



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

**Meeting #:** 19-001  
**Date:** March 18, 2019  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Rooms A & B, Ancaster Fairgrounds  
630 Trinity Road  
Ancaster

Alicia Davenport, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 2729

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## Hamilton

### **Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee**

#### **MINUTES 18-003**

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Ancaster Fairgrounds, Room C  
630 Trinity Road, Ancaster**

**Present:** Councillors B. Johnson and R. Pasuta  
A. Spoelstra (Chair), N. Mills, A. Sinclair, G. Smuk, H. Swierenga and M. Switzer

**Absent**  
**With Regrets:** Councillors L. Ferguson and J. Partridge – City Business  
D. Smith (Vice Chair)  
W. Galloway, C. McMaster, J. Medeiros, K. Smith

**Absent:** R. Saccomano

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

1. **Comments and Feedback on the Motion respecting Opposition to Buy American Policies and the Tariffs Recently Imposed by the Trump Administration (Item 8.2)**

**(B. Johnson/Switzer)**

- (a) That the motion respecting Opposition to Buy American Policies and the Tariffs Recently Imposed by the Trump Administration, be endorsed.

**CARRIED**

#### **FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:**

- (a) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

**(Mills/Shuker)**

That the agenda for the June 21, 2018 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(b) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)**

**(i) February 26, 2018 (Item 3.1)**

**(Switzer/Mantel)**

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

**CARRIED**

**(c) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Andrea McDowell, Project Manager – Air Quality and Climate Change, Public Health Services, respecting Climate Impact Adaption Planning (Item 7.1)**

Ms. Andrea McDowell, Project Manager – Air Quality and Climate Change, Public Health Services, made a presentation to the Committee respecting Climate Impact Adaption Planning. A copy of Ms. McDowell's PowerPoint presentation has been retained for the official record and is available on-line at [www.hamilton.on.ca](http://www.hamilton.on.ca).

The Committee provided Ms. McDowell with feedback on the presentation and suggested further resources and agricultural groups she may wish to consult.

**(Shuker/Mantel)**

That the presentation from Andrea McDowell respecting Climate Impact Adaption Planning, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

**(i) 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 (Item 8.1)**

Mr. Scott Peck, Deputy CAO and Director of Watershed Planning and Engineering with Hamilton Conservation Authority, addressed the Committee respecting the Flood and Erosion Control Study for Stoney Creek and Battlefield Creek.

A copy of Mr. Peck's PowerPoint presentation has been retained for the official record and is available on-line at [www.hamilton.on.ca](http://www.hamilton.on.ca).

**(B. Johnson/Smuk)**

That the presentation respecting the Flood and Erosion Control Study for Stoney Creek and Battlefield Creek, be received.

**CARRIED**

- (ii) Comments and Feedback on the Motion respecting Opposition to Buy American Policies and the Tariffs Recently Imposed by the Trump Administration (Item 8.2)**

**(B. Johnson/Switzer)**

The following new sub-section (c) was proposed as an amendment to the motion respecting the Opposition to Buy American Policies and the Tariffs Recently Imposed by the Trump Administration when the motion is considered by Council at the June 27, 2018 Council meeting:

- (c) That the City of Hamilton encourage the federal government to continue to protect trade agreements currently in place that benefit agriculture in both Canada and the United States.

**CARRIED**

For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

- (iii) Keeping chickens in the urban areas of the City of Hamilton (Item 8.3)**

**(Krakar/Sinclair)**

That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee support staff investigating the feasibility of allowing residents to keep chickens in the urban areas of the City.

**DEFEATED**

- (iv) Correspondence from OMAFRA seeking comments by July 13, 2018 on the draft Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document (Item 8.4)**

**(Switzer/Mills)**

That the correspondence from OMAFRA seeking comments by July 13, 2018 on the draft Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document, be received.

**CARRIED**

- (v) Correspondence from the Township of Selwyn requesting support for their resolution respecting the Implementation Procedure and Transition Policies for flexibility for those application made prior to the Agricultural System or Natural Heritage System mapping (Item 8.4)**

**(B. Johnson/Shuker)**

That the correspondence from the Township of Selwyn requesting support for their resolution respecting the Implementation Procedure and Transition

Policies for flexibility for those application made prior to the Agricultural System or Natural Heritage System mapping, be endorsed.

**CARRIED**

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

**(i) Comments from Councillor L. Ferguson respecting the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Committee (Added Item 11.1)**

Chair Spoelstra brought forward his concerns about comments made by Councillor Ferguson at two recent meetings of the Planning Committee.

Chair Spoelstra stated that he found Councillor Ferguson's comments questioning the work of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, as well as his chairmanship of the Committee, to be misleading and inaccurate. He asked for the record to show that he was not in agreement with Councillor Ferguson's remarks.

**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)**

**(Mills/Switzer)**

That the meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Spoelstra, Chair  
Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
Advisory Committee

Lauri Leduc  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Planning Committee meeting July 10 - complaint lodged against Councillor Ferguson

**From:** Janice Currie

**Date:** July 12, 2018 at 9:57:29 AM EDT

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**Subject: Planning Committee meeting July 10 - complaint lodged against Councillor Ferguson**

I am given to understand that, at the July 10 Planning Committee meeting, Councillor Green referenced a letter of complaint against Councillor Ferguson received from Mr. Andrew Spoelstra, Chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs committee.

I believe the complaint concerned perceived 'lies' told by Councillor Ferguson about Mr. Spoelstra's conduct at an Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee meeting held on February 26 of this year. Mr. Spoelstra made similar accusations at an Ag. and Rural Affairs meeting on June 21, which I attended.

I was at the February 26 meeting and would like to present my side of the story:

Residents of the Carluke community were becoming increasingly concerned about the rumored, large, Gro-op facility being planned for 240 Butter Road. We didn't know how, or where, to get information.

We were told that the Clerk's department had arranged a Special Agriculture and Rural Affairs committee meeting for February 26. Sure enough, when searching online we found the agenda with two Gro-op delegations registered to speak. Several of us arranged to deliver flyers throughout the neighbourhood and, in the end, about 75 residents attended.

Mr. Spoelstra may feel as if we hijacked his meeting, but he didn't handle it well. The stated mandate of the Ag. and Rural Affairs committee is to "represent the interests of Hamilton's agricultural industry, farm families and non-farm rural residents". Presumably this means ALL residents - including the 75 unexpected ones who attend a meeting.

We are not politicians, or lobbyists, or lawyers, and have no reason to be familiar with committee rules or protocols such as registering to speak as delegates, or asking questions 'through the Chair'. We are local residents who wanted to be included in the conversation and get some answers.

On the day following the meeting, I sent Councillor Ferguson the following email "... I am, of course, hugely disappointed, but also deeply offended at the tone and outcome of the meeting last night. The Chair deliberately misled the public audience by stating that, following the break, the committee would be dealing with 'other' business. In fact, there was no other business and he was merely trying to avoid public dissent on the motion. He should be censured".

