

File: A-2511

November 10, 2011



The Honourable Gerry Ritz
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and
Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Re: Oshawa Harbour – Ethanol Plant, Your File: 165147

This is in response to your correspondence of October 20, 2011.

Oshawa City Council considered the above matter at their meeting of November 7, 2011 and adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas the Hon. Gerry Ritz Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board by letter dated October 20, 2011 thanks Oshawa for its resolution opposing an Ethanol Plant on the Gifford Hill at the Oshawa Harbour, advises that the current assessment by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) will consider all comments received, including Oshawa's, in order to make an objective decision on the environmental assessment and funding request from FarmTech Energy Corporation (FarmTech), and states that the AAFC has no authority over land use decisions related to the Oshawa Harbour and that land use is an Oshawa Harbour Commission (OHC) decision with or without ecoABC funding; and,

Whereas the letter clarifies that one of the Hon. Minister Ritz's responsibilities is to make a decision on the Federal subsidy/funding request by FarmTech for the proposed Ethanol Refinery at the Oshawa Harbour; and,

Whereas it is critical to continue to advise the Hon. Minister Ritz of the community's longstanding and steadfast opposition to an Ethanol Refinery at the Oshawa Harbour and for the allocation of any Federal subsidy or financial assistance to the proposed project and since the Minister now states that land use is a decision of the OHC;

Therefore:

1. The Hon. Gerry Ritz Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board be advised of the City of Oshawa's continued steadfast opposition to the development of an Ethanol Refinery at the Oshawa Harbour by FarmTech, and be requested to deny any application or request by FarmTech for any Federal subsidy or financial assistance to develop an Ethanol Refinery at the Oshawa Harbour; and,
2. That MP Hon. Jim Flaherty and MP Dr. Colin Carrie both be requested to immediately write to the Hon. Gerry Ritz advising of their opposition to the allocation of any Federal subsidy or financial assistance to FarmTech for an Ethanol Refinery at the Oshawa Harbour and that said letters be copied to Mayor John Henry and copies of the correspondence be provided to members of Council.

Your consideration of this important request to deny any application or request for assistance to develop an ethanol refinery at Oshawa Harbour is appreciated.

By copy of this letter, I am advising MP Hon. Jim Flaherty and MP Dr. Colin Carrie of Council's request to advise you of their opposition to the allocation of any Federal subsidy or financial assistance related to an ethanol refinery at Oshawa Harbour.

If you need further assistance, please contact Bob Duignan, City Manager at the address listed below, or by telephone at 905-436-5636, ext. 2258.



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City Clerk

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- c. The Honourable Jim Flaherty, MP-Whitby/Oshawa
Dr. Colin Carrie, MP-Oshawa
Mayor Henry, Oshawa
T. Hodgins, Commissioner, Development Services Department