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RE: FARMLAND TAX CLASS IDENTIFICATION

It has been brought to our attention that when an ownership change takes place, even if it is a vacant parcel of farmland, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation automatically assigned a **residential** classification to the farmland.

Please advise your clients that it will be necessary to contact the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in Guelph (1-800-469-2285) to obtain a Farmland Class Property Tax Application in order for the land to have a farm classification for the following year.

This is true for a change of ownership that is husband to husband and wife or from an individual to a corporation. It is imperative that the new owner apply as soon as possible after purchase in order to be identified as Farmland Class and taxed at 25% of the municipal residential tax rate for the following year.

Trusting you will find the above information helpful, I am,

Yours truly,

TAX DEPARTMENT