

**TOWN OF LAKESHORE**

419 Notre Dame St.
Belle River, ON N0R 1A0

April 28, 2017

Ministry of Municipal Affairs
17th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5

Attention: Hon. Bill Mauro

Dear Hon. Bill Mauro

**RE: Support of Resolution Re: Request the Province of Ontario to Ease
Restrictions of Surplus Dwelling Severances in Areas Zoned
Agriculture.**

Please find attached the resolution approved by the Council of the Town of Lakeshore at their Regular Council meeting held on April 25, 2017.

Should you require any additional information with respect to the above matter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Mary Masse
Clerk

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Attachment: Resolution of Lakeshore Council

Cc: Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, Hon. Jeff Leal
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Via Email - All Ontario Municipalities



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Councillor Diemer moved and Deputy Mayor Fazio seconded:

That:

WHEREAS, the farm house is an existing dwelling and no new residential development is created by severing a farm house from its surrounding land, therefore the severance is not in conflict with the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement, and,

WHEREAS, rules regarding the number of years the farmer has owned the farm lands and rezoning of the retained farm lands, to prohibit future dwellings could be considered by the Province, and,

WHEREAS, changes to rules for severance could eliminate the current practice of the purchaser of the farm, which is acquired as part of a farm lot consolidation, then severing off the existing farm house, as surplus to their needs and then selling it back to the farmer, if there is a need to retire on the property

BE IT THEREFORE, resolved that the Council of the Town of Lakeshore requests the Province of Ontario to ease restrictions of surplus dwelling severances in areas zoned Agriculture, thereby permitting the seller of the farm, to sever off an existing dwelling (i.e. farm house)

That this resolution be circulated to AMO and Ontario Municipalities for support.

Motion Carried Unanimously