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**Township of Evanturel Partners with the Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance (NOFIA) to Establish Agricultural Plastics Aggregation Site, Enhancing Local Sustainability**

[Evanturel, 16 April 2025] – The Township of Evanturel is pleased to announce its partnership with the Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance (NOFIA) and the northern caucus of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) to establish a central aggregation site for agricultural plastics within the community. This initiative, part of NOFIA's broader Agricultural Plastics Disposal Program, will launch this summer 2025, providing a crucial resource for local agriculture, horticulture, and aquaculture producers. The expansion of the Agricultural Plastics Disposal Program, accepting municipal partners is part of the phase two funding received through the Ontario Agri-food Research Initiative (OAFRI) as part of the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP).

Recognizing the importance of environmental sustainability and supporting its local farming community, the Township of Evanturel is dedicating space and resources to facilitate the collection of agricultural plastics. This aggregation site will serve as a convenient drop-off point for farmers who may not have the capacity for on-site compaction, ensuring that these materials are diverted from landfills and repurposed.

This partnership aligns with NOFIA and OFA's mission to expand its plastics recycling program throughout Northern Ontario, making it more accessible to all producers, regardless of size. By establishing this site, Evanturel is playing an important role in creating a more sustainable and environmentally responsible agricultural sector within the region.

"The Township of Evanturel is proud to collaborate with NOFIA on this important initiative," stated Reeve Derek Mundle. "This site at 245453 Hwy 569 (former location of the Municipal Complex) will provide a valuable service to our local farmers and contribute to a cleaner, greener community. We are committed to supporting sustainable practices and look forward to the positive impact this partnership will have."

The site will accept a variety of agricultural plastics, including dual-sided plastic and bale wrap, and with the new addition of end-user WEST, a Manitoulin based advanced recycling facility, horticulture plastics will be accepted as well. NOFIA will manage the collection and transportation of the collected and compacted plastics to end users, ensuring they are processed and repurposed effectively.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Township of Evanturel to expand our Agricultural Plastics Disposal Program," said Yves Gauthier, President, NOFIA Board of Directors. "This collaboration demonstrates the power of community partnerships in driving sustainable change. By working together, we can create a more resilient and environmentally friendly agricultural sector in Northern Ontario."

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The Township of Evanturel invites all local agricultural and horticultural producers to utilize the new aggregation site and participate in this important initiative. Details regarding the location and operating hours of the site will be released in the coming weeks.

**About the Township of Evanturel:**

The Township of Evanturel is committed to providing essential services and fostering a vibrant, sustainable community. Through strategic partnerships and initiatives, the municipality strives to enhance the quality of life for its residents and support local economic development.

**About NOFIA:**

The Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance (NOFIA) is dedicated to fostering innovation and sustainability in the agricultural sector within Northern Ontario. Through research, collaboration, and community engagement, NOFIA strives to create a resilient and environmentally responsible agricultural future.

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