



Re: Notice of Motion from Councillor Gail Ardiel - Protecting Agricultural Lands

March 1, 2023

Town of The Blue Mountains
32 Mill St, Thornbury ON
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To: Andrea Matrosovs, Mayor of the Town of The Blue Mountains, Council, Municipal Clerk
Corinna Giles and CAO Shawn Everitt

From: Climate Action Now Network, Town of The Blue Mountains (CANN TBM)

On behalf of Climate Action Now Network, Town of The Blue Mountains (CANN TBM), this letter serves as support for the motion to explore and strengthen the protection of land suitable for agricultural production and unrelated to agriculture such as walking trails, nature reserves, from development and land uses. Bill 23 will roll back the powers of current authorities, such as the Conservation Authorities, which contribute to the conservation of water, soil, wildlife and the natural resources, all important for sustainable farming production and diversity. Domestic food production, as highlighted by the pandemic and farmland at risk due to Bill 23, is becoming ever more critical for local food security. CANN TBM supports the need to strengthen the protection of agricultural land production within the official plan, as well as recognizing agriculture's contribution to mitigate climate change.

Sincerely,

CANN TBM

CANN! We are a volunteer group in Town of the Blue Mountains. Our goal is to reduce the carbon footprint of the area and work together towards a more sustainable community.