

Councillor Rigby & CAO Commissioner Tripp,

At the November 29 meeting of the Region's Agricultural Policy and Action Committee (APAC) the membership asked me to reach out to the Chair of the Public Works Committee and the CAO/Commissioner of Public Works to request that the Niagara Federation of Agriculture be invited to deliver a short presentation to the Region's Public Works Committee. The purpose of the presentation is to raise awareness for an important initiative in the agricultural community – the Farm 911 Project.

The Farm 911 Project aims to improve emergency services in rural areas as a result of inadequate civic address signage for rural properties, particularly remote farm entrances. Several Niagara municipalities are already participating in this program, however, others do not have policies in place to allow a civic address to be assigned to an agricultural property that doesn't have residence. We would welcome an opportunity to share the background of this project, and would be interested in any discussion and feedback the Public Works Committee may be able to provide on this project.

Sincerely,

