

TOWNSHIP OF
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September 2, 2022

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
1 Stone Road West
Guelph, ON N1G 2Y1

Re: Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

Dear Minister,

Please be advised that at the August 23rd meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh considered and adopted the following resolution.

Moved by Roger Watt
Seconded by Jennifer Miltenburg

WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) administers the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program to provide compensation to farm producers for livestock killed by wildlife;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities administer the Program on behalf of OMAFRA by appointing Livestock Investigators and staff to work on wildlife damage claims;

AND WHEREAS the costs associated with wildlife damage claims exceed the administration fee of \$50.00 per claim as provided to the Municipality by OMAFRA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs review the administration fee provided to Municipalities for the administration of the Ontario Wildlife Compensation Program;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

Carried

I also enclose the letter and resolution that brought the issue to Council's agenda. If you require any clarification or further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Florence Witherspoon
Municipal Clerk

The Corporation of the
MUNICIPALITY OF TWEED

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July 4, 2022

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
1 Stone Road West
Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2

Dear Minister:

Re: Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

We are writing to you today on behalf of our municipality regarding the administration fees related to wildlife damage claims. This program is necessary to protect our farm producers from the devastating losses incurred when they lose livestock to predators.

At the June 28, 2022 Regular Council Meeting the attached Resolution was passed by Council.

Our Council's concern is the administration fee paid to municipalities to administer the program on the Ministry's behalf which was recently increased from \$30.00 per claim to \$50.00 per claim.

We have recently contracted for a new Livestock Investigator resulting in the following costs directly related to wildlife claims:

Hourly Rate: \$25.00/hour
Mileage Rate: .50/km

On the most recent invoice for this service there were three wildlife claims with costs as follows:

1. April 28, 2022 – 3 hours + mileage = \$95.00
2. May 5, 2022 – 2.5 hours + mileage = \$75.00
3. May 8, 2022 – 3.5 hours + mileage = \$120.00

There is also time spent by municipal staff in preparing the wildlife claims for submission and monitoring the claims for payment to the livestock owner.

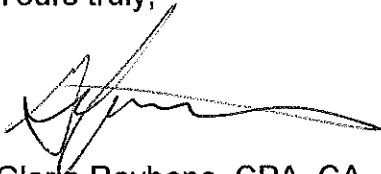
This results in a loss on each wildlife claim for our taxpayers to bear to be able to provide this necessary service to our farm producers.

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We respectfully request that the Ministry consider increasing the administration fee on wildlife claims to help offset the increasing costs associated with Livestock Investigation.

We look forward to hearing from you about this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

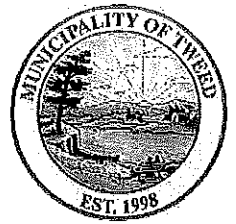
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gloria Raybone', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gloria Raybone, CPA, CA
CAO/Treasurer

Encl.

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No.

442.

Title:

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Date:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Moved by

Brian Treanor

Seconded by

Jacob Palmateer

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AND WHEREAS the costs associated with wildlife damage claims typically exceed the administration fee of \$50.00 per claim as provided to the Municipality by OMAFRA;

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Municipalities for the administration of the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program:

AND FURTHER, that this Resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

Carried

Mayor

J. Albert