



November 5, 2013

Dr. Bruce Archibald, President
Canadian Food Inspection Agency
174 Stone Rd W
Guelph, Ontario
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Dear Sir;

Re: Bill C-322 An Act to amend the Health of Animals Act and the Meat Inspection Act (Slaughter of Horses for Human Consumption)

The City of Markham Council has recently been made aware of a Private Member's Bill C-322 - *an Act to amend the Health of Animals Act and the Meat Inspection Act (Slaughter of Horses for Human Consumption)*. The Bill was first introduced into the House of Commons on October 10, 2011, and received First Reading. It has now been re-instated into the second session of the current Parliament. The Bill proposes to amend the Health for Animals Act and the Meat Inspection Act to prohibit the importation and exportation of horse meat for human consumption into or out of Canada as well as between provinces.

The Bill was introduced in response to three concerns: 1) the possible contamination of horse meat for human consumption from the unregulated administration of drugs; 2) the manner in which horses are transported for slaughter; and 3) the method by which horses are slaughtered.

Markham City Council encourages the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to address the concerns raised in Bill C-322 and to take all necessary steps to ensure the animals entering the Canadian food supply are free of contaminants (and has passed a resolution to this effect dated November 12, 2013). The City also encourages the Agency to ensure that all animals involved are treated humanely throughout the slaughtering process.

Yours truly,

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

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