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Regional Municipality of Niagara 1815 Sir Issac Brock Way, Box 1042 Thorold ON L2V 4T7

Attention: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Dear Ms. Norio:

RE: Niagara's International Agricultural Workers (IAW)

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, at its regular meeting held on April 29, 2025, approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS Public Health Inspectors protect the health and safety of Niagara's International Agricultural Workers (IAW) to ensure compliance with provincial/federal regulations/guidelines and to protect and promote the health and well-being of our IAW; and

WHEREAS the Region of Niagara plans to move towards an approval inspection fee model in 2026 for program cost recovery purposes; and

WHEREAS public health inspection costs are not borne directly by other sectors such as food establishment; and

WHEREAS with the current tariff environment, impacting the security of our food supply network, impacts the stress of sustainability of food production;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the recommendation of the Agricultural Committee:

"That the Agricultural Committee request Council to inform the Niagara Region that they are opposed to the \$250.00 migrant workers home inspections, and the cost should be borne by the Niagara Region"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be sent to the Region, the Niagara Area Municipalities and our provincial and federal representatives.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact my office at 905-468-6488.

Sincerely,

Grant Bivol Town Clerk/ Manager of Legislative Services

c.c. MPP Wayne Gates - <u>wgates-co@ndp.on.ca</u> MP Tony Baldinelli - <u>Tony.Baldinelli@parl.gc.ca</u> All local area municipalities with the Region of Niagara