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TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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October 3, 2011

Township of Wellesley
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Dear Supporter of Ontario's Youth,

The Ontario Community Newspapers Association is pleased to inform you about a very worthwhile and successful program we co-ordinate on behalf of our member community newspapers. The Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards is a program which gives important recognition to outstanding young people in their own cities/towns/villages through their local community newspaper. Of the 100-150 young people recognized each year, 12 final recipients from across the province will be honoured as Ontario Junior Citizens of the Year at a special ceremony in Toronto in March 2012.

Over the years some wonderful examples of courage, leadership and community spirit have been highlighted, and it is our hope that with your staff's help we may continue to make people aware of the wonderful qualities the young people in our province exhibit.

We ask your assistance by displaying the enclosed brochure in your municipal office. We would also appreciate it if you could spread the word about this program to interested parties such as libraries and Parks and Recreation departments and encourage them to nominate someone or display it in a prominent area. Please note the deadline for nominations is November 30, 2011.

I am enclosing the announcement from the 2010 program, which includes a brief synopsis of the young people we recognized last year. Nomination forms can be downloaded or completed online at www.ocna.org or mailed/faxed to you by calling OCNA at 905-639-8720 or e-mail at k.gorven@ocna.org.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to receiving your nominations and recognizing outstanding young people from your community.

Yours sincerely,

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September 26, 2011

Hon. Dwight Duncan
Minister of Finance
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Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Hon. Carol Mitchell
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville Street
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

Dear Ministers Duncan and Mitchell:

Brant County Council approved the following resolution at their meeting held on September 20, 2011:

"Whereas Ontario Regulation 282/98 of the Municipal Tax Act classifies commercial grain elevators as an industrial use;

And whereas this classification has resulted in significant increases in property taxes for commercial grain elevator operators, resulting in higher costs to grain farmers and the loss of local businesses and jobs;

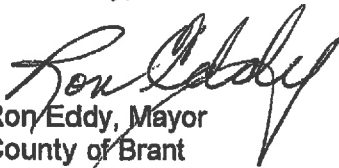
And whereas the 2002 Beaubien Report on Property Assessment and Classification Review recommended that grain elevators be removed from the industrial property class and included in the commercial class because they do not manufacture, produce or process anything;

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the County of Brant supports the requests from the Ontario Agri Business Association and the Grain Farmers of Ontario to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs that Ontario Regulation 282/98 (Section 6(2), Paragraph 4 of The Municipal Tax Act) be amended to reflect that "elevators used to receive, store, clean, treat or transfer feed for livestock or grain" are removed from the industrial property class and included in the commercial property class;

And further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and to all rural municipalities in the Province of Ontario for their support."

As the resolution states, this matter negatively affects commercial grain elevator operations and farmers through increased costs for drying their grain. We request your serious consideration of this request.

Yours truly,



Ron Eddy, Mayor
County of Brant

cc Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Rural Municipalities in the Province of Ontario
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