

FarmTech Energy Corporation Environmental Assessment Screening Report

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Whereas on June 22, 2011 the City received a letter from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) advising that it is considering an application from FarmTech Energy Corporation (FarmTech) for a conditionally repayable financial contribution under the ecoAgriculture Biofuels Capital (ecoABC) Initiative for a proposed ethanol production facility to be located at the Oshawa Harbour on Gifford Hill beside the Second Marsh; and,

Whereas FarmTech has submitted an Environmental Assessment (EA) Screening Report in support of its application under the ecoABC Initiative and there is an opportunity for public review of the EA Screening Report with comments on the Report requested by July 28, 2011; and,

Whereas the EA Screening Report is intended to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the proposed ethanol production facility as required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*; and,

Whereas Ontario's Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has prepared Land Use Compatibility Guidelines with the objective of minimizing or preventing, through the use of buffers, the exposure of any person, property, plant or animal life to adverse effects associated with the operation of specified facilities; and,

Whereas an ethanol production facility conforms to the definition of specified facilities under the MOE's guidelines; and,

Whereas the MOE's guidelines speak to the need for appropriate minimum separation distances to be implemented between types of specified facilities and sensitive land uses; and,

Whereas the MOE's guidelines indicate that sensitive land uses may include "recreational uses which are deemed by the municipality or provincial agency to be sensitive";

Therefore be it resolved that the Second Marsh, the Montgomery Creek Provincially Significant Wetland, the Waterfront Trail, and Lakeview Park, given their proximity to the Oshawa Harbour, be deemed by the City of Oshawa to be sensitive outdoor recreational uses under the MOE Land Use Compatibility Guidelines.