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**To:** Bruce Wright; [Deanna Snair](#); [Sara Poirier](#); [Mark Fredericks](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Loss of agricultural land  
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On May 19, 2024, at 11:32 AM, Bruce Wright wrote:

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Dear Mayor Zebian,

**Re: Preservation of farmland in Hants  
County**

The Hants County Federation of Agriculture (HCFA) has, as part of its mandate, to support and promote agriculture to ensure a robust rural economy.

It was recently brought to the HCFA's Board's attention about a land development plan that is before West Hants Municipal Council for a development agreement which will result in the loss of a valuable forage field (PID 45180635) to a recreational (paintball) facility. Forage is an integral part of agriculture in Hants County. Particularly noting that the flooding of July 2023 has led to a severe shortage of high-quality forage.

Once farmland is lost it is gone forever. It is vital, therefore, that the Municipality make every effort to preserve farmland in order that we, the local farmers, can feed the ever-increasing population.

Additionally, it should be noted that the increased noise and traffic resulting from this proposal has the potential to affect other agricultural activities (such as nearby equestrian facilities).

Sincerely

Bruce Wright

Secretary, HCFA

pp Nick Juurlink, President, HCFA