



Hamilton

**Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee**

**MEETING NOTES 18-001**

**Monday, January 29, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

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- Present:** Councillors L. Ferguson and R. Pasuta  
A. Spoelstra (Chair), C. McMaster, A. Sinclair, G. Smuk and  
M. Switzer
- Also Present:** Councillor A. VanderBeek
- Absent  
With Regrets:** Councillors B. Johnson and J. Partridge  
W. Galloway, P. Krakar, J. Mantel, J. Medeiros, N. Mills,  
R. Shuker, D. Smith (Vice Chair) and K. Smith
- Absent:** R. Saccomano
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Due to inclement weather quorum was not achieved. The Committee agreed to proceed with the meeting in order to permit the presenters to address the Committee.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:**

**(a) 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 were in attendance and 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.

The presenters also answered questions from the Committee. They were joined in the presentation by representatives from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

As quorum was not present and a motion was unable to be brought forward. The issue of the medical cannabis industry will be brought forward at a future meeting.

**(b) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(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 7.1)**

Joel Porter, with the Farm and Food Care Organization, addressed the Committee about the group's annual Breakfast on the Farm Event taking place on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cranston Farms in Ancaster. Mr. Porter explained the mission and mandate of the Farm and Food Care Organization.

Mr. Porter indicated that this is the first time the Breakfast on the Farm Event is being held in the Hamilton-area. He noted that it is an important event which draws up to 2000 people and has over 150 volunteers. Mr. Porter requested that the City of Hamilton consider sponsoring the Breakfast on the Farm Event.

The Committee was in agreement with the sponsorship request. The Chair and the Committee Clerk will work on drafting a motion to facilitate the request.

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

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

A general discussion took place regarding the issuing of Burn Permits. The policy of allowing only the landowner, and not the tenant, to apply for a Burn Permit was seen as problematic.

This matter will be brought forward at the next meeting for further discussion.

**(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)**

Time did not permit a discussion on the above noted correspondence. The matter will be brought forward at the next meeting.

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

The meeting concluded at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Spoelstra, Chair  
Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
Advisory Committee

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