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Mayor Pellegrini and Council
2585 King Road
King City, ON
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Re: 9.9 Farm 911 – Emily Project Access Point Program – June 17, 2025

To Mayor and Council

The York Region Federation of Agriculture appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in support of the Farm 911 – Emily Project Access Point Program. Providing an alternate 911 sign program for farm fields and vacant rural properties is a critical component of ensuring prompt response from our emergency services in an emergency event. We applaud King Township for initiating the MOU in April 2024 and are very happy to support, and encourage Council to endorse this final step in the process.

The York Region Federation of Agriculture (YRFA) is a non-profit general farm organization representing over 600 registered farm business members in York Region. We are farmers working for farmers on issues, legislation and regulations affecting farms in the Region as well as decisions that will affect agriculture into the future. We are passionate and dedicated to ensuring the agriculture sector and our rural communities are included, consulted and considered in any new and changing legislation that impacts the sustainability and growth of the agriculture sector in the Region.

The Farm 911 – Emily Project was initiated as an outcome of a tragedy in the farm community in Hastings County due to difficulty locating a farm field entrance. Unfortunately, this issue is faced time and time again across the province because farm field entrances and vacant properties were not included in the standard green civic address sign program rolled out Province wide many years ago. The new yellow Farm 911 address sign will significantly improve the identification and ease of locating our farm fields during emergencies and hopefully reduce tragic outcomes in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the Farm 911 – Emily Project Access Point Program. We look forward to working with you on other agriculture related issues in the future.

Sincerely

Kim Empringham
Secretary/Treasurer/Director
York Region Federation of Agriculture



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