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The Haldimand County Federation of Agriculture (HFA) represents more than 800 local farm families in our County. Every four years the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) releases property assessment updates for all properties in Ontario. We are currently in the second year of a four-year assessment cycle, in which the taxable assessment of farmland has increased by over 57% in Haldimand County. This is in addition to very significant increases that took place in the 2012 reassessment cycle. As a result, the tax burden of farmers in Haldimand County has increased every year since 2013. Unless Haldimand County council is willing to adjust its tax ratio policy to reduce the farm tax ratio in 2019, the already burdensome tax load on local farmers will continue to increase until at least 2020.

The HFA and would like a chance to present this matter in front of council at the April 16, 2019 Council in Committee meeting. The delegation will include a slide deck presentation by Ontario Federation of Agriculture's Senior Farm Policy Analyst Ben Leforte, which is approximately 10 minutes in length.

Please confirm an acceptance for the date. I can be reached by phone at 905-746-4071 if more information is needed. I will be forwarding a copy of the slide deck presentation for council to review prior to the delegation.

Thank you

Sincerely

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