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East Gwillimbury REGION OF YORK
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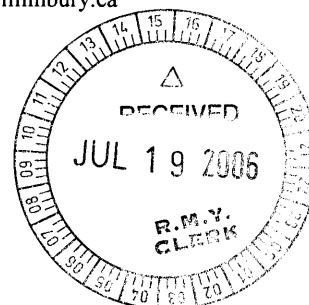
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July 14, 2006

Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge St., P.O. Box 147
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Attention: D. Kelly, Regional Clerk



Dear Mr. Kelly:

**Re: Town of East Gwillimbury Resolution CWC2006-182FIN
re Sustainability of Ontario Agriculture Industry**

For your information and records at its regular meeting on July 10, 2006, the Municipal Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

“WHEREAS the National Farmers Union (NFU) promotes policies to revitalize agriculture in Ontario by strengthening family farms; and

WHEREAS the NFU-Ontario promotes the position that farmers are facing a serious cash flow crunch and has adopted a resolution at its annual regional meeting in April 2006 requesting all municipalities to forgive the interest that would otherwise be owed on the tax not paid, for a period of up to three years, as a sign of solidarity with farmers in Canada; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has circulated the resolution of NFU-Ontario to municipalities for local consideration; and

WHEREAS the Town of East Gwillimbury is sympathetic to the financial plight of the agricultural industry and farmers; and

WHEREAS all working farms within the Region of York are subject to property taxes rates equal to 25% of the Residential tax rate for each of Regional, local, and educational taxation purposes; and

WHEREAS the Town of East Gwillimbury acknowledges its own annual cash flow dependency upon annual property tax receipts to provide the sustainable infrastructure and services demanded by its residents and businesses,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of East Gwillimbury advises the National Farmers Union that local municipal property tax deferrals are not a sustainable or viable source for temporary financing of the cash flow crisis of farmers; and

THAT the Town of East Gwillimbury requests both the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to immediately establish financially viable programs and innovative

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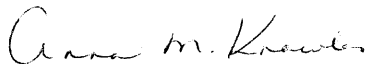
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financing solutions to sustain the agriculture industry and the continued production of safe, wholesome food; and

THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Chuck Stahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Ontario, Peter Van Loan, Member of Parliament for York-Simcoe Canada, Julia Munro, Member of Provincial Parliament, the Region of York, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.”

If you have any further questions with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Anna M. Knowles
Deputy Clerk

c.c.: Hon. C. Strahl, Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada
Peter Van Loan, M.P. - York Simcoe
Hon. L. Dombrowsky, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs
Julia Munro, M.P.P. - York North
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
T. Mathewson, Director of Finance/Treasurer