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**THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN**

November 28, 2017

**ATTN:** All Ontario Municipalities

**FROM:** Carolyn Langle, Clerk, Township of West Lincoln

**RE: Ontario Wildlife Compensation Program**

This is to confirm that West Lincoln Township Council at its meeting of November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 adopted the following resolution and is seeking your support:

Whereas Municipalities in Ontario are required to appoint Qualified, Experienced and Independent Livestock Evaluators to investigate all incidents of Domesticated Livestock killed or ravaged by predators, and

Whereas the Evaluator is charged with independently writing up a report and submitting it to the Municipality for furtherance to the Province of Ontario for processing and payment, and

Whereas the Province does not send inspectors out to review circumstances pertaining to the loss of Livestock at the site, and

Whereas the Provincial Inspectors can and do reject claims submitted by Municipalities based on review of written reports and after the fact pictures, without consultation with the Independent Livestock Evaluators appointed by each Municipality, and

Whereas the system discredits the discernment of the Municipally appointed Livestock Evaluators and further discredits the judgement and credibility of the Livestock Evaluator and sadly puts the credibility of every Ontario Farmer at question.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the Township of West Lincoln requests that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, immediately commence sending inspectors out to the field to adjudicate all incidence of Livestock Loss OR rely on the Municipally appointed Livestock Evaluators for the accurate accounting of incidence of loss and use their reports to support the payment of loss due to predatory animals and

That this motion be sent to AMO and circulated to all Municipalities in Ontario, Mr. Sam Oosterhoff MPP, Jane Widdecombe OWDCP Program Administrator (OMAFRA) Guelph, Ontario and the Honorable Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs