

**5. SUPPORT OF BILL 156 - SECURITY FROM TRESPASS AND PROTECTING
FOOD SAFETY ACT, 2020**

**APPUI AU PROJET DE LOI 156, LOI DE 2020 SUR LA PROTECTION
CONTRE L'ENTRÉE SANS AUTORISATION ET SUR LA PROTECTION DE
LA SALUBRITÉ DES ALIMENTS**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council strongly supports Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act* and that a copy of Motion No. ARAC 13/2 be forwarded to the Honourable Ernie Hardman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

RECOMMANDATION DU COMITÉ

Que le Conseil appuie fortement le projet de loi 156, *Loi de 2020 sur la protection contre l'entrée sans autorisation et sur la protection de la salubrité des aliments*, et qu'une copie de la motion n° CAAR 13/2 soit transmise à l'honorable Ernie Hardman, ministre de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales, et à la Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

Documentation/Documentation

1. Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee report, dated April 3, 2020 (ACS2020-OCC-ARA-0002)
Rapport du Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales, daté le 3 avril 2020 (ACS2020-OCC-ARA-0002)
2. Extract of draft Minutes, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, March 5, 2020
Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales, le 5 mars 2020

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**COMITÉ DE L'AGRICULTURE ET
DES AFFAIRES RURALES
RAPPORT 12
LE 8 AVRIL 2020**

**Report to
Rapport au:**

**Council
Conseil**

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**SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF BILL 156 - SECURITY FROM TRESPASS AND
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**OBJET: APPUI AU PROJET DE LOI 156, LOI DE 2020 SUR LA PROTECTION
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DE LA SALUBRITÉ DES ALIMENTS**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council strongly supports Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act* and that a copy of Motion No. ARAC 13/2 be forwarded to the Honourable Ernie Hardman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Conseil appuie fortement le projet de loi 156, *Loi de 2020 sur la protection contre l'entrée sans autorisation et sur la protection de la salubrité des aliments*, et qu'une copie de la motion n° CAAR 13/2 soit transmise à l'honorable Ernie Hardman, ministre de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales, et à la Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

BACKGROUND

The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, at its meeting of 5 March 2020, approved the following motion added to the agenda pursuant to 89(3) of the Procedure By-law (being By-law no. 2019-8).

“WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has a large agricultural area (over 1,000 farms) and continues to play an important role in Ontario's agri-food sector, \$165 million in farm cash receipts; and

WHEREAS the agri-food sector is the second largest industry in Ontario, contributing nearly \$40 billion annually to Ontario's GDP and is essential for providing food and fuel at home and across the globe; and

WHEREAS Ontario farms have increasingly come under threat of unwanted trespassers and activists who are illegally entering property, barns and buildings, seizing private property and threatening the health and safety of the farm, employees, livestock and crops; and

WHEREAS in December 2019, the Government of Ontario introduced new legislation in Bill 156 -Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020 which will ensure farm businesses have a legal standing to protect their farm, family and employees, livestock, crops and ultimately the entire food supply; and

WHEREAS the City supports the effort being made by the Ontario government to protect those working in the agri-food sector.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommends Council strongly supports Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act and that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Ernie Hardman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)."

DISCUSSION

This item was introduced at the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee meeting of 5 March 2020 and carried with the support of all Committee members and staff.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

CONSULTATION

This was an additional item by at the 5 March 2020 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee meeting.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

All ARAC members were supportive of this motion.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with the approval of the recommendations in this report.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts associated with the consideration of this report.

DISPOSITION

Staff will implement Council's decision(s), as directed.