



July 20, 2011

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City of Oshawa

Sent via email to TGoodeve@oshawa.ca
Original to follow by mail

**Re: Permission to access Property for Site Visit
FarmTech Energy Corporation Environmental Assessment
Proposed Ethanol Fuel Production Facility**

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 19, 2011 with regard to the above noted matter. I have considered your request and reviewed it with my Board Chairman. Under all the circumstances I am at a loss to understand how a site visit conducted by your newest consultants at this time would add anything to the discussion.

The City of Oshawa, through Council motions and statements by Mayor Henry to say nothing of City officials taking the lead in active petition and letter-writing campaigns, has made its position quite clear – it opposes this project. This position and the campaign of opposition began long before this request for a site visit; indeed it was begun even before the relevant Federal authorities had filed their screening report and associated materials. That sequence of events would suggest that the City had all the facts and evidence required to make an informed decision on the position it would take on this proposed project and had no need of a new site visit.

While this approach strikes us as akin to a jury finding a defendant guilty before all the evidence is heard, we acknowledge the City's right to determine how it will conduct its affairs.

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In the absence of any compelling argument outlining specifically how a further peer review by a new team of consultants would likely result in a reversal of the public stand the City has already taken there would seem to be no merit in the Harbour Commission agreeing to this request. Moreover, we believe it would be inappropriate for the Commission to be seen to be supporting the City's position in opposition to Federal Government policy. Accordingly we must respectfully deny your request at least until you can provide a more compelling case for us to do otherwise.

Yours very truly,



Donna P. Taylor
Chief Executive Officer and
Harbourmaster

c.c. Bob Duignan, City Manager
Tom Hodgins, Commissioner, Development Services
David Potts, City Solicitor
Paul Ralph, Director, Planning Services



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File B-1100-019

Oshawa Harbour Commission
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Oshawa, ON L1H 6N6

Attention: Donna Taylor, CEO and Port Manager, Harbourmaster

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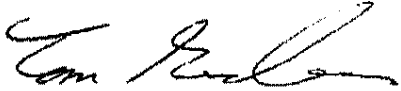
As part of the City's due diligence and review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) material submitted by FarmTech Energy Corporation (FarmTech) in relation to the above noted project, we have been advised by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) that arrangements for the City and its consulting team to conduct a site walk should be arranged through the Oshawa Harbour Commission (OHC). In consideration of the approaching deadline for comments on this EA, it is respectfully requested that you advise expeditiously as to when the City and its consultants can visit the property for a site walk and of any related conditions (e.g. indemnification, security procedures, etc.).

As you are aware, the deadline to submit comments to the AAFC with respect to FarmTech's EA Screening Report is July 28, 2011. To assist the City in preparing comments, the City of Oshawa has retained a consulting team led by Novus Environmental Inc. to peer review the EA material. No members of the consulting team have ever visited the site, and as part of the due diligence process, our consultants have requested the opportunity to walk the site with City staff.

A site walk by the host municipality for such a major proposal is a reasonable request and a key part of due diligence. The City will provide the appropriate indemnification to the OHC as the property owner once access has been confirmed.

If you require further information or wish to discuss this request, please contact me by email at goodeve@oshawa.ca or by telephone at (905) 436-5636, extension 2307.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Goodeve". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

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