



Township of Wainfleet

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SENT ELECTRONICALLY

RE: Settlement Area Boundary Review

Please be advised that at its meeting of February 15, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Niagara Region is currently undertaking a Regional Official Plan review and has conducted a corresponding Rural Settlement Area Boundary Review to identify the most appropriate and feasible locations to accommodate future growth, to 2051, within Niagara Region and the Township of Wainfleet; and

WHEREAS as a result of the Rural Settlement Area Boundary Review, Niagara Region is recommending an expansion to the Wainfleet Village Rural Settlement Area Boundary in the vicinity of Bell Road to accommodate future projected growth; and

WHEREAS the lands that are recommended to be included within the expanded Wainfleet Village Rural Settlement Area Boundary, designated as Prime Agricultural Lands in all applicable planning documentation, are presently being successfully utilized for the growing of crops; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Wainfleet acknowledges the need to plan for future growth but is equally concerned about the potential loss of Prime Agricultural Land from its inventory of good, productive agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS there are areas of the Township that are presently designated as Rural Lands, but not having a Prime Agricultural Land designation, that Council considers to be more appropriate candidate lands for future growth and intensification; and

WHEREAS Council has been advised that current Provincial and Regional policies prevent the direction of growth to these areas as they have not been historically designated as settlement areas and, likewise, that the establishment of new settlement areas is prohibited;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Council of the Township of Wainfleet does hereby respectfully request that the Province of Ontario and the Region of Niagara to reconsider the prohibition on the establishment of new settlement areas in cases where planning for future growth would otherwise negatively impact on the supply of Prime Agricultural Lands within a municipality;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with the Province of Ontario, the Region of Niagara and the Region's Local Area Municipalities.

CARRIED

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



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