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

CITY WIDE

MOTION NO ARAC 13/1

Moved by Councillor Moffatt

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to permit the consideration of the following motion:

CARRIED

MOTION NO ARAC 13/2

Moved by Councillor Moffatt

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).

CARRIED