

June 20, 2006

Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier, Province of Ontario
Queen's Park
Room 281, Main Legislative Building
Toronto, ON, L7A 1A4

Dear Honourable Sir:

RE: ONTARIO CLEAN WATER ACT
FILE: E08.GE

At a meeting held on June 12, 2006, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington considered the above matter and passed the following resolution:

"Whereas the proposed Ontario Clean Water Act is an enabling statute which outlines, in a very general way, what will be done, how, and by whom, to protect current and future drinking water sources, and the details of the how the Act will be implemented in the associated regulations; and

Whereas the Municipality of Clarington supports the concept of locally developed source water protection plans in watersheds across Ontario; and

Whereas the *Ontario Clean Water Act*, Bill 43, will affect rural landowners, farms, business, conservation authorities and municipalities; and

Whereas the commodity groups representing agricultural producers have provided input to the Provincial Government that has not been incorporated into Bill 43 and should be included in the regulations; and

Whereas the proposed *Clean Water Act* could significantly disadvantage and cause undue hardship for agricultural producers and may force producers to leave the business because of stringent regulations; and

Whereas the implementation and enforcement is another downloading of provincial responsibilities to municipalities in Ontario; and

Whereas agricultural producers and municipal governments should be consulted on the regulations, implementation strategy and funding for such endeavours before the regulations are brought into force;

Now therefore be it resolved that Clarington Council urges the Government of Ontario to

- a) provide adequate funding under the Clean Water Act to land owners;
- b) review the implementation strategy with and to the satisfaction of the commodity groups and the AMO before it is included in the regulations;
- c) transfer adequate funds to the municipalities for the implementation;

And further that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario and for their endorsement."

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