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Subject: Regarding Agenda Item 14.1 under New Business, April 14/21

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Dear Richmond Hill Clerks:

This note is intended to record my position on the motion that will be put forward by Councillor Muench titled, "Review of Farming and Agriculture in Richmond Hill."

I do not support Mr. Muench's motion "Review of Farming and Agriculture in Richmond Hill."

Upon reading this motion it becomes clear that Councillor Muench's intentions are to gain support to open up sensitive and protected green belt lands to development rather than to 'review farming and agriculture'.

The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act was enacted to protect the sensitive ecological land and water resources of the Oak Ridges Moraine through careful stewardship of rural and agricultural uses. It appears Councillor Muench's motion to study the redesignation of the Oak Ridges Moraine from Countryside Lands to Settlement Area will severely loosen the protections for this green belt area and open the area to potential development.

I do not support Mr. Muench's motion "Review of Farming and Agriculture in Richmond Hill."

Thank you for your consideration,

Carol Thompson
Richmond Hill Resident