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Dear Mayor Salonen and Wilmot Councillors

I can't understand why Wilmot Council refuses to pass a resolution saying, on behalf of the community, that they are NOT a willing host for the proposed 770-acre mega-industrial site on prime farmland. This motion IS within your power and, as per the survey reported on page A3 of the Waterloo Region Record on Saturday, February 8, 2025, it would reflect the wishes of a majority of residents of Wilmot.

A number of statements I have heard from Council as to why you won't pass the resolution make no sense to me or are incorrect.

For one, I don't understand the statement that a confidentiality agreement is preventing you from making such a declaration. Making the resolution and supporting the motion discloses NO information.

Secondly, there is no rationale as to why this particular 770-acres was chosen. I disagree with the statement that this land assembly is in the Regional Official Plan. The land in question is not inside the Countryside Line and is in the area designated as protected farmland by the Official Plan. There is lots of other land in the Region that is already designated for development and is closer to major roads, the airport, water and sewer systems. Furthermore, planning for a land assembly for a mega-project is NOT in the Region of Waterloo Regional Official Plan. I understand that there is only a single sentence in the whole document about a mega-industrial site, simply stating that planning should start for one if a need is identified.

Third, I don't understand your apparent conviction that the project promises increased "jobs". Maybe, maybe not. If the project is a factory run by robots, there may not be many jobs. Meanwhile, the farms already provide lots of jobs. If this assembly goes forward, there will definitely be farm job losses.

It seems that you are ignoring your constituents and, instead, supporting some unknown entity at the provincial and/or regional level with no apparent reason why. And that entity is certainly not publicly supporting you. One wonders what is motivating your stance. This is very frustrating for those who elected you. We want you to say that Wilmot is not a willing host. Maybe you never want to be elected

again but, regardless, your reputation in this community is at stake. If you do decide to run again for political office, your constituents will remember your actions.

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