



## Township of Blandford-Blenheim

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March 5, 2026

**To:** County of Oxford

**CC:** Area Municipalities of Oxford County

**CC:** Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation (ROEDC)

*Sent via email.*

**Re:** Support for the Township of Zorra Resolution regarding Tax Class Advocacy

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim carried the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2026-03-04-03**

**Moved by** - Councillor Demarest

**Seconded by** - Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim supports Zorra Township Council's resolution requesting that Oxford County consider the inclusion of the Small-Scale Value-Added Business subclass in the 2026 tax ratios policy, in order to support on-farm processing, agricultural diversification, and rural economic development across Oxford County. **Carried**

If you have any questions regarding the resolution of Council, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

*Kevin Brandt*

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**Item 14(a)**

**Date: February 4, 2026**

**15-02-2026**

Moved by Katie Grigg *Katie Grigg*

Seconded by *[Signature]*

WHEREAS the provincial government has created new property tax classes available to municipalities; and,

*Small-Scale On-Farm Business Subclasses*

WHEREAS the newly available ~~Industrial Small-Scale Farm Business~~ subclass provides municipalities with the flexibility to tax the first \$50,000 of assessed value of qualifying value-added and commercial activities on farms at a rate that is 75 per cent lower than the commercial or industrial tax rate that would otherwise apply; and,

WHEREAS this is intended to support a level playing field with larger processors and off-farm businesses, this treatment is limited to on-farm processing and commercial facilities that are assessed below \$1 million; and,

WHEREAS this is a part of Ontario's plan to encourage job growth in the agriculture sector and support rural economies; and,

WHEREAS Oxford County, especially in a world of tariffs, automotive shutdowns, and general economic uncertainty, more than ever needs to encourage agriculture sector diversification and support our rural economy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zorra Township Council requests that Oxford County Council direct staff to consider the inclusion of the Small-Scale Value-Added Business subclass in the 2026 tax ratios policy.

**AND THAT** *this be circulated to the area municipalities in Oxford County and BOEDC.*

- Carried
- Defeated
- Recorded Vote
- Deferred

**Recorded Vote:**

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Ryan		
Councillor Stewart		
Councillor Grigg		
Councillor Mitchell		
Councillor Finch		

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**Mayor**