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His Worship Don Murray  
Mayor  
Township of Huron-Kinloss  
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Dear Mayor Murray:

I want to thank you and your delegation for taking the time to meet with me during the 2024 ROMA Conference. Our government is committed to supporting our rural communities, and I greatly value these opportunities to speak with you directly. Your input is important to me as we continue to work together.

Thank you for informing me about the concerns of your township regarding the storage and application of biosolid fertilizer. As you know, ministry staff have engaged with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on this issue several times, and we will continue doing so.

Our ministry will also continue to engage with the MECP, which is responsible for provincial environmental laws and for taking appropriate regulatory actions.

As you know, some biosolids are classified as fertilizers through the federal *Fertilizer Act, 1985* and the *Fertilizers regulations*. In general, [Part V \(Waste\)](#) of the [Environmental Protection Act, 1990, \(EPA\)](#) and [Regulation 347](#) governs all waste management activities in Ontario. Any adverse affects on water or farmland can be reported online here: [Report Pollution | Ontario.ca \(gov.on.ca\)](#) In addition, the Farming and Food Production Protection Act, 1998, provides a forum, through the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board (NFPPB), to help rural residents resolve conflicts regarding nuisances (e.g. odour, dust) from agricultural operations. The following link provides information on how to submit an application to the NFPPB: [Application Process – Normal Farm Practices Protection Board \(nfppb.ca\)](#)

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As mentioned in Minister Thompson's remarks at ROMA, our government is launching consultations to develop a Rural Economic Development Strategy. We understand that a strong and dynamic rural Ontario is essential for the province's economy, and by working together, we can achieve great things for rural communities and small towns. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to submit your thoughts to our on-line portal by visiting this link: [Consultation: Rural Economic Development Strategy | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/rural-economic-development-strategy).

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

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