I reinforced those sentiments when I spoke before the Planning Committee on June 19. Those comments are a matter of public record, as I provided a printed copy to the Clerk. In brief, I

stated "we didn't get many answers (at the February 26 meeting). Instead, we were treated as a nuisance and rebuked frequently for asking questions specific to the marijuana facility being proposed .... We were also prompted to leave the meeting without the opportunity of hearing their motion".

If Councillor Ferguson made any complaint about the February 26 meeting it was because I, and others, complained to him.

I trust you will take my comments under advisement and reconsider your proposal to tell Mr. Spoelstra what a 'great job he's doing'. He may well be doing a great job, but February 26 was not the best example.

Janice Currie

Sent from my iPad





## 7.1

# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	March 18, 2019
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Hamilton Agriculture Profile Update (PED19075) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Brian Morris (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5602
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Glen Norton Director, Economic Development Planning and Economic Development Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**COUNCIL DIRECTION:** Not Applicable.

## INFORMATION

Agriculture continues to be an important primary sector and economic driver in Hamilton. While Hamilton is known as a growing and diverse urban centre, its historical and vibrant rural economy is often overshadowed.

The City has tracked statistics related to agriculture within its boundaries over time starting with The City of Hamilton Agricultural Economic Impact and Development Study (2003), Hamilton Agriculture Profile (2008), and most recently as part of the Agriculture and Agri-Food Economic Profile for The Golden Horseshoe (2014). These profiles and updates have all followed the release of Census of Agriculture statistics produced by Statistics Canada (every five years). With each iteration, the information has helped inform the City on economic development strategies, policy planning and strategic initiatives such as the Rural Hamilton Official Plan, Rural Hamilton Zoning Bylaw Consolidation, and The Hamilton Food Strategy to name a few.

This most recent Hamilton Agriculture Profile and Economic Impact Update (attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED19075) provides a statistical overview of the agriculture sector in the City of Hamilton and describes the land base, the production profile, financial indicators, farm operating costs, characteristics of farm operators and the economic impact of this agricultural production in the City. The basis of this overview is the 2016 Census of Agriculture produced by Statistics Canada. Where possible in the profile, comparisons are made to past profiles, and in particular, data from the 2011 Census of Agriculture to identify changes in agricultural production. Comparisons are also made to

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Regional Municipalities that make up the Golden Horseshoe as an extension of the Agriculture Profile Update from 2014.

Some of the key findings are highlighted below:

- The number of farms (810) and total farmland area (128,532 acres) in Hamilton continue to decrease while the average farm size continues to increase (159 acres);
- Oilseed and grain farming is the most common farm type while greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production is the highest value commodity grouping;
- Total Gross Farm Receipts (GFR) increased to \$259,909,162;
- Average farm operating costs increased to \$272,647;
- The average age of farm operators is 57.5 years of age;
- Hamilton represents 13.3% of the total gross farm receipts in the Golden Horseshoe and 1.7% of the Provincial total;
- The gross economic output (economic impact) of agriculture in Hamilton is \$950,574,095; and,
- The GDP Impact of agriculture in Hamilton is \$437,134,749.


Hamilton continues to maintain a strong agricultural base and primary agriculture continues to be a valuable and productive economic activity. This significant sector is not without its challenges as the number of farm operations is declining and the age of operators continues to increase in an urbanizing municipality.

Staff will continue to monitor trends in the agriculture sector and work to grow the cluster through various initiatives including the Golden Horseshoe Agriculture and Agri-Food Strategy – Food and Farming: An Action Plan 2021.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix “A”-Hamilton Agriculture Profile and Economic Impact

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# HAMILTON

Agriculture Profile  
and Economic Impact  
Report



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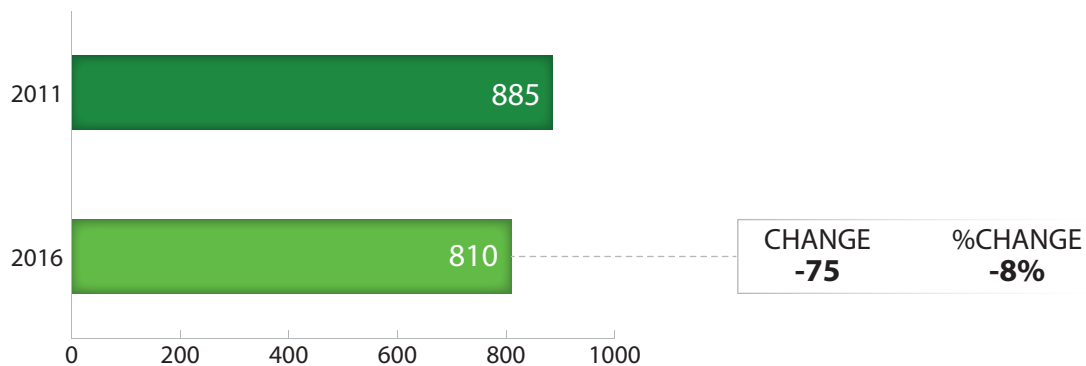
The City of Hamilton is a dynamic urban centre in the heart of the regional area known as the Golden Horseshoe. Hamilton also enjoys a historical and vibrant rural economy. In fact, 79% of Hamilton's land mass, some 219,504 acres is rural. The backbone to rural life in Hamilton is agriculture, an important primary sector to the City.

The following is a statistical overview of the agriculture sector in the City of Hamilton. The overview describes characteristics relating to the land base, the production profile, financial indicators, farm operating costs, characteristics of farm operators, and the economic impact of the agricultural production in the City.

The City has been tracking the statistics related to agriculture within its boundaries over time. Where possible in this report, comparisons are made to past profiles and in particular, data from the 2011 Census of Agriculture, in order to identify the trends and changes that are impacting agricultural production in the City. This information has helped inform the City in the past on economic development, strategic direction and policy planning related initiatives such as the Rural Hamilton Official Plan and Rural Hamilton Zoning Bylaw, and will continue to provide valuable insight on such strategies, plans and directions moving forward.

