



**City of Hamilton**  
**Agriculture and Rural Affairs**  
**Advisory Committee**

**Meeting #:** 18-003  
**Date:** June 21, 2018  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 630 Trinity Road South  
Ancaster

Lauri Leduc, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 4102

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**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with \*)

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**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS**

**7. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

7.1 Andrea McDowell, Project Manager - Air Quality and Climate Change, Public Health Services, respecting Climate Impact Adaptation Planning (presentation to be distributed)

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8.1 T. Scott Peck, Deputy CAO, and Director of Watershed Planning and Engineering, Hamilton Conservation Authority, respecting the Flood and Erosion Control Study for Stoney Creek and Battlefield Creek (no copy)

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- 8.5 Correspondence from the Twp of Selwyn requesting support for their resolution respecting the Implementation Procedure and Transition Policies for flexibility for those applications made prior to the Agricultural System or Natural Heritage System mapping 13
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Hamilton

**Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee**

**MINUTES 18-002**

**Monday, February 26, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Ancaster Fairgrounds, Rooms A & B  
630 Trinity Road, Ancaster**

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**Present:** Councillors L. Ferguson, B. Johnson, J. Partridge and R. Pasuta  
A. Spoelstra (Chair), D. Smith (Vice Chair), W. Galloway, C. McMaster, J. Medeiros, N. Mills, A. Sinclair, K. Smith, G. Smuk and M. Switzer

**Also Present:** Councillor A. VanderBeek

**Absent**

**With Regrets:** P. Krakar, J. Mantel, R. Shuker

**Absent:** R. Saccomano

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. **Legal, Medical Cannabis Industry and the City's Zoning Regulation (Items 6.1 and 6.2)**

**(B. Johnson/Switzer)**

WHEREAS, licensed cannabis production, for medical and/or recreational-use purposes, should be considered a farming activity similar to those operating in green house structures,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to remove the restriction of a 2000 square meter maximum building size and apply appropriate set back requirements to new cannabis production facilities in order to limit the impact on current land uses in rural Hamilton.

**CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:****(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)****(D. Smith/Switzer)**

That the agenda for the February 26, 2018 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED****(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

Andrea Sinclair declared a conflict of interest on Items 6.1 and 6.2 respecting the Legal, Medical Cannabis Industry and the City's Zoning Regulation as she is employed by Niagara College and her department is involved with a program concerning the cannabis industry.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)****(i) September 25, 2017 (Item 3.1)****(Partridge/Sinclair)**

That the minutes of the September 25, 2017 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED****(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 5)****(Ferguson/Partridge)**

That, upon the conclusion of the matter respecting the Legal, Medical Cannabis Industry (Items 6.1 and 6.2) any individuals in attendance wishing to speak to the matter, be approved as delegations.

**CARRIED**

The Committee Clerk was directed to create a sign-up sheet for individuals to list their name if they wished to speak.

**(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)****(i) Meeting Notes from the January 29, 2018 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (Item 5.1)****(Switzer/Sinclair)**

That the meeting notes from the January 29, 2018 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**

- (i) The Green Organic Dutchman Holdings Limited respecting the Legal, Medical Cannabis Industry and the City's Zoning regulation (referred to the Committee by the Planning Committee on October 31, 2017) (Item 6.1)**
- (ii) Beleave Inc. respecting the Legal, Medical Cannabis Industry and the City's Zoning regulation (referred to the Committee by the Planning Committee on October 31, 2017) (Item 6.2)**

Representatives from The Green Organic Dutchman and Beleave addressed the Committee about the issue of the Legal, Medical Cannabis Industry.

Mary-Lynne Howell and Ian Wilms with The Green Organic Dutchman and Gordon Harvey and Bill Panagiotakopoulos with Beleave, provided the Committee with an overview of their companies, their operations and the medical cannabis industry.

They were joined in the presentation by representatives from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

The Committee Clerk advised that no individuals registered to speak. The floor was then opened up to delegations.

Various individuals addressed the Committee and asked questions of the Committee and the presenters. Concerns expressed included, but were not limited to:

- The effect of lighting from the facility
- Truck traffic for bringing water to the facility
- Security
- Noise
- Odour
- Health concerns for cannabis users
- Impact on property value in the area

**(Ferguson/Partridge)**

That the delegations respecting the issue of the Legal, Medical Cannabis Industry and the City's Zoning Regulation, be received.

**CARRIED**

The Committee recessed from 8:19 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

**(Ferguson/McMaster)**

That staff be directed to retain the restriction of a 2000 square meter maximum building size and apply appropriate set back requirements to new cannabis production facilities in order to limit the impact on current land uses in rural Hamilton.

