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To the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Re: ERO # 019-8462 - Review of proposed policies for a new provincial planning policy instrument.

On behalf of the Township of Amaranth Council I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and feedback on the proposed provincial planning policy instrument ERO # 019-8462.

First and foremost, Council would like to thank you for the support in not carrying forward the proposed policies that would have permitted lot creation in prime agricultural areas and for proposing different ways to develop yet protect agricultural viability. The Township of Amaranth is a diverse township full of neighbourhoods and hamlets, nestled amongst a strong, vibrant, and growing agricultural community. Protecting the prime agricultural areas of our township means a lot to our Council and to our residents.

The one concern that Council did have with the new proposed provincial planning policy instrument was regarding the addition of *battery storage* as an example of a *land-extensive energy facility* under the *On-farm Diversified Use* definition. The Council of the Township of Amaranth is not against battery storage facilities (in fact we support their need & purpose), they would just like to see that it remains status quo and that the decision of where these facilities can be placed remains at Councils discretion.

Yours truly,

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