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Regular Meeting of Council



Agenda Number:7.2.Resolution Number2024-323

Title: Resolution stemming from May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #5

Date: August 14, 2024

Moved by:Councillor LoftusSeconded by:Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Motion #14 passed by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming supporting the Resolution dated March 18, 2024 passed by the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, regarding a request to increase the tile drain loan limit;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Lisa Thompson; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and all Ontario Municipalities.

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The Honourable Lisa Thompson Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs 11th Floor 77 Grenville St Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

(sent via e-mail)

April 12th, 2024

Re: Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on April 10th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe regarding a Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit.

Motion #14

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren That Council support correspondence item 'l' from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe regarding a Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at <u>eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca</u>.

Sincerely,

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Ella Flynn Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Association of Municipalities Ontario <u>resolutions@amo.on.ca</u> Rural Ontario Municipal Association <u>roma@roma.on.ca</u> All regional Municipalities



March 22nd, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs 11th Floor 77 Grenville St. Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

RE: Township of Adelaide Metcalfe – Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Dear Minister Thompson,

On March 18, 2024, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS farm drainage is of paramount importance in Ontario due to its significant impact on agricultural productivity and sustainability. Effective drainage systems help mitigate waterlogging, control soil moisture levels, and enhance soil structure, thereby optimizing growing conditions for crops;

WHEREAS improved drainage also facilitates timely field operations, reduces erosion, and minimizes nutrient runoff, contributing to environmental conservation efforts;

WHEREAS Ontario's diverse agricultural landscape, where weather variability is common, well-maintained drainage systems play a crucial role in ensuring stable yields, economic viability, and long-term resilience for farmers across the Province;

WHEREAS the Tile Loan Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. T.8 allows for the borrowing of money for the purpose of constructing drainage works;

WHEREAS the maximum annual limit for these loans, unchanged since 2004, is currently set at \$50,000.

WHEREAS costs for Tile Drainage has increased markedly since 2004;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requests that the Province through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated the Honourable Lisa Thompson – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated.

Kind regards,

Michael Barnier Clerk & Manager of Legislative Services Township of Adelaide Metcalfe <u>mbarnier@adelaidemetcalfe.on.ca</u>

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) All Ontario Municipalities