



Resolution #14, Brant SCIA - Use of Biosolids

WHEREAS the 3 R's of reduce, reuse and recycle have been promoted for years; and,

WHEREAS phosphorus is a macro-nutrient critical for early season seedling vigour and efficient plant growth; and,

WHEREAS phosphorus fertilizer is a mined resource of determinate supply; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Government wants to divert food and organic waste from landfills by 2022 (estimated at 2.4 million tonnes in 2014); and,

WHEREAS properly applied compost, biosolids, etc. are a readily available source of crop nutrients and beneficial soil amendments; and,

WHEREAS there are several proven technologies already operating in the province making a variety of amendments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that OSCIA continue to strongly encourage the beneficial use of organic materials and municipal biosolids, properly applied to Ontario cropland, and furthermore discourage the land filling of these valuable resources.

Moved by Birgit Martin, seconded by Robin Poss (Brant county).

Carried

SENT TO Colleen Fitzgerald-Hubble, Director of Environmental Management Branch; and Greg Meredith, Deputy Minister, OMAFRA

COPIED TO Christine Brown, Chair, Waste Utilization Sub-Committee.

RESPONSE FROM GREG MEREDITH, DEPUTY MINISTER, OMAFRA

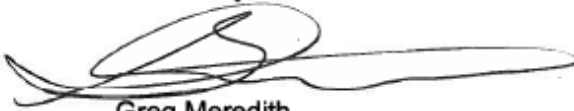
Dear Mr. Graham:

Thank you for your letter and sharing resolutions that were passed at your association's recent annual conference.

I have forwarded these resolutions to the appropriate assistant deputy ministers for their information. I look forward to continued collaboration with the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association on issues of importance to the agriculture sector.

Again, thank you for writing.

Yours truly,



Greg Meredith
Deputy Minister

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