The Council of the Township of Brock passed the following resolution at their meeting held on December 17, 2007, and would appreciate your support in this regard.

**Township of Brock Resolution No. 3-24**

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) have proposed changes to the regulatory framework for Non-Agricultural Source Material (NASM), changes that could have major implications in the Township of Brock.

AND WHEREAS non-agriculture source material (NASM) generally includes materials like pulp and paper biosolids, sewage biosolids and any other material that is not from an agricultural source that is capable of being applied to agricultural land as a nutrient.

AND WHEREAS the Township of Brock has already taken a position on paper fibre biosolids by requesting the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) adhere to the findings of its own "Panel of Experts" to reinstate a regulatory Certificate of Approval (CofA) on this non-agricultural source material.

AND WHEREAS the Township of Brock has concerns regarding some of the proposed changes to the regulatory framework for Non-Agricultural Source Materials. Concerns such as:

1. the appropriateness of placing the approval of NASM (including the potential for material with high heavy metal content) under the Nutrient Management Act;
2. the possibility of fine and penalty reductions for violations as a result of being under the Nutrient Management Act as opposed to the Environmental Protection Act;
3. the lack of a mechanism for the public to provide comments or suggest conditions on a proposal to apply NASM on farm land;
4. the lack of provisions to advise local municipalities of where proposals for the application of NASM have been made and by whom;
5. the loss of many of the regulatory controls that would normally be in place under a Certificate of Approval.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Brock advise the MOE and OMAFRA of our interest and concern for the proposed changes to the regulatory framework for Non-Agricultural Source Material and our wishes to be actively involved and consulted on these and any other proposed amendments relating to the regulation of NASM.

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, local MP and MPP, all Ontario municipalities and any other individuals or associations as deemed appropriate.

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