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Councillor Natalie Nossal  
Howe Island Drive  
Gananoque  
ON K7G 2V6

Dear Councillor Nossal,

28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

FERRY RESTRICTIONS TO HOWE ISLAND

As our elected representative on Township and County Council we, the parties listed below, are writing to you in the expectation that you will be able to engage on the following matter.


Those involved in agriculture on Howe Island would like to draw your attention to The Farming and Food Production Protection Act, 1998 (FFPPA) (ONTARIO) and the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board.

We are very concerned that we are restricted in our farming activities by loading restrictions on the County Ferry leaving the island from 6.30am to 8.30am and returning to the island between 4.00pm and 6.00pm. This places an unfair constraint and places us in a disadvantage in the market place compared to our neighbouring farmers on other local islands and the mainland.

We would cite the following section as being applicable in our circumstances. "No municipal by-law applies to restrict a normal farm practice carried on as a part of an agricultural operation."

We ask that this restriction be lifted immediately and in perpetuity. We expect that any agricultural related vehicle or combination to be ferried to the island on a "first come first cross" basis. This would include any and all deliveries or collections to or from an agricultural operation for any reason with any cargo or service.

Yours

  
Robin Craig  
For all of us  
of all of us

- Robin Craig, Hawkhurst Island Holding Ltd, 333 Preston Street Ottawa, ON, K1S 5N4
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