

WHEREAS the Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee has considered and discussed the information provided with the ROPA 7 application; and

WHEREAS the lands in question are identified as Prime Agricultural Area within the Provincial Agricultural System of the Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan; and

WHEREAS there is insufficient justification to remove such lands from the Agricultural designation; and

WHEREAS it is the Committee's opinion that these lands remain capable of supporting sustainable small scale farming businesses and urban agriculture; and

WHEREAS there are many examples of sustainable farming providing local food within urban areas; and

WHEREAS local food is part of a Complete Community; and

WHEREAS every precaution should be taken to protect such lands for agricultural purposes; and

WHEREAS removing these lands from the Agricultural designation will set a dangerous precedent for redesignation of other Agricultural lands within the Greenbelt Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee recommends denial of ROPA 7.