Resolution of Perth County Council regarding Residential-Farmland Property Tax Concerns

Recommendation: R2009-496 (Amended)
Moved by Councillor Hollinger
Seconded by Councillor McKay

WHEREAS the 2009 Provincial assessment data included incorrect values in the Residential class that should have been included in the Farmland class; and

WHEREAS such incorrect values will be adjusted by MPAC for the affected taxpayers by the Post Roll Amended Notices, but for which such adjustments may create a budget shortfall for municipalities by having to write-off the differences; and

WHEREAS outstanding building permits not processed in a timely manner affect municipalities’ revenue and could offset such write-offs; and

WHEREAS incorrect values in the RT and FT class have an impact on the OMPF calculations for both 2009 and 2010;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT MPAC be requested to provide additional, proactive reporting to municipalities to disclose such pending assessment changes in the future; and

THAT MPAC be requested to process the outstanding building permits to ensure that no Assessment revenue is lost, and that new permits be processed in a timely manner; and

THAT the Ministry of Finance be requested to reconcile the 2009 OMPF, and to adjust the 2010 OMPF calculations to their proper values; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. John Wilkinson, MPP, Eastern Wardens Caucus, the Western Wardens Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for circulation, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO), and the National Farmers Union of Ontario (NFU) for support.

Carried

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