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Judy Dirksen, Chair  
Agricultural Adaptation Council  
381 Elmira Road North, Unit 1  
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Dear Ms Dirksen:

**Re: 4R Nutrient Management Resource Guide - CCA GF2 Project**

The OFA supports the project proposal named above and prepared by the Canadian Certified Crop Advisors Association.

The OFA has long supported the 4Rs concept of fertilization, that being:

- Right nutrient source;
- Right rate of nutrient application;
- Right time of nutrient application; and,
- Right location of nutrient application.

In 2012, the OFA partnered with the Canadian Fertilizer Institute, Grand River Conservation Authority, University of Waterloo's Water Institute and others to undertake a project entitled "Agriculture 4R Nutrient Stewardship extension strategies for the Grand River watershed management plan". The project was funded through the Ontario Centre of Excellence and enabled the development of a rural-urban partnership to protect water quality and support agriculture in the Grand River watershed using the principles of the 4Rs approach to fertilization.

The OFA is delighted to see the implementation of the 4Rs concept being further enabled at a provincial scope through this project. The project dove-tails nicely with the Farm and Food Sustainability Plan initiative that is currently being undertaken by the OFA in conjunction with other farm organizations, and the food processor, and food retail sectors.

CCAs are an excellent vehicle for transferring the 4Rs concept to the farm community.

Developing an Ontario 4R Nutrient Management Stewardship Guide is an important step in this process, as are the staging of workshops to familiarize CCAs with the Guide.



The OFA recommends that this project proposal be approved for funding by the Agricultural Adaptation Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don McCabe', is centered below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Don McCabe  
President