

February 9, 2025

Mayor Natasha Salonen &
Members of Wilmot Council
Township of Wilmot, Administrative Complex
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Dear Mayor Natasha Salonen & Members of Wilmot Council,

As a resident of Wilmot Township for over 30 years, I have always been engaged in volunteering in my community; I believe it is important to contribute to making our home a better place. In my long-term position as Supervisor with the Region of Waterloo Library, I have met many people in every Wilmot community. All of us are proud to be citizens of this township.

Plans veiled in secrecy for the expropriation of agricultural land for a potential industrial development spell catastrophe for Wilmot. I am one of the ever-growing numbers of Wilmot residents who are speaking out against this disastrous proposal, motivated by politics that would never consider the people affected. Wilmot is *not* a willing host!

The agricultural community is a powerful component of this township and they contribute to its success. Why is this not valued, and why "fix" something that isn't broken? In the current unstable political climate, why ruin what we currently have? Why would any large industry even consider expanding here in the foreseeable future? Wilmot is not in a financial position to be playing with unknowns of this magnitude. We are counting on our elected representatives to act as our leaders.

I respectfully request that Wilmot's council officially speak out against this Wilmot land expropriation. Please vote in support of a motion that states that Wilmot is not a willing host for a proposed industrial development on agricultural land.

Let's live up to being a "vibrant, welcoming countryside community with a rich history rooted in agriculture."

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