**DEFEATED**

**(B. Johnson/Switzer)**

WHEREAS, licensed cannabis production, for medical and/or recreational-use purposes, should be considered a farming activity similar to those operating in green house structures,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to remove the restriction of a 2000 square meter maximum building size and apply appropriate set back requirements to new cannabis production facilities in order to limit the impact on current land uses in rural Hamilton.

The above motion **CARRIED** on the following standing recorded vote:

YEAS:	B. Johnson, Partridge, Pasuta, Galloway, Mills, Medeiros, Smuk, Spoelstra, Switzer
Total:	9
NAYS:	Ferguson, McMaster, D. Smith, K. Smith
Total:	4
ABSENT:	Krakar, Mantel, Saccomano, Shuker
Total:	4

Committee member Sinclair declared an interest respecting the above Items and therefore did not participate in the debate or vote.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

**(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

**(i) Correspondence from R. J. Simpson, Chief Fire Prevention Officer, Hamilton Fire Department, respecting Burn Permits (Item 8.1)**

**(K. Smith/D. Smith)**

That the Correspondence from R. J. Simpson, Chief Fire Prevention Officer, Hamilton Fire Department, respecting Burn Permits, be received.

**CARRIED**

- (ii) **Correspondence from Nancy Michie, Administrator Clerk-Treasurer, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, requesting support for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry's Council resolution respecting Tenanted Farm Tax properties being changed to the Residential Tax Class (referred to the Committee at the November 8, 2017 meeting of Council) (Item 8.2)**

**(K. Smith/D. Smith)**

That the Correspondence from R. J. Simpson, Chief Fire Prevention Officer, Hamilton Fire Department, respecting Burn Permits, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(h) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)**

- (i) **Joel Porter, Farm and Food Care Organization, respecting plans for their annual Breakfast on the Farm Event taking place on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cranston Farms (Item 11.1)**

The Chair advised that the sponsorship request from the Farm and Food Care Organization for the Breakfast on the Farm Event in the amount of \$5000 has been approved and it is being funded by the Planning and Economic Development Department. Therefore a motion from the Committee is not required.

**(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)**

**(Sinclair/Switzer)**

That the meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Spoelstra, Chair  
Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
Advisory Committee

Lauri Leduc  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk





# CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: June 27, 2018

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. COLLINS.....**

**SECONDED BY MAYOR / COUNCILLOR.....**

**Opposition to Buy American Policies and the Tariffs Recently Imposed by the Trump Administration**

WHEREAS, at its meeting of June 11, 2018, the Town of Halton Hills passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, since 2009, Council for the Town of Halton Hills have been leaders in taking opposition to Buy American Policies and other punitive trade legislation;

AND WHEREAS, the Buy American Policies have had negative impacts on local Canadian industries and Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, their impacts have negatively affected Canadian Municipalities and their economies and families;

AND WHEREAS, NAFTA governs nearly every aspect of Canada and the U.S. economic relationship and even minor changes to the established trade relationship could have far-reaching consequences for communities on both sides of the border;

AND WHEREAS, recent trade disputes with the U.S. on softwood lumber and potential tariffs on other commodities has caused business uncertainty and impacted local economies;

AND WHEREAS, Canada's economic future and the continued well-being of communities and their local economies depend on free and fair trading relationships based in current and future international agreements;

AND WHEREAS, the recent imposition by the United States government of tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from Canada, purportedly based on national security grounds, are an affront to the decades-long alliance between Canada and the United States;

AND WHEREAS, given the actions of the United States government, it is imperative that Municipalities and individual Canadian businesses and citizens, as consumers of goods and services, take proactive action to support and protect Canadian interests.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Halton Hills supports the recent resolution passed by FCM to continue to work with the federal government to support the interests of municipalities across Canada affected by trade disputes and during ongoing trade agreement negotiations;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills continues to support free and fair trade and vehemently opposes restrictive trade practices;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills stands with those Municipalities, Employers, Families who may be impacted by the latest tariffs imposed by the Trump Administration;

AND FURTHER THAT that the Town of Halton Hills encourage residents and businesses with the Town to become knowledgeable about the origin of the products and services that they purchase, consider avoiding the purchase of U.S. products where substitutes are reasonably available and communicating with U.S. businesses and individuals of Canadian concern about the decisions of the United States Government;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, Minister of Trade, Minister Freeland, Mayor Iveson ( Edmonton ) Chair of the Big City Mayors, Halton MP's, MPP's, Premier, Premier elect, Halton MPP elects, Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, Federal Opposition Leaders, Mayors of Windsor, Hamilton, Halton Region, Burlington, Milton, Oakville, FCM and AMO.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton strongly support the above resolution respecting Opposition to Buy American Policies and the tariffs recently imposed by the Trump Administration; and,
- (b) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister, Minister of Trade, Minister Freeland, Mayor Iveson (Edmonton), Chair of the Big City Mayors, Hamilton MP's, MPP's, Federal Opposition Leaders, FCM and AMO.

