



Hamilton

**Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee  
REPORT 20-001**

**AS AMENDED BY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 16, 2020**

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Due to COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall, this meeting was held virtually.**

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**Present:** Councillors L. Ferguson, B. Johnson and A. VanderBeek  
  
A. Spoelstra (Chair), D. Smith (Vice-Chair), P. Krakar, J. Mantel,  
C. McMaster, A. Payne, C. Roberts, R. Shuker, G. Smuk and  
M. Switzer

**Absent**  
**With Regrets:** Councillor B. Clark – City Business  
N. Mills and R. Pearce

**Also Present:** Janice Janiec, Ontario Federation of Agriculture  
Shawn Brenn, Chamber of Commerce (Flamborough)

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**THE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS  
REPORT 20-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Stormwater Rate Program (PW20081) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**
  - (a) That Report PW20081, respecting the Stormwater Rate Program, be received **and referred to staff**.
  - (b) That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee respectfully request that no stormwater management charges be directed to any areas outside the urban boundary, given that the rural area has no direct impact on the City of Hamilton's storm water management infrastructure.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

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

The agenda for the November 24, 2020 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee was approved, as presented.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) November 25, 2019 (Item 3.1)**

The Minutes of the November 25, 2019 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee were approved, as presented.

**(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)**

**(i) Correspondence from John Groen respecting Resignation from the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (Item 4.1)**

(a) The correspondence from John Groen respecting his Resignation from the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, was received; *and*,

(b) *The Committee Clerk was directed to prepare a letter of gratitude to be sent to John Groen for his service on behalf of the Committee.*

**(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Hamilton Truck Route Master Plan Review (Item 7.1)**

Omar Shams, Project Manager, Transportation Planning - New Initiatives, addressed Committee respecting the Hamilton Truck Route Master Plan Review, with the aid of a presentation.

Steve Molloy, Manager, Transportation Planning, was also present and assisted in answering questions of Committee on this matter.

The presentation, respecting the Hamilton Truck Route Master Plan Review, was received.

**(ii) Secondary Dwelling Units (SDUs) in the Rural Area (Item 7.2)**

Joanne Hickey Evans, Manager, Policy Planning and Zoning By-law Reform, addressed Committee respecting Secondary Dwelling Units (SDUs) in the Rural Area, with the aid of a presentation.

The presentation, respecting Secondary Dwelling Units (SDUs) in the Rural Area, was received.

**(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

**(i) Stormwater Rate Program (PW20081) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Ryan Doyle, Senior Project Manager, Hamilton Water, addressed Committee respecting Report PW20081, Stormwater Rate Program, with the aid of a presentation.

Andrew Grice, Director, Hamilton Water, was also present and assisted in answering questions of Committee on this matter.

The presentation, respecting Report PW20081, Stormwater Rate Program, was received.

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

**(a) The following items were deferred to the next Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee meeting due to time constraints:**

- (i) Presentation from Dan Carter, Canadian Hemp Farmers Alliance, respecting Adopting Hemp into the Canadian Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (referred from the General Issues Committee on September 23, 2020) (Item 8.2)**
- (ii) Update on Activities of Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery - Agriculture and Circular Economy Working Group (Item 8.3)**
- (iii) Natural Heritage Plans (Item 8.4)**
- (iv) Farm 911 (Item 8.5)**
- (v) Climate Action Working Group Update (Item 8.6)**

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)**

The meeting of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Spoelstra, Chair  
Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
Advisory Committee

Alicia Davenport  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk