

Via Email

August 24, 2017

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

Re: Ontario's Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

Dear Premier Wynne,

At its meeting on August 9, 2017 the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte adopted the following motion pertaining to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Ontario's Wildlife Damage Compensation Program:

“Be it resolved

1. That the Ontario's Wildlife Damage Compensation Program Guide from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and presented by Councillor Jerney be received.
2. And Whereas Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte recognizes that The Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP) provides compensation to eligible producers whose livestock and/or poultry have been injured or killed as a result of wildlife predation or whose bee colonies, beehives and/or beehive-related equipment has been damaged as a result of wildlife predation.
3. And Whereas livestock producers are passionate about caring for their animals, creating a sustainable environment for future generations and providing high-quality livestock to represent the industry.
4. And Whereas the Municipal Investigators are appointed by the Municipality to conduct a thorough investigation ensuring that all relevant evidence is documented.
5. Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Oro-Medonte respectfully requests that the Province:
 - a) expand the OWDCP to include evidence of partial carcass' to allow eligible producers to process legitimate claims; and

b) rely more heavily on the opinions of the Municipal Investigator, as they are experienced, familiar and knowledgeable with the Municipality's producers, as they continue to process genuine and valid applications.

6. And That correspondence be forwarded, under the Mayor's signature, to the Premier, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency, the Beef Farmers of Ontario and Ontario municipalities requesting their support."

We respectfully request your consideration and support of Council's resolution of this matter and thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,



Mayor Harry Hughes
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Cc: Hon. Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Jennifer MacTavish, General Manager, Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency
Beef Farmers of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities
Township of Oro-Medonte Council