Hamilton

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee
MINUTES 19-004
Monday, September 9, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Ancaster Fairgrounds, Rooms A & B
630 Trinity Road, Ancaster

Present: Councillors B. Clark, L. Ferguson, B. Johnson, and A. VanderBeek

A. Spoelstra (Chair), D. Smith (Vice-Chair), P. Krakar, C. McMaster, N. Mills, A. Payne, R. Pearce, R. Shuker, and G. Smuk

Absent With Regrets: J. Groen, J. Mantel, C. Roberts, and M. Switzer

Also Present: H. Swierenga

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Draft Rural Site Alteration By-law Proposal (Item 10.3)

(McMaster/Mills)
That the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee support the Draft Rural Site Alteration By-law, ***as amended***.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

(Payne/McMaster)
That the agenda for the September 9, 2019 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

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

(i) June 3, 2019 (Item 4.1)

(Smuk/Shuker)
That the Minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(c) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from the Rural Opportunity & Investment Coalition (ROI) respecting Support for the Creation of a $150 Million Capital Pool for Investment in Rural and Northern Ontario (Item 5.1)

(Smuk/Krakar)
That the correspondence from the Rural Opportunity & Investment Coalition (ROI) respecting Support for the Creation of a $150 Million Capital Pool for Investment in Rural and Northern Ontario, be ~~**endorsed**~~ ***received***.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) Sara Epp, University of Guelph, respecting a Research Project on the Value of Agricultural Advisory Committees (for today's meeting) (Item 6.1)

(McMaster/Mills)
That the delegation request, submitted by Sara Epp, University of Guelph, respecting a Research Project on the Value of Agricultural Advisory Committees, be approved for today’s meeting.

CARRIED

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Sara Epp, University of Guelph, respecting a Research Project on the Value of Agricultural Advisory Committees (Added Item 8.1)

Sara Epp, University of Guelph, addressed the Committee respecting a Research Project on the Value of Agricultural Advisory Committees, with the aid of a presentation.

(Mills/Smith)
That the delegation by Sara Epp, University of Guelph, respecting a Research Project on the Value of Agricultural Advisory Committees, be received.

CARRIED

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(Shuker/McMaster)
That Item 10.3, respecting the Draft Rural Site Alteration By-law Proposal, be considered at this time due to time constraints.

CARRIED

(i) Draft Rural Site Alteration By-law Proposal (Item 10.3)

(McMaster/Krakar)
(a) That Staff be requested to incorporate the following into the Draft Rural Site Alteration By-law:

(i) That Section 26 be revised to explicitly state that ***there is an obligation to report observations that fill may be affected by contaminants and include a reporting timeframe***;

(ii) That Section 15(4)(c) be amended to remove reference to proof of membership in an accredited farm organization, as follows:

(1) the farm business registration number of the agricultural operation ~~***or proof of membership in an accredited farm organization***~~;

(iii) That the following statements be added to the preamble of the by-law:

(1) ***It is illegal for any person or any company to dump or deposit fill, excess soil or waste in the City of Hamilton without prior approval or consent after due process***; and,

(2) ***It is prohibited to import fill from outside the geographical boundaries of the City of Hamilton***.

CARRIED

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

(Payne/Smith)
That the following discussion items be deferred to the next Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee meeting due to time constraints:

(a) Review of the Terms of Reference (deferred from the June 3, 2019 meeting) (Item 10.1)

(i) Revised Terms of Reference - Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PED19173) (Wards 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15) (Item 10.1(a))

(b) Corporate Climate Change Task Force Request - Information Update (Item 10.2)

CARRIED

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(McMaster/Smuk)
That the meeting of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Spoelstra, Chair
Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Advisory Committee

Alicia Davenport
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk