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Regional Council Members
 Niagara Region
 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
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via email and lettermail

Dear Regional Council Members:

Niagara Peninsula Fruit & Vegetable Growers' Association (NPF & VGA) represents approximately 700 growers who are engaged in the growing and marketing of fruits and vegetables in the Region of Niagara and in portions of the Regions of Hamilton-Wentworth and Haldimand-Norfolk.

At a recent Board meeting, an initiative known as "Farm 911 – the Emily Project" was discussed, and as a result, our members felt it was imperative that Regional Council be made aware of the importance of this campaign.

Farm accidents can occur in the most remote settings, making it difficult for first responders to easily locate the situation. Not all rural property entrances have 911 signage and we consider this an opportunity for significant improvements to be made to ensure that no one has to wait helplessly for first responders to find them in the event of an emergency.

Time is everything, and a civic address at the entrance to a vacant farm field could make all the difference.

This emergency awareness project officially launched at the 2017 Hastings County Plowing Match and Farm Show and has received support from various municipalities, fire departments, businesses, councillors and mayors. We ask that Niagara Region join the movement and support our farming community by urging municipalities to provide additional civic address signage for vacant farm fields as needed.

More information can be found at <http://www.farm911.ca/welcome/>.

Yours truly,

Curtis Wiley
 President, NPF & VGA

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