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"The Perth County Federation of Agriculture (PCFA) represents the unique farming interests of Perth County farmers. After 75 years, we are proud to represent over 1,700 farming families in Perth County.

PCFA believes the protection of prime agricultural land for agricultural use is of paramount importance.

We have the following questions:

- What is the City of Stratford's current inventory of industrial lands, including land in development, and land yet to be developed?
- What is the inventory of current "brownfield" areas that are within current City boundaries?
- What parameters does the city have for possible intensification of the current industrial areas?
- Is there currently a timeline for this land being developed?
- What type of industries are possible for on the properties referenced?
- Current industrial areas have substantial "green space" on their properties. What percentage of property is required to accommodate "green space"? Is there opportunity to develop properties more densely, to reduce land being removed from production?
- Taking into consideration possible impacts on area properties, what plans are proposed for management of drainage for the properties?
- For the neighbouring properties that remain in Perth South, what Minimum Distance Setback requirement implications may there be?
- Depending on the future development on the properties in question, what efforts will be taken to support Normal Farm Practices?

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- The proposal mentions agreements between the City of Stratford, the Municipality of Perth South, and the County Perth. How often will these agreements be reviewed and renewed?
- How will infrastructure upgrades for Line 29 be managed in the future?

Throughout the years urban settlements in Perth County have experienced growth that has required municipal boundary amendments, in addition to land use classifications.

- Does the Municipality of Perth South or the County of Perth have the cumulative values of productive agricultural land lost in their respective area? If they do, what are those values, for example acres/year, or acres in the last 5, 10, and 20 years?
- Are there currently plans or policies in place to better limit the loss of prime agricultural land?

Perth County is a leader with over 498,000 acres of Agricultural land being utilized by farm operations. With boundaries adjacent to the Greater Golden Horseshoe, Perth County agriculture is being exposed to development “leapfrogging” over the Green Belt. Perth County, its lower tier members, and the cities of Stratford and St. Marys must prioritize the saving of agriculture land during planning.

In addition, the PCFA must go on record to:

1. Object to the short notice received by everyone. It is evident that the city and its partner municipalities have made up their mind and have provided no *real* avenue for input and
2. We categorically object to the addition of the subject lands being added to the City of Stratford.

PCFA would like to receive answers and clarifications in writing for the inquiries above.

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