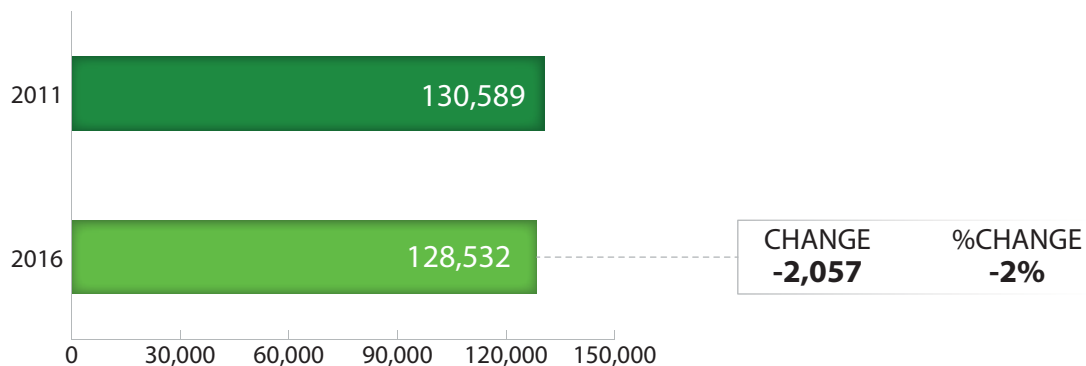
Key facts and commentary about the agriculture sector in Hamilton are below followed by a comparison of Hamilton to the Golden Horseshoe region and the economic impact of the sector.

## NUMBER OF FARMS 2011 and 2016



- The number of farms in Hamilton decreased by 75 or -8% to 810 farms between 2011 and 2016.
- This compares to a decrease of -9% between 2006 and 2011.

## FARMLAND AREA (Acres) 2011 and 2016



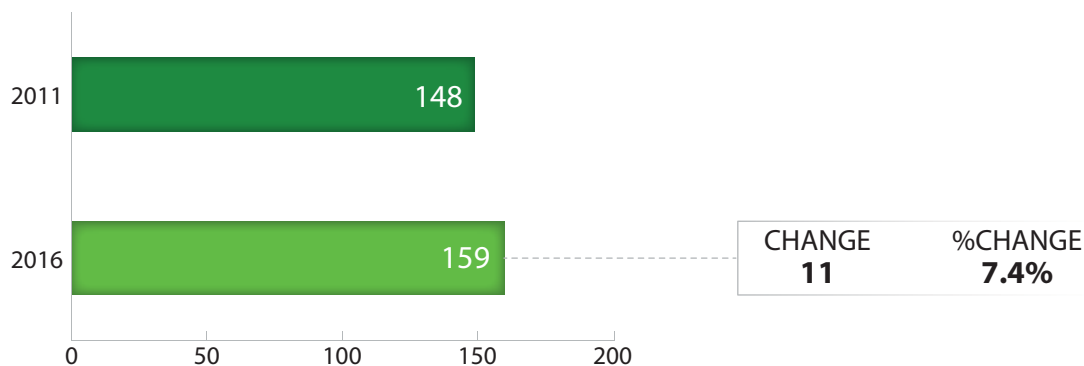
- Total farmland area in Hamilton decreased slightly (-2%) to 128,532 acres.

## LAND OWNERSHIP 2011 and 2016



The amount of farmland leased, rented or crop shared as a percentage has increased so that it is almost equal with the amount of land farmed by the owners.

## AVERAGE FARM Size (Acres) 2011 and 2016



- The average farm size has increased by 11 acres to 159 acres between 2011 and 2016.
- Aside from the aforementioned farm consolidation trend, the farm size is related to the types of operations which are prevalent in Hamilton's agricultural profile.

## NUMBER OF FARMS BY FARM TYPE, RANKED BY TOTAL FARMS, HAMILTON 2011 and 2016

FARM TYPE	2011	2016	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total # of farms	885	810	-75	-8%
Oilseed and Grain Farming	206	210	4	2%
Other Animal Production	178	144	-34	-19%
Greenhouse, Nursery and Floriculture Production	144	122	-22	-15%
Other Crop Farming (Tobacco, Hay, Combination, Maple)	97	90	-7	-7%
Cattle Ranching and Farming	76	69	-7	-9%
Vegetable and Melon Farming	58	59	1	2%
Fruit and Tree Nut Farming	57	56	-1	-2%
Poultry and Egg Production	42	41	-1	-2%
Sheep and Goat Farming	22	13	-9	-41%
Hog and Pig Farming	5	6	1	20%

- There is a fairly diverse agricultural base in Hamilton with the top three farm types by number of farms being: Oilseed and Grain Farming, Other Animal Production (including horse and other equine production) and Greenhouse, Nursery and Floriculture Production.

- While most farm types saw a decrease in the number of farms, oilseed and grain farming saw a slight increase.



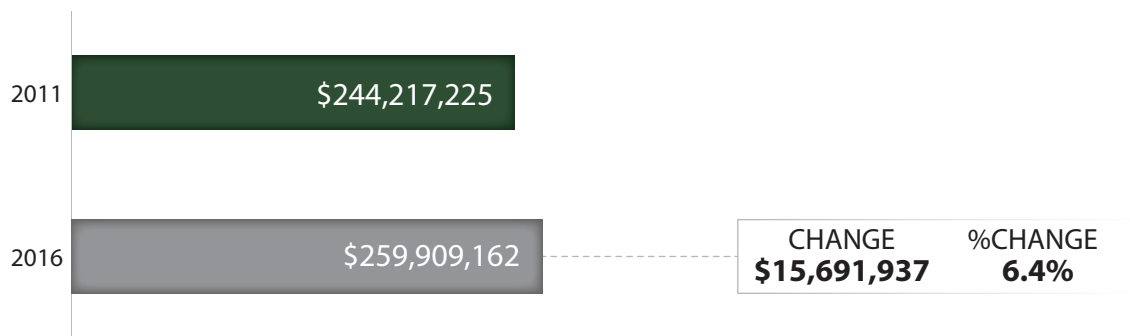
## FARMLAND AREA (ACRES) BY LAND USE, RANKED BY AREA, HAMILTON 2011 and 2016

DESCRIPTION	2011	2016	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Farm Area	130,589	128,532	-2,057	-2%
Total Area of Hay and Field Crops	91,283	93,247	1,965	2%
Total Area in Christmas Trees, Woodlands and Wetlands	11,089	9,620	-1,469	-13%
All Other Land	6,529	8,055	1,526	23%
Natural Land for Pasture	3,244	3,089	-155	-5%
Tame or Seeded Pasture	3,883	2,884	-999	-26%
Summerfallow Land	1,222	748	-474	-39%
Total Area of Sod Under Cultivation For Sale	4,420	X	X	X
Total Area of Vegetables (excluding Greenhouse Vegetables)	3,443	X	X	X
Total Area of Fruits, Berries and Nuts	1,331	X	X	X
* Note = Total Area of Greenhouse in Square Metres	442,774	436,553	-6,221	-1%

- The total farm area in Hamilton has decreased slightly to 128,532 acres.
- There was a slight increase in total area of Hay and Field Crops between 2011 and 2016.

