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Dear Mr. Boyd,

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.

There is currently a proposed municipal boundary adjustment between the Municipality of Perth South, and the City of Stratford, including an agreement with the County of Perth. The proposed agreement seeks to move approximately 130 hectares of prime agricultural land into the City of Stratford for future industrial use.

During the public consultation period PCFA submitted an initial letter of concerns seeking answers and clarity regarding the proposal. After a review of a response received from the City of Stratford, questions remained unanswered. Therefore, PCFA submitted a follow up letter requesting more information, which to this date remains unanswered. Both of these submissions are attached.

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

The PCFA must go on record to:

1. Object to the short notice received by everyone. Additionally, the time to review a “draft planning justification report” which appeared only shortly before the public meeting was not sufficient for these technical answers. It is deeply concerning that the city and its partner municipalities seem to have made up their mind and have provided no *real* avenue for input.
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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