



January 20, 2023

Honourable Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs
11th Floor, 77 Grenville Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1B3

Delivered via email: minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Re: Drainage Bills

Dear Minister Thompson,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on January 16, 2023, Council discussed the Drainage Act, RSO, c D.17 as it pertains to eligible farm operators' ability to claim a deduction for works under the Act on their income tax under prescribed situations. Council further discussed the inability of residents who are not farm operators to claim such expenses on their personal income tax returns.

As a result of that discussion Council passed the following resolution:

R23-01-018

Moved by: Councillor Verbeek

Seconded by: Councillor Matyi

That Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Provincial government requesting that residents be allowed to claim drainage bills on their income tax; and

That Council direct Administration to send the same letter to the County of Essex, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried



I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shelley Brown".

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