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**To: Mayor and Members of Council**

**From: Councillor Paul Sharman**

**Cc: Tim Commisso, City Manager**

**Date: September 21, 2020**

**Re: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act**

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Dear colleagues,

**Whereas** the *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020* recognizes the unique risks that can result from interfering with livestock transport including creating unsafe work conditions as well as causing stress to animals and introducing diseases or contaminating our food supply;

**And whereas** Sections 6(1), 7, 14(1) 3 and 15(1) of the Act came into effect on September 2, 2020 and prohibit the stopping, hindering, obstructing or otherwise interfering with a motor vehicle transporting farm animals;

**And whereas** protest groups, including minor children, present outside the Sofina pork plant in Burlington continue to reach inside livestock trailers to touch, film and give water to the pigs creating an unsafe situation where they may be injured by the animals or trailer;

**And whereas** the recent tragic loss of the life of a protester in Burlington underscores the urgent need to ensure the safety of all involved;

**And whereas** Section 6(2) of the Act states that no person shall interfere or interact with a farm animal being transported by a motor vehicle without the prior consent of the driver of the motor vehicle;

**Therefore be it resolved** that the City of Burlington pass a resolution urging the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to immediately proclaim Section 6(2) of the Act in order to provide a legal basis to prevent the unsafe practice of protestors having contact with livestock trailers and animals;

**AND THAT** the Clerk of the City of Burlington be instructed to forward this resolution to the Chairman of the Region of Halton and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Respectfully,

Councillor Paul Sharman