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Subject: Land Needs Assesment

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Greetings Mayor Armstrong and Councillors and Ms Chambers,

Please note that I write this as an individual and not in the capacity of President of The New Hamburg Board of Trade. The New Hamburg Board of Trade has an interest in this matter but has simply not had the time to formulate a position paper. That may come at a later date .

It is with a degree of concern that I follow this matter. Of course we all want to preserve as much farm land as possible, but we also need to recognize that a good source of Township of Wilmot income comes from development charge income related to new greenfield development. Like most things a balance most desired. Development charges finance many of the items that many of our citizens demand. 30 years is a long time to commit to no new greenfield development. It is my understanding that the Region of Waterloo has determined that amount of greenfield development that is needed over the next 30 years. If that greenfield development is not in Wilmot Township, it will simply be allocated to the other Townships of The Region of Waterloo. The end result will be no change in the amount of farm land saved on a Region wide basis.

We need you, as our voice to be passionate in delivering our fair share of greenfield development (and the development charges that go with it) to Wilmot Township.

It would also be interesting to be provided with some context re Councillor Hallmans comments that plus 8000 building lots are in inventory. As mentioned in the meeting of May 30, this is not a Wilmot Township stat. What is the source of this information and what area does this stat refer to? I also note from the meeting that Mr O'Krafka indicated that we have no available building lots in inventory in Wilmot and Councillor Gordijk indicated that there are 500 available. Which is correct?

Which brings me to Councillor Hallmans motion that is currently on the floor.

Of particular concern is the statement on page 3 of the motion.

"No Community Area expansions and no farmland loss based on increased intensification targets"

I believe it would be irresponsible to pass Councillor Hallmans Motion (with the above clause in it) without knowing the full financial implications of this clause to the Township of Wilmot.

Thank you for your time and I appreciate all of your commitments to the Township of Wilmot.

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