



Hamilton

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee

REPORT 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 AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 18-003 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

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

FOR THE INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

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

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

(i) February 26, 2018 (Item 3.1)

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

(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.

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

The presentation from Andrea McDowell respecting Climate Impact Adaption Planning, was received.

(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.

The presentation respecting the Flood and Erosion Control Study for Stoney Creek and Battlefield Creek, was received.

(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) The following new subsection (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.

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

(ii) Keeping chickens in the urban areas of the City of Hamilton (Item 8.3)

The motion requesting the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee to support staff investigating the feasibility of allowing residents to keep chickens in the urban areas of the City, was defeated.

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

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

(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)

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, was endorsed.

(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)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Spoelstra, Chair
Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Advisory Committee

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Office of the City Clerk