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**Sustainable Canadian
Agricultural Partnership**

Resilient Agricultural Landscapes Program
LETTER OF SUPPORT
Perennial Warm Season Pastures

All applications submitted to the Resilient Agricultural Landscapes Program (RALP) require a Letter of Support prepared by a third-party Qualified Expert. This letter offers preliminary support for the project and demonstrates that appropriate planning has been completed. Additional technical support may be required to successfully complete the project, and those costs should be invoiced to the applicant.

PART A: PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION

Applicant Name	Legal Farm Business Name
Total area (acres) of the project	GPS Coordinates (Latitude, Longitude)

PART B: TECHNICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED PROJECT

1. What is the current land use of the project area (2024) and the land use of the two previous years?

2024

2023

2022

2. Identify the perennial warm season pasture species and respective planting rates relevant to the project, including all native and non-invasive, non-native species.

Species name	Planting rate	Species name	Planting rate

3. Have sufficient seed or stock been sourced to complete this project? Please offer a short explanation about where seed or stock will be obtained, including whether any efforts will be made to consider the project's seed zone.

4. Provide a simple planting plan for the project. Include information about site preparation, method and timing of planting.

5. Outline plans to manage weeds before planting and while the warm season pasture species establish. Include information about controlling and/or removing any invasive species.

6. What livestock type(s), if any, will be grazed at the project location? What is the proposed stocking density, and how will over-grazing be prevented?

7. If the pasture is in an environmentally sensitive location, how will Best Management Practices be followed to minimize any potential adverse effects from the livestock? A plan that aligns with OMAFRA's recommended practices is required for all projects located adjacent to surface water or in riparian areas.

8. If the project is focused on establishing warm season pastures on marginal or high-risk locations, information that demonstrates at least 1 of the following conditions are met must be provided. *If your project is for establishing a warm season pasture on land that is not marginal or high risk, skip to PART C.*

Land classification, including the size of the project area located on land Class as 3 to 7:

Proximity to a flood plain, including the size of the project area located within the flood plain:

Slope of the area, including the size of the project located on slopes vulnerable to soil erosion:

Location of a concentrated flow path of surface water in relation to the project:

Proximity of the project location to an adjacent watercourse:

PART C: EFT AUTHORIZATION

First and Last Name of Qualified Expert

Signature of Qualified Expert (Required)

Date

Email Address of Qualified Expert

Phone Number of Qualified Expert

Summary of Qualifications including demonstrated experience planning, designing and supporting implementation of similar types of projects (designations, titles, training, etc.):

- I declare, to the best of my knowledge, that the information provided is true and accurate. As the third-party Qualified Expert, I understand that preparing this Letter of Support qualifies me to receive a flat rate payment of \$200.00, payable via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). To receive payment, complete the EFT Authorization Form (available on the next page) and submit the form directly to accountspayable@ontariosoilcrop.org.
- Payment is required, and I have completed and submitted the EFT Authorization form
- Payment is not required

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Please make sure the banking information on this EFT Authorization Form **matches** the legal name provided on your Claim Form (PART A). If this information has changed from your previous claim, please submit a new EFT Authorization Form.

SECTION 1 – CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS.

Legal Name of Business or Individual to Receive Payment			
Mailing Address			
City/Town/Village	Province	Postal Code	Contact Phone Number
Email Address for Remittance Advice			

SECTION 2 – BANKING INFORMATION

Please **attach** a blank cheque (marked VOID) or a direct deposit information print-out from your financial institution.

Check the box that applies to the banking information included with this form:

- Void Cheque
 Direct Deposit Print-Out

SECTION 3 – AUTHORIZATION

I (we) hereby authorize Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) to deposit, by electronic funds transfer, cost-share claim payments deemed payable to me/the eligible business I legally represent. OSCIA will deposit the payments into the bank account identified in this form. This authorization agreement is effective as of the date this form is signed and will remain in effect until OSCIA has received notification of its termination. I agree to submit an updated EFT Authorization Form to OSCIA to make any changes to the information provided. I recognize that if I give incomplete information on this form, payments may be delayed.

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

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