



The Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture
Food & Rural Affairs (by email)
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November 29, 2017

Re: Support for the County of Wellington regarding Accuracy in Provincial EBR Mapping

Please be advised that, at the regular meeting of Council for the Corporation of the Town of Minto held November 7, 2017, the following motion was passed:

MOTION: COW 2017-259

THAT Council supports Wellington County's efforts to ensure Provincial EBR mapping accurately reflects prime and secondary agricultural lands in Minto and that correspondence be sent to the Province and copied to M.P.P. Randy Pettapience.

Of particular concern to Council is the inaccuracy of the prime agricultural mapping in the Draft Agricultural Land Base link <http://omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/agsys.jpg> as well as the Draft Agricultural Land Base Portal posted on the Environmental Registry.

These maps change large parts of Minto from secondary agriculture to prime agriculture even though Council, members of the farming community and municipal staff all know these are not prime agricultural lands. The Town of Minto believe the Wellington County Official Plan mapping is accurate. Requiring the County map be changed to reflect the inaccurate Provincial maps will significantly restrict farm activities on these more marginal lands.

The Town of Minto supports Wellington County's initiative to have these Provincial maps updated to more accurately reflect the classification of these agricultural lands so that they remain viable in the long term.

Yours Truly,

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C.A.O. Clerk

cc- Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington
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