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Dear Mayor Salonen & Councilors:

It is very evident from the statistics presented at the Wilmot Civic Action Network Community Meeting on February 13, 2025, that a large number of constituents will not vote for you in the next municipal or provincial election if you do not put a stop to the land assembly in Wilmot township. It is unconscionable and unethical to destroy 770 acres of prime farmland when 1 in 8 families are seeking food from food banks.

Farmers in Ontario are watching this situation very closely. They are worried that they could be next. You need roughly 5-6 acres of land to cover all common dietary needs for one person. That's including milk, eggs, meats, fruits and vegetables.

Ontario loses about 319 acres of farmland every day for non-agricultural uses like urban development and aggregate extraction. That means less food for 53.1 people every day! Expropriation of productive prime farmland without any end user sets a dangerous precedent that destabilizes the Ontario agricultural sector.

Yes, we need industries and jobs. Industrial sites must be located on poor land that is not good for agriculture, e.g. old abandoned aggregate sites and quarries. The owners of pits and quarries must legally rehabilitate the parts of their sites where they have completed work, and they should do it immediately.

How will the situation of President Trump's tariffs affect our food availability? We need to be able to provide food for ourselves to maintain our sovereignty. This is CANADA and we will not become the 51st state of the U.S.A.

Where will we grow good food if we continue to destroy prime farmland?

Do you want to risk your reputation and governing position by supporting this unjust land grab?

Doesn't your conscience bother you that you would be destroying the homes, food production, and livelihood of hardworking farmers and future generations? Isn't it your responsibility to represent the will of the community's values and to demonstrate moral strength and leadership?

Your council can pass a resolution that you are not a willing host for this blatantly unjust Wilmot

mega industrial site.

Vote in support of a motion declaring that Wilmot is NOT a willing host for a proposed industrial project on farmland.

STOP this Wilmot mega industrial site NOW!

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