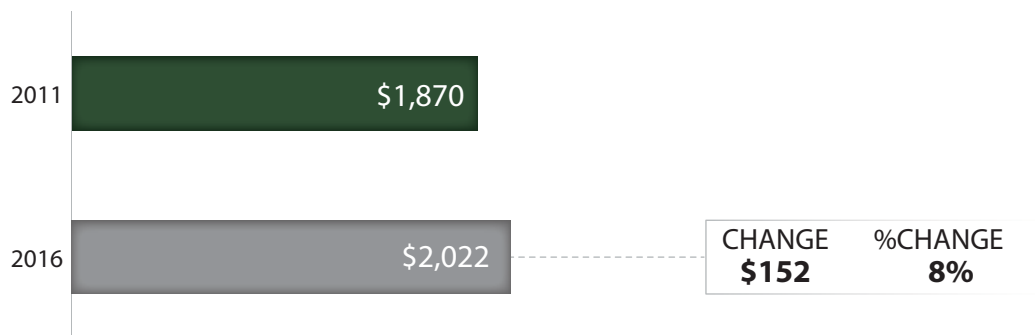
- Some data (represented by an X) has been suppressed for confidentiality purposes.
- The Greenhouse industry remains relatively sizable in Hamilton with 436,553 square metres of space.

## TOTAL GROSS FARM RECEIPTS 2011 and 2016



- The value of agricultural sales in Hamilton has increased by \$15,691,937 or 6.4% between 2011 and 2016.
- The 6.4% increase in value is less than the 9% increase during the period between 2006 and 2011.

## GROSS FARM RECEIPTS PER ACRE 2011 and 2016



- The value of gross farm receipts per acre in Hamilton increase 8% from 2011 to 2016 which continues the trend of farmland producing greater value per acre over time.

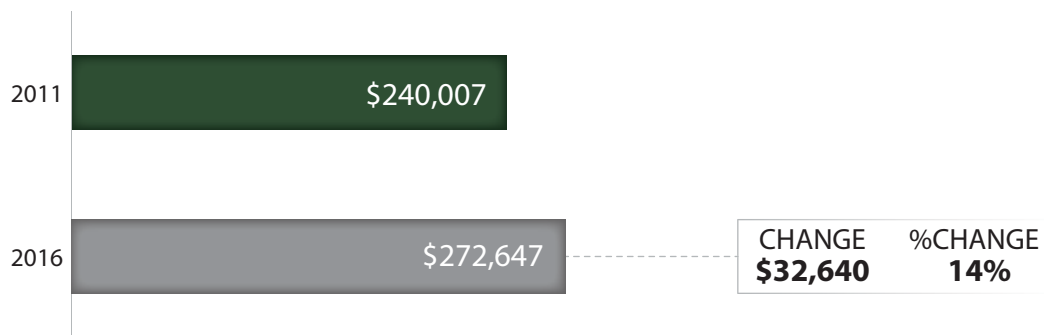
## FARM TYPE, RANKED BY GROSS FARM RECEIPT, HAMILTON 2011 and 2016

FARM TYPE	2011	2016(\$)	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Greenhouse, Nursery and Floriculture Production	119,328,771	129,766,952	10,438,181	9%
Oilseed and Grain Farming	36,486,081	37,888,874	1,402,793	4%
Poultry and Egg Production	18,994,012	19,615,466	621,454	3%
Cattle Ranching and Farming	17,350,348	18,973,444	1,623,096	9%
Other Animal Production	13,530,550	17,547,856	4,017,306	30%
Vegetable and Melon Farming	22,031,646	16,490,300	-5,541,346	-25%
Other Crop Farming	5,681,039	12,055,424	6,374,385	112%
Fruit and Tree Nut Farming	7,720,225	5,910,442	-1,809,783	-23%
Hog and Pig Farming	1,306,094	1,383,825	77,731	6%
Sheep and Goat Farming	1,788,459	276,579	-1,511,880	-85%
Total	244,217,225	259,909,162	15,691,937	6%

▪ Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production represents approximately 50% of the value of all agricultural gross farm receipts.

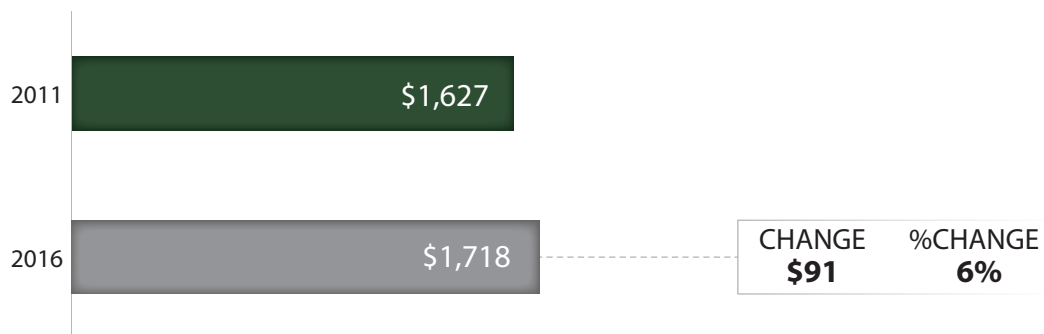
▪ In 2016, there is significant increases in Other Animal Production and Other Crop Farming and reductions in Vegetable and Melon Farming and Sheep and Goat Farming.

## OPERATING COST PER FARM 2011 and 2016



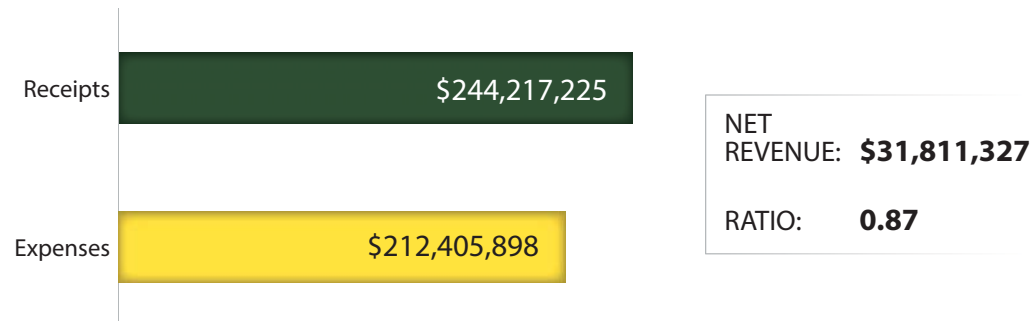
- There was an increase of 14% in the operating cost per farm in Hamilton over the period of 2011 to 2016.