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Province consulting on Draft Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document

**From:** Coombs, Johanna (OMAFRA) <[Johanna.Coombs@ontario.ca](mailto:Johanna.Coombs@ontario.ca)> **On Behalf Of** Bailey, Sharon (OMAFRA)

**Sent:** March-15-18 10:44 AM

**Subject:** Province consulting on Draft Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is seeking comments on a draft [Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document](#). The Guidance Document is focused on helping to satisfy Agricultural Impact Assessment policies found in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017, the Greenbelt Plan 2017, the Niagara Escarpment Plan 2017 and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan 2017. It may also be a useful best practice guide elsewhere in the province.

The draft Guidance Document is designed to help municipal planning practitioners, agricultural and environmental assessment professionals, aggregate producers, development and infrastructure proponents, and other decision-makers satisfy new policies in the updated provincial land use plans related to Agricultural Impact Assessments. The document also provides information on how to mitigate impacts from development on agriculture. The Guidance Document will help members of the public and stakeholders better understand the type of work that may be carried out for certain types of development that require an Agricultural Impact Assessment.

Information in the Guidance Document includes:

- A clear definition of an Agricultural Impact Assessment and related provincial requirements
- Technical guidelines and relevant information to include in an Agricultural Impact Assessment to ensure consistency (or an equivalent analysis as part of an environmental assessment)
- A list of mitigation measures and resources that may be considered to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts on agriculture, including information on rehabilitating land back to agriculture.

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs has posted the draft Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document for public comment on the [Environmental Registry](#).

Comments on the draft Guidance Document are welcome between **March 15 and July 13, 2018**. You can submit comments by:

- Visiting the [Environmental Registry](#) posting and clicking the 'comment' button
- Email: [aia@ontario.ca](mailto:aia@ontario.ca)
- Fax: 519-826-3492
- Mail: Agricultural Impact Assessments  
c/o Michele Doncaster, Policy Advisor  
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
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Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2

We look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Bailey".

Sharon Bailey, Director  
Food Safety and Environmental Policy Branch  
OMAFRA

April 4, 2018

Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

Please be advised that at its meeting held the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2018 - 063 – Agricultural Systems and Natural Heritage System Mapping – Transition Policies**

Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis – Councillor Anita Locke –

Whereas the Agricultural Systems (AS) and the Natural Heritage System (NHS) mapping was released by the Province of Ontario on February 9, 2018; and

Whereas the implementation procedures for the Agricultural System (AS) and the Natural Heritage System (NHS) mapping in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) was also issued by the Province on February 9, 2018 and the Province indicated that the implementation procedures for AS take effect immediately as stated by "*OMAFRA's agricultural land base mapping, issued on February 9, 2018, applies to all GGH land use planning decisions.*" and for NHS as stated by "*Ontario has mapped a provincially-led Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (hereafter referred to as the Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan), including criteria, methods and a regional Natural Heritage System map*"; and

Whereas this implementation procedure means that all planning decisions must be consistent with the Provincial February 9, 2018 statement where agricultural systems and natural heritage systems have been identified by the Province regardless of when pre-consultation took place or when the planning application was made; and

Whereas planning staff for the County of Peterborough and Township of Selwyn have attempted to contact applicants that were expected to be impacted by the AS and NHS prior to the release of the mapping and the implementation procedures to advise them if their planning application

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was not considered and approved as of the implementation date (February 9, 2018) that their application must be consistent with the Provincial mapping resulting in applications being denied due to non-conformity with the new mapping; and

Whereas traditionally when new legislation is implemented, the Province includes transition policies that would permit applications in the 'queue' to be considered under the former legislation;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Selwyn strongly urge the Province of Ontario to reconsider the implementation procedure and include transition policies to provide greater flexibility for those applications that were made prior to February 9, 2018 and are impacted by the AS or NHS mapping and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and local M.P.P. Jeff Leal, the County of Peterborough, the City of Kawartha Lakes and upper and single tier municipalities within the GGH.

Mayor Mary Smith – yes  
Councillor Donna Ballantyne – yes  
Councillor Gerry Herron – yes  
Councillor Anita Locke – yes  
Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis – yes

Carried.

Should you have any questions regarding the above-noted matter, please do not hesitate to contact the office directly.

Regards,

*Tania Goncalves*

Tania Goncalves  
Deputy Clerk

cc: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Jeff Leal, M.P.P.  
County of Peterborough  
City of Kawartha Lakes  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
Regional Municipality of York  
City of Toronto  
Regional Municipality of Peel  
Regional Municipality of Halton

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County of Northumberland  
City of Peterborough  
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