November 23, 2011

To: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Re: AMO Watch File – Municipal Resolution Circulation

We are requesting your support for the following Council resolution:

Date: October 25, 2011

Meeting No. 17

Resolution No. 350

MOVED BY D. DEGENOVA
SECONDED BY J. BRAY

WHEREAS the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program provides compensation to eligible applicants whose livestock and/or poultry have been injured or killed as a result of wildlife, and further provides for municipalities to compensate livestock owners and seek reimbursement from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs;

AND WHEREAS livestock valuers submit the same report to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs that they do to municipalities therefore making municipal involvement redundant;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are required to pay animal livestock valuer report claims directly, and then apply for reimbursement from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, who in turn have the option to deny such claims although the claim has been paid by the municipality;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are required to remunerate livestock valuers although municipalities are not appropriately compensated to cover all related expenses and must do so at the expense of municipal taxpayers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT municipalities no longer be involved in the livestock valuation and compensation program and further that livestock owners, through a Provincial livestock valuer, make application directly to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and be paid from the Ministry for wildlife damage compensation and further that the program guidelines be amended to provide for these changes. Carried.

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