

Resolution #11 – Manitoulin and Sudbury SCIA – Compensation for Wildlife

WHEREAS Crop losses from wildlife damage are chronic and substantial, and;

WHEREAS The losses are not adequately addressed through Agricorp Production Insurance, and;

WHEREAS Other provinces have compensation programs for crop losses from wildlife (as presented as recently as April 2024 by the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) to Ontario's Agriculture-Wildlife Conflict Working Group (AWCWG), chaired by OMAFA) and;

WHEREAS Ontario has a compensation program for livestock losses caused by wildlife (the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP), administered by OMAFA).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, OSCIA support OMAFA, with ideas, information and statistics, in the creation of a compensation program for damage to crops by wildlife.

Amendment:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, OSCIA request support OMAFA, OFA, CFFO and GFO and work with any additional relevant partners, with ideas, information and statistics, in the creation of a compensation program for damage to crops by wildlife.

MOVED BY John Poel SECONDED BY Johannes Renecker
Manitoulin

Carried.

ACTION: A letter and summary report were sent to OMAFA outlining the total estimated cost of wildlife-related crop damage, raising awareness of the issue and OSCIA's willingness to assist with any discussions or initiatives that arise. Supporting letters were sent to CFFO, GFO, NFU-Ontario, OFA, and OFVGA. A response letter was also sent to Manitoulin and Sudbury SCIA's outlining the steps taken.

RESPONSE TO: OMAFA has acknowledged receipt of the letter and report and will review the documents for further consideration.

CFFO has also acknowledged receipt and indicated it will be discussed by their board of directors.

OFA received a resolution submitted by Manitoulin-North Shore/Sudbury West Federation of Agriculture, and reached out to OMAFA directly, requesting a Wildlife Damage Compensation Program is created to address the issue, modelled on existing programs in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

NFU-O has acknowledged receipt and indicated it will be brought to their local organization in northern Ontario and to the full board.