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Judy Currins, City Clerk

April 10, 2017

Lisa Thompson, MPP
Room 425, Legislative Building
Toronto, ON
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Dear Ms. Thompson:

**Re: Municipal Resolution on Supporting Certified Crop Advisors
Correspondence from City of Belleville and MPP Lisa Thompson**

Your August 26, 2016 correspondence regarding the above referenced matter was on the December 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting agenda for consideration. The following resolution was adopted at that meeting:

CR2016-1241

RESOLVED THAT the Memorandum from Kelly Maloney, Agriculture Development Officer, regarding Municipal Resolution on Supporting Certified Crop Advisors, Correspondence from City of Belleville and MPP Lisa Thompson, be received;

WHEREAS, Ontario-grown corn, soybean and wheat crops generate \$9 billion in economic output and are responsible for over 40,000 jobs;

WHEREAS, Ontario farmers are stewards of the land and understand the importance of pollinators to our environment and ecosystems;

WHEREAS, the Ontario government is implementing changes to ON Reg. 63109 that would prevent any Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) from carrying out a pest assessment if they receive financial compensation from a manufacturer or retailer of a Class 12 pesticide;

WHEREAS, Ontario's 538 Certified Crop Advisors are capable of and willing to conduct pest assessments and the number of CCA's eligible to service the Ontario industry will be reduced to only 80- should the proposed changes to the definition of professional pest advisor be implemented in August 2017;

WHEREAS, the reduction in CCAs would force corn and soybean farmers to step aside from the relationships that they have built with experts that understand their unique crop requirements, soil types and field conditions, placing undue delays on planting crops;

THAT the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes support the efforts of the Member of Provincial Parliament for Huron-Bruce to eliminate barriers to employment opportunities for CCA's and allow Ontario farmers the freedom to engage in business with the expert of their choice; and
THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament and municipalities.

CARRIED

Please contact myself (705-324-9411, ext. 1295) if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Judy Currins".

Judy Currins, CMO,
City Clerk
City of Kawartha Lakes

cc: All Ontario Municipalities, Members of Provincial Parliament