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Farmers encouraged by Land Review

The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture is encouraged by the recommendations in a recent land review report, "Preservation of Agriculture Land in Nova Scotia".

The farm community understands and appreciates the time commitment given by Richard (Rick) Williams and the members of the Nova Scotia Agricultural Land Review Committee (NSALRC). "Rick and his team have done an excellent job of assessing the issues and have provided a comprehensive report on which to move forward," stated Richard Melvin, President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture. "As well, we are pleased with the interest and input received through public consultations that have indicated interest and support for the preservation of agricultural land," Melvin adds.

The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture takes a balanced approach to the concerns of land use issues; in the preservation of productive, finite farmland and in support of an adequate compensation program to ensure a fair return for a farmer's investment.

Melvin says, "A number of the recommendations in the report agree with the policies of the Federation with respect to growing food and growth of the rural economy."

With increased interest in buying local food products as well as emerging opportunities in renewable energy, agriculture will play an increasingly important role to a sustainable Nova Scotia economy.

The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture looks forward to an action list from the government to see these recommendations take shape. Melvin says, "We have read the report, like what we see and will be keeping it close at hand to advocate for the betterment of the agriculture industry in Nova Scotia."

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