

# Grey County Federation of Agriculture

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Dear Mr. Hicks,

I'm writing today on behalf of the Grey County Federation of Agriculture as a follow up to the April 11, 2019 Grey County Council meeting.

While we understand there is a diversity of views on the subject of farm property tax ratios; we are appreciative of the support given by Council.

This deliberations and the final decision by Council to lower the tax ratio from 0.25 to 0.24 of the residential rate demonstrates to us that the County of Grey considers farmers and the agriculture sector as strategic to the economy, culture and community in Grey.

The Grey County Federation is the regional representative group of over 1500 Grey County farm members within the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. It was organized in the year 1940 to do for Agriculture that which cannot be done by the individual farmer and to work for economic growth and sustainability of farms in Grey County. We have set our focus on three primary areas of priority;

- 1) Farm property tax ratio
- 2) Environmental stewardship / Conservation Authority
- 3) Rural economic development

Thank you again for your leadership in Grey County and for participating in the discussion about farm property taxation.

We are looking forward to keeping the channels open with you and your colleagues as we continue to work on behalf of farmers in Grey.

Best regards

*Hugh Simpson*

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GCFA President