



Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture

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April 27th, 2020

ATTENTION: Mayor Eisenberger, Councillors, City Manager

Re: Waste Water & Storm By-law

On behalf of HWFA President, Mel Switzer and the Members of the Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture, we ask that you consider allowing HWFA Members with a Farm Business Registration number EXEMPTION to this By-Law.

Our concern is, as the By-Law stands, costly fees will apply to agricultural farm-land, once again adding pressure to farmers.

It appears HWFA members are receiving conflicted messaging as to whether or not these applied fees will affect them or not. These are unreasonable fees for farmers to endure.

Farmers are very aware of conservation practices and water run off management controls. Farmers follow "best management practices" to meet rules and regulations that are imposed on land-owners who are the best stewards of the land.

The Federation of Agriculture and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee urge the City of Hamilton to exempt rural and agricultural lands and properties from any Waste Water & Storm water By-Law that is currently under review.

Regards,

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