

# Memorandum

Date: December 03, 2019

To: Members of Council

From: Katelyn McFadyen, Manager, Energy and Environment

Subject: Made in Caledon Blue Dot Resolution Notice of Motion

Through resolution 2019-105, Staff were directed to review the Town's participation in the Blue Dot movement. In response to this request, Memorandum "*Review of the Town's Participation in the Blue Dot Movement*", attached as Schedule A, was prepared and presented to Council on September 17, 2019.

During a Council meeting held on September 24<sup>th</sup>, members of Council expressed that a "Made in Caledon Resolution" is preferred to address opportunities to better align the Blue Dot resolution with the Town's Strategic Plans and the agriculture community. In response to Mayor Thompson's Notice of Motion, this Memo provides an outline of staff's engagement with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and the Peel Federation of Agriculture.

## **Recognition of the Importance of the Agriculture Community in Caledon**

Through engagement with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) and the Peel Federation of Agriculture, it was highlighted that a "Made in Caledon" Blue Dot Resolution should recognize the importance of agriculture in Caledon and practices such as integrated pest management. Integrated Pest Management is defined by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Organization as "[An approach] *that combines all available tools to reduce pest populations to an acceptable level in the most economic and environmentally friendly fashion. These tools include cultural, mechanical, biological and chemical pest control measures, as well as regularly monitoring for pests.*" The OFA has highlighted that the agriculture community is heavily regulated by upper levels of government in their integrated pest management strategies, specifically crop protection measures, that are used responsibly by the agriculture community to ensure safe food, soil, water and surrounding natural environment.

## **Attachments**

Schedule A: Memorandum from September 17, 2019: Review of the Town's Participation in the Blue Dot Movement