



August 20, 2025

Karen Paszternak
President
Peterborough County Cattlemen's Association

Dear Mike,

Re: PAWS Act 25-03

The following resolution was passed at the Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO) Annual General Meeting in February and was recently discussed by the BFO Board of Directors:

WHEREAS, the PAWS Act as written, calls for livestock to be adopted out if the farmer is unable to meet the requirements of an inspector or he or she cannot pay the fees for the cattle to be taken care of

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT BFO continue to lobby to have a separate legislation for livestock written.

The BFO Board of Directors would like to thank Peterborough County Cattlemen's Association for continuing to bring this resolution forward to ensure it remains a high priority for our association.

BFO continues to raise with elected officials and ministry staff the serious concerns we have. These include the internal decision-making process and standard operating procedures used to make decisions about whether animals should be removed from a farm or not, how that is then executed, and what happens after animals have been removed.

We held our Queen's Park BBQ at the end of May. We met with MPPs from all parties along with staff from Solicitor General Kerzner's office to discuss our provincial priorities that included requesting a formal review of the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act*. We also asked for the creation of a distinct and tailored system of enforcement and regulatory framework for livestock, similar to what is done in other jurisdictions.

Despite a working relationship that has been formed with the enforcement branch, BFO and many of our farm organization counterparts remain concerned with components of the current system and will continue to collaborate and lobby for changes to address industry's concerns.

BFO will be sure to keep the local associations apprised of any developments and progress on our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig McLaughlin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig McLaughlin
President

cc: John Lunn (Mover, Advisory Councillor)
Gavin Faught (Seconder)
Patricia Leahy (Secretary)