



Hamilton

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Farm Economics Report

PURPOSE:

This document explains the guidelines for the preparation of a Farm Economics Report which may be required for the submission of an application under the Ontario *Planning Act*. All Farm Economics Reports shall follow the guidelines referenced in this document. Failure to adhere to the guidelines may result in a submission being considered unsatisfactory and a submitted application being deemed incomplete.

A Farm Economics Report may be required where a Consent Application proposes a severance on lands in the rural area as identified in the Rural Hamilton Official Plan. The purpose of a Farm Economics Report is to demonstrate that the proposed agricultural uses on the severed and retained lots are of sufficient size and nature to be reasonably expected to:

- i) Sustain a commercially viable farm operation;
- ii) Allow farm operators the flexibility to change the existing and proposed farm operation in the event of business failure; and,
- iii) Allow farm operators the flexibility to diversify and intensify the production of agricultural commodities in response to changing economic conditions and trends in agriculture.

(Rural Hamilton Official Plan, Policy F.1.14.2.2 d))

PREPARED BY:

A Farm Economics Report must be prepared by an accredited professional knowledgeable in farm economics, such as an agrologist or agronomist.

REVIEWED and APPROVED BY:

Development Planning, Planning and Economic Development Department.
A Farm Economics Report may also require a peer review.

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