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Dear Mayor Brown & Council:

The Peel Federation of Agriculture (PFA) would like to thank you in your support of referring staff to review how stormwater management charges are negatively impacting the agricultural community within The City of Brampton.

We would like to impress upon council and staff that agriculture is a unique sector of the economy. It is inappropriate to compare agriculture properties to commercial/retail/warehousing. Agriculture and the attributed greenspaces they occupy should also be viewed as a valuable resource in an urban landscape such as Brampton, in the fight against Climate Change, along with its role in the entire water cycle.

We would respectfully ask that the staff review of stormwater management charges on agricultural properties includes the following:

- How other municipalities have been able to legally subsidize, exempt or charge a flat-rate to agricultural properties from stormwater charges and include by-law amendment options for consideration that would address this concern.

- Respond to the concerns raised by Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) in their letter to council regarding both of, The City of Brampton staff reports to council.
- An assessment of the costs associated with engineering studies on agricultural properties vs the revenue generated by the stormwater management charge on these properties.
- Please continue to engage with PFA & OFA as a valuable resource partner for information on agriculture in Brampton. We would be happy to arrange a meeting between OFA staff, City staff and members of council.

The agricultural community in Brampton looks forward to engaging in the process of meaningful stakeholder input. Adhering to the key objectives as listed in Stormwater Management Financing Study, of being based on an assessment of actual need, and being as efficient as possible along with incorporating the direct linkage between cost paid and benefit derived from services.

Regards,

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