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Please include my letter in agendas as Official Correspondence. Thank you.

I attended Monday's Wilmot Council meeting.

After months of presentations from people about to lose family farms and livelihoods, we waited for Mayor Salonen and council to stand together and declare these farmlands off the table. We do not have the capacity, tax base, infrastructure, any details or desire to destroy farmland or water sources. We don't need an industrial site on these specific lands. Fellow citizens voted for you to speak for us; all we get is 7 minutes at council meetings. As you go on with your agenda, people's lives are paralyzed unable to hire or organize planting season with threats, uncertainty and not a single word from you - our elected voices.

Councillor Dunstall said "They elected us to move business forward and I'm not sure we are doing that as effectively as we could be." Where is your courage to stand with the people who elected you? Your inaction and silence speak loudly across this region.

Hundreds have shown up in rain and snowstorms, researched facts, gathered information and you, council, just nod. Other leaders, MPs and MPPS have stood with us, listened, responded and spoken out.

Your silence has made space for the Truth. Where are you? We are here waiting. Do not let anyone disrespect the people that voted for you. Not the region or the province.

We will stand by you if you stand with us and declare we are an unwilling host.

Thank you

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