

Motion Regarding Bill C-234: An Act to Amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act

Moved by: Councillor David Pickles

Seconded by: Councillor Bob Chapman

Whereas Bill C-234 (An Act to Amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act) proposes an amendment to the Federal government's carbon pricing legislation to provide carbon tax exemptions for natural gas and propane used on farm for grain drying and barn heating.

Whereas agriculture is one of the key economic drivers in Durham Region, with oilseed and grain farming representing the largest share of total farms in the Region.

Whereas there are currently no economically viable options other than fossil fuels for on-farm grain drying in Ontario in the short-term.

Whereas, without short-term relief from the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act, there will be increased pressure on the cost of food production and ultimately an increase in food prices to consumers.

Therefore, be it resolved that Durham Region Council send a letter to the Federal Government including Durham's Members of Federal Parliament, the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food to express support for Bill C-234.