## FARM OPERATING COST PER ACRE 2011 and 2016



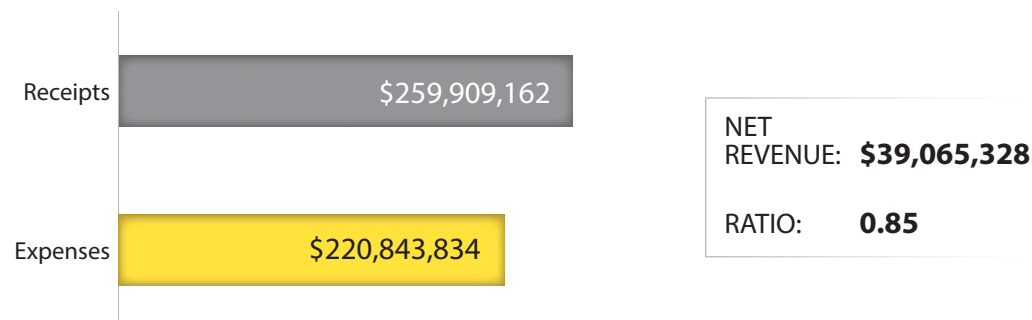
- On a per acre basis this operating cost increase works out to \$91 or 6%.

## GROSS FARM RECEIPTS, EXPENSES, NET REVENUES, AND RATIO OF EXPENSES AND REVENUES, 2011



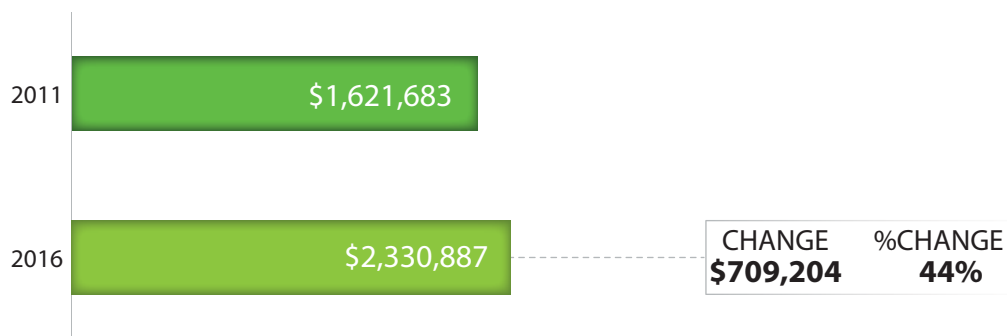
- In Hamilton in 2011, total expenses of farms were \$212,405,898 while net revenue was \$31,811,327. The ratio of expenses to revenues was 0.87.

## GROSS FARM RECEIPTS, EXPENSES, NET REVENUES, AND RATIO OF EXPENSES AND REVENUES, 2016



- Gross farm receipts increased at a higher rate than farm expenses between 2011 and 2016 resulting in increased net revenue across all farms.
- The increase in net revenue also resulted in a decrease in the ratio of expenses to revenues to 0.85.

## AVERAGE FARM CAPITAL 2011 and 2016



- Farms in Hamilton invested heavily between 2011 and 2016 as average farm capital (including land, buildings, animals, equipment, machinery, and technology) increased by 44% to \$2,330,887.

## AVERAGE AGE OF FARM OPERATORS 2006, 2011 and 2016



- In Hamilton in 2016, the average age of farm operators was 57.5 years of age and continues the trend of the age of farm operators increasing.

# COMPARISON TO THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE

The previous version of Hamilton's Agriculture Profile and Economic Impact was part of a larger report on "*Agriculture and Agri-Food Economic Profile For the Golden Horseshoe*" in 2014 and through an existing partnership the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance (GHFFA). More information of the GHFFA and the report can be found at the following link: [www.foodandfarming.ca](http://www.foodandfarming.ca)

For comparative purposes, some key statistics and indicators are identified for Hamilton as well as the Golden Horseshoe region to show the trends from a regional perspective and to highlight Hamilton's position and importance relating to agriculture within the Golden Horseshoe.

## TOTAL NUMBER OF FARMS: ONTARIO, GOLDEN HORSESHOE AND HAMILTON 2011 and 2016

GEOGRAPHY	2011	2016	% CHANGE
Ontario	51,950	49,600	-4.5%
Golden Horseshoe	6,090	5,531	-9.2%
Niagara Region	2,014	1,827	-9.3%
Durham Region	1,454	1,323	-9.0%
<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>
York Region	828	712	-14.0%
Halton Region	469	451	-3.8%
Peel Region	440	408	-7.3%

- The total number of farms across the Province, Region and Hamilton all decreased from 2011 to 2016.
- The decrease in the Golden Horseshoe as a whole and in Hamilton is greater than that of the province and only in Halton Region did the decrease of change happen at a lesser rate than the rest of the Province.

## FARMLAND AREA: GOLDEN HORSESHOE AND HAMILTON 2011 and 2016

GEOGRAPHY	ACRES			AVERAGE SIZE (ACRES)			% OF GOLDEN HORSESHOE	
	2011	2016	% CHANGE	2011	2016	% CHANGE	2011	2016
Golden Horseshoe	977,481	934,198	-4.4%	161	176	9.3%	100%	100%
Hamilton	130,589	128,532	-2%	148	159	7.4%	13.4%	13.8%

- Farmland area is decreasing at a faster rate within the Golden Horseshoe than in Hamilton with the average size of farms increasing for both.
- Hamilton's share of the total farmland area in the Golden Horseshoe increased slightly between 2011 and 2016 by 0.4% to 13.8%.



## GROSS FARM RECEIPTS: GOLDEN HORSESHOE AND HAMILTON 2011 and 2016

GEOGRAPHY	GROSS FARM RECEIPTS (\$)			PER ACRE (\$)			% OF GOLDEN HORSESHOE	
	2011	2016	% CHANGE	2011	2016	% CHANGE	2011	2016
Golden Horseshoe	1,716,206,729	1,959,172,301	14.2%	1,756	2,097	19.4%	100%	100%
Hamilton	244,217,225	259,909,162	6%	1,870	2,022	8%	14.2%	13.3%

- While the gross farm receipts in both the Golden Horseshoe and Hamilton have increased, the percentage of value of Hamilton's share in the Golden Horseshoe has decreased by -0.9% to 13.3% overall.

## GROSS FARM RECEIPTS, RANKED BY VALUE 2006, 2011 and 2016

GEOGRAPHY	2006 (\$)	2011 (\$)	CHANGE (\$)	% CHANGE	2016 (\$)	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Ontario	10,342,031,229	11,890,835,395	1,548,804,166	15%	15,126,845,283	3,236,009,888	27.2%
Golden Horseshoe	1,573,787,767	1,716,206,729	142,418,962	9%	1,959,172,301	242,965,572	14.2%
Niagara Region	671,680,773	725,831,453	54,150,680	8.1%	838,113,788	112,282,335	15.5%
Durham Region	239,539,007	273,237,098	33,698,091	14.1%	321,749,341	48,512,243	17.8%
York Region	224,119,932	260,121,662	36,001,730	16.1%	301,462,398	41,340,736	15.9%
<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>224,776,914</b>	<b>244,217,225</b>	<b>19,440,311</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>259,909,162</b>	<b>15,691,937</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
Halton Region	132,041,893	123,942,913	-8,098,980	-6.1%	143,802,693	19,859,780	16%
Peel Region	81,629,248	88,856,378	7,227,130	8.9%	94,134,919	5,278,541	5.9%

- From 2011 to 2016, the value of gross farm receipts in Ontario, the Golden Horseshoe, and Hamilton increased. Hamilton and Peel Region had relatively moderate increases, while other regions had substantial increases.

