



City of Hamilton
Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Sub-Committee
AGENDA

Date: September 12, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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Hamilton

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee

MINUTES 22-001

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Councillors B. Clark, L. Ferguson, B. Johnson, A. VanderBeek, A. Spoelstra (Chair), D. Smith (Vice-Chair), C. McMaster, N. Mills, A. Payne, C. Roberts, R. Shuker, G. Smuk, and M. Switzer

Absent: J. Mantel

Also Present: N. Gill-Aarts, Ontario Federation of Agriculture
S. Brenn, Chamber of Commerce (Flamborough)

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

1. Normal Farm Practice Peer Review by the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (Item 9.1)

(Ferguson/Clark)

- (a) That the Planning Committee establish an Agricultural Site Alteration Application Review Working Group of the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee;
- (b) That the Agricultural Site Alteration Application Review Working Group be comprised of the following Members:
 - (i) Dale Smith
 - (ii) Drew Spoelstra
 - (iii) Cathy McMaster
 - (iv) Mel Switzer
 - (v) Gavin Smuk
- (c) That the Planning Committee direct staff to investigate implementing a per diem, comparable to that of the Committee of Adjustment, in a future report to the Planning Committee respecting the Site Plan Alteration By-law.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Farm 911 Signs

13.2 Rural Area Rating

(Switzer/Shuker)

That the agenda for the March 29, 2022 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be approved, as amended.

CARRIED**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**(i) November 29, 2021 (Item 4.1)****(Ferguson/Payne)**

That the Minutes of the March 29, 2021 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED**(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)****(i) Normal Farm Practice Peer Review by the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (Item 9.1)**

Alvin Chan, Manager Legislative Approvals / Staging of Development, addressed the Committee respecting Normal Farm Practice Peer Review by the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, with the aid of a presentation.

(Switzer/Smith)

That the presentation from Alvin Chan respecting Normal Farm Practice Peer Review by the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, be received.

CARRIED**(ii) Farm Labour Residence Policy Review (Item 9.2)**

Aminu Bello, Planner II, addressed the Committee respecting the Farm Labour Residence Policy Review, with the aid of a presentation.

(Smith/Mills)

That the presentation from Aminu Bello respecting the Farm Labour Residence Policy Review, be received.

CARRIED

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Salt/Saline Runoff to Agricultural Fields (Item 10.1)

Peter Sniulis, Acting Manager of Roadway Maintenance, provided an update about the recently approved Salt Management Plan and answered questions respecting salt/saline runoff to agricultural fields.

(Switzer/Shuker)

That the update from Peter Sniulis respecting the Salt Management Plan and salt/saline runoff to agricultural fields, be received.

CARRIED

(f) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Farm 911 Signs (Item 13.1)

Tyson McMann, Business Development Consultant - Food & Beverage, provided an update respecting Farm 911 signs.

(Ferguson/Smuk)

That the update from Tyson McMann respecting Farm 911 signs, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Rural Area Rating (Item 13.2)

Members discussed the Area Rating Review by the General Issues Committee that will be considered at the March 30, 2022 meeting of Council.

(Switzer/Payne)

That the discussion respecting Rural Area Rating, be received.

CARRIED

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Ferguson/Shuker)

That the meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Spoelstra, Chair
Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Advisory Committee

Carrie McIntosh

Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE (DRAFT)

MANDATE

The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee (ARASC) is a Sub-Committee established by City Council in accordance with these adopted Terms of Reference. The ARASC will provide input to Council and City staff on issues that impact agriculture and rural communities, and act as the liaison between those communities and Council, helping to preserve, maintain and advance an economically viable agriculture base in the City of Hamilton.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

The ARASC's scope of activities, as it relates to their mandate, are as follows:

- To solicit and coordinate the interests and concerns of Hamilton's farming industry, agricultural organizations, farm families and non-farm rural residents, presenting recommendations before City Council as necessary;
- To serve as a community forum for the exchange of information on agricultural and rural affairs matters and encourage public awareness and education of agricultural and rural issues;
- To review and provide advice on federal, provincial and municipal strategies, policies, studies, plans, by-laws and proposal related to agriculture and rural affairs;
- To provide advice on agricultural and rural affairs matters, as they arise, at the request of Council or staff; and,
- To serve as the Tree By-Law Committee, as set forth in By-law No. R00-054, the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth Woodland Conservation By-law, for the purpose of hearing applicants who are refused a permit for minor exception, and recommending whether the permit should be issued or denied with or without terms and conditions.

REPORTING STRUCTURE

The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee reports to City Council, through the Planning Committee.

COMPOSITION & TERMS

The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee shall be comprised of up to 19 voting members and up to five key stakeholders/advisors (non-voting) as follows:

Voting Members:

- Three members appointed by the Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture;
- One member appointed by the Wentworth-Brant Christian Farmers Association;
- One member appointed by the Hamilton-Wentworth Women's Institute;
- One rotating member appointed by the Agricultural Societies (Rockton, Binbrook and Ancaster);

- Two members appointed by the Wentworth Soil & Crop Improvement Association;
- Up to five citizen members appointed by Council; and,
- Up to six Councillors appointed by Council from Wards 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and/or 15.

Key Stakeholders/Advisors (Non-voting Members):

- The Member Service Representative for Zone 5 from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture;
- One staff representative from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs;
- One member appointed by farmers markets in Hamilton;
- One member appointed from the Chamber of Commerce (Flamborough, Stoney Creek, Hamilton); and,
- One member appointed from the Wentworth Junior Farmers Association.

Quorum shall be a half of the voting membership rounded up to the nearest whole number. Non-voting members are not counted in determining the number required for quorum or in determining whether or not quorum is present.

Volunteer citizen members of the ARASC will be selected as per the City of Hamilton's Policy respecting the Appointment of Citizens to the City's Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Advisory (Volunteer) Committees and Sub-Committees for the Term of Council (4 years) or until such time as a successor is appointed by Council.

A Chair and Vice-Chair of the ARASC shall be elected for the Term of Council (4 years) or until such time as a successor is appointed.

COMMITTEE SUPPORT

The following resources will be made available to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee:

- The City Clerk's Division will provide legislative support and be responsible for the administrative costs of operating the Committee meetings;
- City staff liaison(s) from the Economic Development Division and Planning Division; and,
- The Committee may request information or support from other City Divisions and Departments or experts in the field to assist in formulating appropriate decisions and recommendations.

MEETINGS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Meetings shall be held at the call of the Chair at an appropriate meeting space and time. Regular meetings will not be scheduled during the months of July, August or December, but special meetings may be called during these months.

The Terms of Reference shall be reviewed by the Committee within each Term of Council.