

April 4, 2018

Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

Please be advised that at its meeting held the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2018 - 063 – Agricultural Systems and Natural Heritage System Mapping – Transition Policies**

Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis – Councillor Anita Locke –

Whereas the Agricultural Systems (AS) and the Natural Heritage System (NHS) mapping was released by the Province of Ontario on February 9, 2018; and

Whereas the implementation procedures for the Agricultural System (AS) and the Natural Heritage System (NHS) mapping in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) was also issued by the Province on February 9, 2018 and the Province indicated that the implementation procedures for AS take effect immediately as stated by "*OMAFRA's agricultural land base mapping, issued on February 9, 2018, applies to all GGH land use planning decisions.*" and for NHS as stated by "*Ontario has mapped a provincially-led Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (hereafter referred to as the Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan), including criteria, methods and a regional Natural Heritage System map*"; and

Whereas this implementation procedure means that all planning decisions must be consistent with the Provincial February 9, 2018 statement where agricultural systems and natural heritage systems have been identified by the Province regardless of when pre-consultation took place or when the planning application was made; and

Whereas planning staff for the County of Peterborough and Township of Selwyn have attempted to contact applicants that were expected to be impacted by the AS and NHS prior to the release of the mapping and the implementation procedures to advise them if their planning application

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was not considered and approved as of the implementation date (February 9, 2018) that their application must be consistent with the Provincial mapping resulting in applications being denied due to non-conformity with the new mapping; and

Whereas traditionally when new legislation is implemented, the Province includes transition policies that would permit applications in the 'queue' to be considered under the former legislation;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Selwyn strongly urge the Province of Ontario to reconsider the implementation procedure and include transition policies to provide greater flexibility for those applications that were made prior to February 9, 2018 and are impacted by the AS or NHS mapping and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and local M.P.P. Jeff Leal, the County of Peterborough, the City of Kawartha Lakes and upper and single tier municipalities within the GGH.

Mayor Mary Smith – yes  
Councillor Donna Ballantyne – yes  
Councillor Gerry Herron – yes  
Councillor Anita Locke – yes  
Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis – yes

Carried.

Should you have any questions regarding the above-noted matter, please do not hesitate to contact the office directly.

Regards,

*Tania Goncalves*

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Deputy Clerk

cc: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Jeff Leal, M.P.P.  
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