2011

## REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF FARMS AND GROSS FARM RECEIPTS

GEOGRAPHY	FARMS	% TOTAL	GROSS FARM RECEIPTS (\$)	% TOTAL 2
Ontario	51,950	100%	11,890,835,395	100%
Golden Horseshoe	6,090	11.7%	1,716,206,729	14.4%
Niagara Region	2,014	3.9%	725,831,453	6.1%
Durham Region	1,454	2.8%	273,237,098	2.3%
<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>244,217,255</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
York Region	828	1.6%	260,121,662	2.2%
Halton Region	469	0.9%	123,942,913	1.0%
Peel Region	440	0.8%	88,856,378	0.7%

- In 2011, the Golden Horseshoe represented 11.7% of the farms in the Province, yet 14.4% of the value of gross farm receipts.

# 2016

## REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF FARMS AND GROSS FARM RECEIPTS

GEOGRAPHY	FARMS	% TOTAL	GROSS FARM RECEIPTS (\$)	% TOTAL 2
Ontario	49,600	100%	15,126,845,283	100.0%
Golden Horseshoe	5,531	11.2%	1,959,172,301	13.0%
Niagara Region	1,827	3.7%	838,113,788	5.5%
Durham Region	1,323	2.7%	321,749,341	2.1%
<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>259,909,162</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
York Region	712	1.4%	301,462,398	2.0%
Halton Region	451	0.9%	143,802,693	1.0%
Peel Region	408	0.8%	94,134,919	0.6%

- In 2016, the Golden Horseshoe represented 11.2 % of total farms in the Province and 13% of the value of gross farm receipts, down slightly from 2011.
- In Hamilton, the share of 1.7% of the value of the Provinces total gross farm receipts decreased from 2011. When compared to the total farms, Hamilton farms are still producing higher value goods compared to Ontario.



# ECONOMIC IMPACT

Primary Agriculture remains a significant economic provider in Hamilton, the Golden Horseshoe and Ontario. Despite being in the middle of a region with the largest concentration of urban development in Canada, Hamilton and the Golden Horseshoe are home to many farms that generate a substantial annual economic impact. While the number of farms and farmland area has decreased, the economic value of agriculture has continued to increase between 2011 and 2016.

In 2016, Hamilton was home to 810 farms generating \$259,909,162 in gross farm receipts, \$950,574,095 in gross output impact, \$437,134,749 in gross domestic product impact, and 6,168 jobs. Except for the total number of farms, all of these are increases from 2011.

2011

## AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC IMPACT

GEOGRAPHY	GROSS FARM RECEIPTS (\$)	GROSS OUTPUT IMPACT (\$)	DIRECT IMPACT (\$)	INDIRECT IMPACT (\$)	INDUCED IMPACT (\$)	EMPLOYMENT IMPACT	GDP IMPACT (\$)	GDP IMPACT % OF TOTAL
Ontario	11,890,835,395	43,488,732,797	7,786,300,869	21,213,220,674	14,425,914,142	282,221	19,998,900,010	100%
Golden Horseshoe	1,716,206,729	6,276,738,390	1,123,798,522	3,061,708,805	2,091,231,062	40,733	2,886,445,673	14.4%
Niagara Region	725,831,453	2,654,606,854	475,285,582	1,294,881,621	884,439,651	17,227	1,220,757,978	6.1%
Durham Region	273,237,098	999,318,878	178,919,848	487,454,346	332,944,684	6,485	459,550,721	2.3%
York Region	260,121,662	951,351,369	170,331,659	464,056,439	316,963,272	6,174	437,492,193	2.2%
<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>244,217,255</b>	<b>893,183,558</b>	<b>159,917,189</b>	<b>435,682,960</b>	<b>297,583,408</b>	<b>5,796</b>	<b>410,742,914</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Halton Region	123,942,913	453,300,425	81,159,723	221,113,868	151,026,834	2,942	208,456,522	1.0%
Peel Region	88,856,378	324,977,306	58,184,521	158,519,571	108,273,214	2,109	149,445,346	0.7%

- From 2011 to 2016, the value of gross farm receipts in Ontario, the Golden Horseshoe, and Hamilton increased. Hamilton and Peel Region had relatively moderate increases, while other regions had substantial increases.

# 2016

## AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC IMPACT

GEOGRAPHY	GROSS FARM RECEIPTS (\$)	GROSS OUTPUT IMPACT (\$)	DIRECT IMPACT (\$)	INDIRECT IMPACT (\$)	INDUCED IMPACT (\$)	EMPLOYMENT IMPACT	GDP IMPACT (\$)	GDP IMPACT % OF TOTAL
Ontario	15,126,845,283	55,323,895,313	9,905,289,634	26,986,254,240	18,351,828,450	359,025	25,441,464,475	100%
Golden Horseshoe	1,959,172,301	7,165,343,550	1,282,895,985	3,495,158,496	2,376,860,033	46,500	3,295,083,116	13.0%
Niagara Region	838,113,788	3,065,260,376	548,809,726	1,495,192,907	1,016,796,310	19,892	1,409,602,714	5.5%
Durham Region	321,749,341	1,176,744,161	210,686,389	574,000,022	390,345,019	7,636	541,142,206	2.1%
York Region	301,462,398	1,102,548,075	197,402,189	537,808,166	365,732,981	7,155	507,022,102	2.0%
<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>259,909,162</b>	<b>950,574,095</b>	<b>170,192,494</b>	<b>463,677,296</b>	<b>315,320,760</b>	<b>6,168</b>	<b>437,134,749</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
Halton Region	143,802,693	525,934,191	94,164,203	256,543,645	174,460,854	3,413	241,858,169	1.0%
Peel Region	94,134,919	344,282,652	61,640,985	167,936,461	114,204,109	2,234	158,323,177	0.6%

▪ In 2016, the gross output impact of agriculture in Hamilton increased to \$950,574,095 .

▪ While the GDP impact also increased to \$437,134,749, the percentage of the total provincial GDP impact dropped to 1.7%.

