

Friday, August 22, 2025

The Honourable Robert Black, Senator
Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
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SENT VIA EMAIL: robert.black@sen.parl.gc.ca

RE: Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

Dear Honourable Robert Black,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, August 11, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councilor Thompson

Seconded By: Councilor Petrie

Whereas the agricultural sector of Huron County depends on the health of the soils in Huron County;

And Whereas soil erosion poses a very significant threat to the long-term health of the soils in Huron County;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich owns some agricultural land which is an asset for the Town;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich is committed to protecting the assets of the Town from preventable harm;

And Whereas the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry published a report in 2024 titled "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Health" (the Report) that contained twenty-five (25) recommendations in total for the federal government;

And Whereas, Recommendation 7 of Critical Ground stated that "The Government of Canada encourage provinces, territories, and municipalities to develop measures—as a form of land use planning—that best preserve and protect agricultural land in their jurisdictions;"

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Goderich urge the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to commit to recognizing a sense of urgency and act accordingly in order to protect and conserve soil as per Recommendation 25.

CARRIED

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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Cc: The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Member of Provincial Parliament – Huron-Bruce, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org
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