

## Council Memorandum

<b>Date:</b>	March 10, 2026
<b>To:</b>	Committee of the Whole
<b>From:</b>	Councillor Warren
<b>Re:</b>	Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

### Recommendation

**That** the Memorandum from Councillor Warren regarding, **Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025**, be received;

**That** the City support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2005, and urge the Province to continue implementing measures that protect farmland and other agriculturally-related lands from further loss;

**That** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness and local MPP Laurie Scott; and

**That** this recommendation be forwarded to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

### Rationale

Prime agricultural land is a finite resource in this province, but Ontario has lost 2.8 million acres of farmland in the last three decades and continues to lose acres of land each day. Farming is a vital industry in Kawartha Lakes, supporting safe and reliable food supply across the province, and is a significant economic driver for the municipality. Furthermore, farmland absorbs greenhouse gases and contributes to our



efforts in combating climate change. Protecting these lands is in the best interests of our residents now and into the future.



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