## AGRICULTURAL GDP IMPACT, ONTARIO, GOLDEN HORSESHOE, AND HAMILTON 2011 and 2016

GEOGRAPHY	2011 (\$)	2016 (\$)	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Ontario	19,998,900,010	25,441,464,475	5,442,564,465	27.2%
Golden Horseshoe	2,886,445,673	3,295,083,116	408,637,443	14.2%
Niagara Region	1,220,757,978	1,409,602,714	188,844,736	15.5%
Durham Region	459,550,721	541,142,206	81,591,485	17.8%
York Region	437,492,193	507,022,102	69,529,909	15.9%
<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>410,742,914</b>	<b>437,134,749</b>	<b>26,391,835</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
Halton Region	208,456,522	241,858,169	33,401,647	16.0%
Peel Region	149,445,346	158,323,177	8,877,831	5.9%

### SOURCES:

Statistics Canada Census of Agriculture, 2011 and 2016 including CANSIM tables 004-0201, 004-0204, 004-0005, 004-0200, 004-0202, 004-0233, 0040-235, 004-0234, 004-0239, 004-0238, as well as special data tabulations provided by Statistics Canada.

Links to Stats Canada definitions below (under Agriculture):

<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/concepts/definitions/index>

<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/ca2011/gloss>







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# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	March 18, 2019
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Development Charges By-law Policy - 2019 Development Charges Proposed Amendments to Agriculture (FCS18062(c)) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Lindsay Gillies (905) 546-2424 Ext. 2790
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Cindy Mercanti Director, Customer Service and POA Acting Director, Financial Planning and Policy Corporate Services Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

## COUNCIL DIRECTION

Through the June 25, 2018 meeting of the City's Audit, Finance and Administration Committee via the June 14, 2018 Development Charges Stakeholders Sub-Committee Report 18-022 staff was directed *"to consult with the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee ensuring that representatives of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture are in attendance, and obtain the Committee's input respecting the proposed policy changes for the 2019 Development Charges By-law"*.

## INFORMATION

Information Report FCS18062(c) is being provided to inform all Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee members of the proposed changes to agriculture in the 2019 Development Charge (DC) By-Law and how interested parties may provide input.

Council, at its meeting of February 27, 2019, approved the following draft DC policy related to agriculture, through Report FCS18062(b):

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OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

**SUBJECT: Development Charges By-law Policy - 2019 Development Charges Proposed Amendments to Agriculture (FCS18062(c)) (City Wide) – Page 2 of 2**

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*That the Agricultural / Farm Land Development Charge remain at 100% exempt.*

*That the 2019 Development Charges By-law require proof of a farm business registration number to receive the Agriculture Development Charge exemption.*

*That the 2019 Development Charges By-law redefine the agriculture definition to exclude cannabis growing and processing, and charge the industrial Development Charge rate.*

*That the 2019 Development Charges By-law not provide an exemption for farm help houses.*

The DC Background Study and draft By-law, including the proposed DC rates, will be posted on the City's website (<https://www.hamilton.ca/budget-finance/development-charges/2019-development-charge-background-study-and-by-law-information>) with a target date of March 18, 2019 and may be available earlier.

The City will be holding a public meeting to receive input on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 9:30 am and Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Interested parties may register to speak at the meeting or may submit written comments. While registration is preferred, all parties who attend the Public Meeting will be provided an opportunity to speak after the registered parties.

Interested persons may express their comments at the Public Meeting or in writing, addressed to:

Angela McRae, Legislative Co-ordinator  
Audit, Finance and Administration Committee  
City Clerk's Office  
71 Main Street West, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4Y5

or by e-mail to [Angela.McRae@hamilton.ca](mailto:Angela.McRae@hamilton.ca), prior to noon (12:00 p.m.) on April 17, 2019. Written submissions will become part of the public record.

**Appendices and Schedules Attached**

None.

LG/dt

(FCS18062(c))



# 2019 DEVELOPMENT CHARGES – DRAFT DC BY-LAW AGRICULTURAL DC POLICY

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee

March 18, 2019

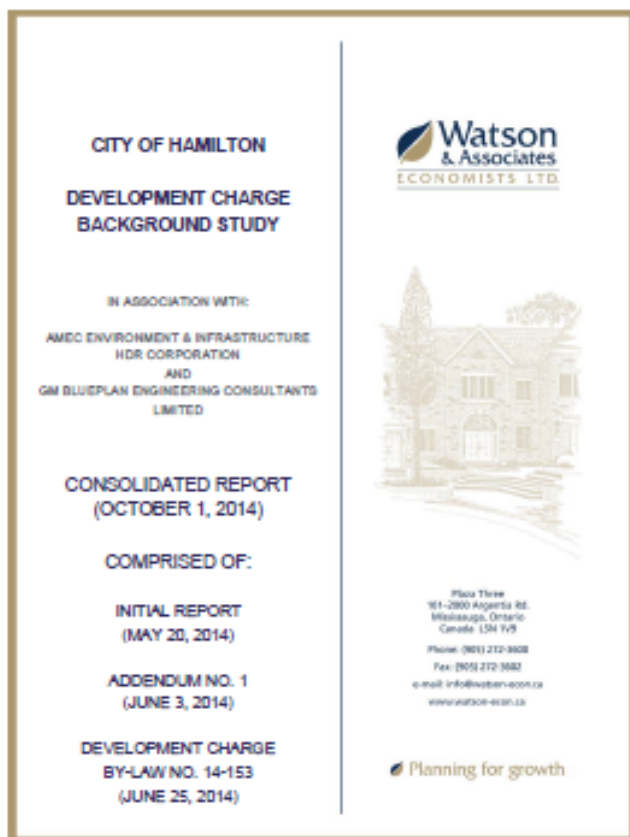
# Agenda

- What is a DC?
- DC Background Study Components
- DC By-law Schedule
- Draft Agricultural DC Policy
- Draft DC Rates
- Opportunity for input

## What is a DC?

- The purpose of DCs is to recover the growth-related costs associated with the capital infrastructure needed to service new development and redevelopment within the municipality.
- Applicable to all 'net new' development (residential and non-residential). Hamilton City Council chooses to provide DC exemptions for some types of development.
- Paid/collected at the time of building permit issuance.

