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Food Before Factories: Say No to Farmland Rezoning

Monday, November 17, 5:30 p.m.

Russell Township Hall

717 Notre Dame Street, Embrun

On November 17 at 5:30 p.m. we ask residents who care about food and where it comes from to meet in front of the Russell Township Hall at 717 Notre Dame Street in Embrun. Township Council will be holding a meeting regarding rezoning farmland south of the 417 Industrial Park from agricultural to industrial. This is more of the creeping pollution and destruction of farmland and rural lifestyle that was started by former Russell mayor Pierre Leroux, and which continues under unelected-mayor Tarnowski's watch.

Join us inside the Council chambers to state the reasons you are opposed to this change. Food production is more important than building another warehouse! If you can't be there in person you can write your objection and send it to planning@russell.ca with a copy to us at standourground.russell@gmail.com.

Help us stand up for agriculture!

Help us Stand Our Ground!



2026 Municipal Election

The next municipal election is less than a year away, and the members of **StandOurGround** are seeking candidates that will support our aims. We are offering support in return. If you are sincere about wanting to protect farmland from development, if you are willing to speak up in Council and stand against the destruction of habitat and loss of agriculture in this municipality, we want you!

Recent councils have handed a handful of already rich developers our local farmland on a plate. They make the same old arguments over and over, claiming that these new “employment lands” and sprawling subdivisions will magically improve life, even as the quality of life here declines.

In reality our roads are too small to handle increased traffic, especially heavy truck traffic, making moving farm machinery more dangerous than it already is. Already our schools are so overcrowded we need another new school, electricity demand increased to the point that new wind and solar mega-projects and lithium-ion battery plants are being planned for rural areas like Russell, and the noise and light pollution has dramatically increased in the last five years. In addition we must ask what doctor will newcomers be allowed to see? What daycare is available for working families? What transit will get them to work? What water will they drink? What ambulances would be available in emergency? What fire services will be needed, especially in industrial buildings? How much is crime increasing? What can residents and police do to reduce crime? What will that cost?

It's time to take a good hard look at the supposed benefits of population growth. Right now it appears the only benefits go to a few persons who have already taken enough.

If you want to stand up for farmland and the rural lifestyle we will stand up for you!

In the News!

The Green Party of Ontario has initiated a province-wide petition to create a foodbelt in the province.

Every day we're losing 319 acres of farmland in Ontario. That means that every week Ontario loses the equivalent of nine family farms.

Once farmland is destroyed, it's gone forever. We simply can't afford to lose any more.

Ontario Greens Leader Mike Schreiner has teamed up with Independent MPP for Haldiman-Norfolk, Bobbi Ann Brady, to introduce the “*Protect Our Food Act*.” If passed, this act would create a Foodbelt that would permanently protect our agricultural lands from being paved over.

Whether you are a supporter or not of the Green Party this is an important issue. **StandOurGround asks you to go their [petition website](#) and sign!**

StandOurGround.ca welcomes your feedback, counterarguments, photographs, and written submissions for our Newsletter. Kindly inform us if you would like your Letter to the Editor to remain anonymous.

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