raise and release. We are rewarded in the fact that our pheasants are very healthy, beautiful and appreciated. Credit is due to the hard work of our members, the strict quality guidelines of our processes and the financial contributions by our "heritage friends", such as the Town of Kingsville.

The present pheasant hunting fees have been in effect for many years. The license fees received from the Town of Kingsville in the past 7 years have been approximately 50% of the fees collected prior to 2013. For whatever reason, the number of pheasant hunters dropped dramatically in 2013 and held that pattern to 2020. The club however only adjusted our number of pheasants released since 2013 due to the number of the birds available to release, not the decrease in license fees. The costs of raising the birds, especially feed costs, have increased significantly since 2013.

Several objects of our Gosfield North Sportsmen are to promote the preservation of our hunting heritage and to promote and educate our youth of our heritage. Our club is committed to continue our pheasant release program for many years to comply with our mandate. In this regard, we would ask the Town of Kingsville to consider the following changes to the pheasant hunting fees for the 2021 calendar year:

Resident Increase from \$12.50 to \$20.00 Non-Resident Increase from \$18.00 to \$25.00

Your considerations would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely:

Ken Roadhouse Secretary