# DC Background Study – Components



- Current City of Hamilton Policy
- Anticipated development in the City of Hamilton
- Development Charge calculation and eligible cost analysis by service
- DC Policy recommendations and DC By-law rules
  - definitions,
  - development charges, and
  - exemptions



Current By-Law expires July 6 2019

## Schedule

2019 DC Background Study including draft 2019 DC by-law available to public	<b><u>Targeting March 18, 2019 or sooner (amended from March 25 )</u></b> Via website in advance of March 25 DC Stakeholders Sub-Committee
Public Meeting ad placed in newspaper(s)	<b>March TBD, 2019</b> <i>At least 20 days prior to the public meeting</i>
Public Meeting	<b>April 18, 2019</b> to be held at Audit, Finance and Administration Committee, 9:30 am & 7:00 pm <i>at least two weeks after proposed background study and by-law are available to the public</i>
Council considers passage of by-law	<b>AF&amp;A – May 16, 2019 or June 6, 2019</b> <b>Council – May 22, 2019 or June 12, 2019</b> (Date dependent on outcome of the Public Meeting)  <i>No less than 60 days after the background study is made available to the public</i>
Newspaper and written notice given of by-law passage	<i>By 20 days after passage</i>
Last day for by-law appeal	<i>40 days after passage</i>
City makes available pamphlet (where by-law not appealed)	<i>By 60 days after passage</i>

# Agriculture

Council, at its' meeting of February 27, 2019 approved the following draft DC policy related to agriculture, through Report FCS18062(b):

## Draft 2019 Policy:

- That the Agricultural / Farm Land Development Charge remain at 100% exempt. (same as current policy)
- That the 2019 Development Charges By-law require proof of a farm business registration number to receive the Agriculture Development Charge exemption. (addition to current policy)
- That the 2019 Development Charges By-law redefine the agriculture definition to exclude cannabis growing and processing, and charge the industrial Development Charge rate. (change to current policy)
- That the 2019 Development Charges By-law not provide an exemption for farm help houses. (change to current policy)

Staff Recommended Policy: Annualized Cost
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## Opportunity for input

**Public Meeting**

**April 18, 2019**

**9:30 am and 7:00 pm**

Interested persons may express their comments at the Public Meeting or in writing, addressed to:

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Committee  
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or

by e-mail to [Angela.McRae@hamilton.ca](mailto:Angela.McRae@hamilton.ca), prior to noon (12:00 p.m.) on April 17, 2019. Written submissions will become part of the public record.



THANK YOU





**Hamilton**

Planning and Economic  
Development Department

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## Memorandum

**To:** Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee

**From:** Guy Paparella, Special Projects Manager, Growth Management Division

**Date:** March 18, 2019

**Subject:** Planning and Engineering Development Application Fees Review Project Update Regarding Agricultural Development Proposals

General Issues Committee (GIC) directed staff to consult with various stakeholders including the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee regarding the policy of discounting agricultural related development applications by 50%. Below are the proposed Agricultural Development application fees and rollout being proposed to the GIC March 22, 2019.

Site Plan Control	2018 Fee	Current Fee (January 1, 2019 Indexing)	Proposed New Fee 100%	60% of the Proposed Fee Increase (May 1, 2019)	90% of the Proposed Fee Increase (Jan 1, 2020)
Full Application	9,515	9,800	25,730	19,358	24,137
Agricultural Uses - 1/2 of Application Fee	4,760	4,905	12,865	9,679	12,069
Amendment to an Approved Site Plan	2,300	2,370	15,400	10,188	14,097
Agricultural Uses - 1/2 of Application Fee	1,155	1,190	7,710	5,094	7,049
Minor Application	1,180	1,215	14,760	9,342	13,406
Agricultural Uses - 1/2 of Application Fee	590	610	7,385	4,671	6,703

In addition staff have compiled the following examples of comparable development fees from surrounding rural municipalities. The Site Plan Control Fee is illustrated below:

<b>Site Plan Control</b>	<b>City of Hamilton May 1, 2019 (proposed)</b>	<b>Township of West Lincoln (2017)</b>	<b>Haldimand County (2019)</b>	<b>County of Wellington (2019)</b>	<b>Brant County (2019)</b>	<b>City of Burlington (2019)</b>
Full Application	9,679	4,715	5,890	11,000	8,000	7,517
Amendment to an Approved Site Plan	5,094	4,715	2,622	6,490	4,000	7,100
Minor Application	4,671	2,310	1,311	3,400	n/a	5,570

As such, staff would appreciate any comments or further direction from Committee members.

Kind Regards,



Guy Paparella  
Special Projects Manager

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## Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee

### Terms of Reference

#### **Mandate:**

1. To serve as a community forum for the exchange of information and provide advice to the City of Hamilton on all agricultural and rural affairs matters.
2. To represent the interests of Hamilton's agricultural industry, farm families and non-farm rural residents before City Council.
3. To review and provide input to Council and City Departments on studies, plans, by-laws and proposed projects that have an impact on agricultural or natural resource businesses and the rural citizens who derive their livelihood from such businesses.
4. To serve as the Tree Committee, as set forth in the Hamilton-Wentworth Woodland Conservation By-law, to make recommendations to Council on Minor Exception tree cutting applications.
5. To serve as an advisory committee on nutrient management issues.
6. At the request of Council, to provide a forum for the review and resolution of rural land use and farm management disputes.
7. At the request of Council, to provide input and assistance to rural land stewardship programs or projects which are proposed by the City, other agencies and community groups.

#### **Reporting Relationship:**

The Agricultural Advisory Committee will report to Council through the General Manager of Planning and Development on matters specifically referred to it by Council or in its role at the Tree Committee.

#### **Membership & Terms:**

The Agricultural Advisory Committee shall be composed of:

- Three (3) members appointed by the Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture;
- One (1) member appointed by the Brant Wentworth Christian Farmers Association;
- One (1) member appointed by the Hamilton-Wentworth Women's Institute;
- One (1) member appointed by the Agricultural Societies (Rockton, Binbrook and Ancaster);
- Two (2) Members appointed by the Wentworth Soil and Crop Improvement Association;
- Four (4) "At Large" members appointed by Council
- Two (2) councillors (non-voting) appointed by Council from Wards 11, 12, 14 or 15

The terms shall be for four years or until a successor has been appointed by Council. No member of the Agricultural Advisory Committee shall be re-appointed for a continuous term that exceeds Nine (9) years.

At the first meeting following the appointment of members or the first meeting following a municipal election. the persons appointed shall select from amongst the membership of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, one person to serve as Chair, one person to serve as Vice Chair and one person to serve as Secretary.

The Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee shall be a member of the "Planning Affairs" Advisory Committee panel. Alternatively, the Chair may appoint the Vice Chair, any other member of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, to serve in his/her place as a member of such "Planning Affairs" Advisory Committee panel.

**Committee Support:**

1. The Agricultural Advisory Committee shall be provided with appropriate meeting space in facilities owned and managed by the City of Hamilton for regularly scheduled meetings.
2. The Agricultural Advisory Committee shall be granted an annual budget sufficient to cover agenda and minute preparation, normal duplicating costs and mailing costs to be disbursed to the Secretary of the Committee in support of its regularly scheduled meetings.
3. The Agricultural Advisory Committee may request the General Manager of a City Department to have members of City staff attend their regularly scheduled meetings to answer questions or make presentations that the Committee and the General Manager consider to be relevant to the Committee's mandate.

***Last amended in January 2011***



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# **CITY OF HAMILTON**

## **MOTION**

**Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee: March 18, 2019**

**MOVED BY .....**

**SECONDED BY .....**

**Andrea Sinclair – Resignation from the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee**

That the resignation from Andrea Sinclair from the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, be received.