



Hamilton

**Special Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee**

**MINUTES 19-002**

**Monday, May 13, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

**Present:** Councillors L. Ferguson and A. VanderBeek

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

**Absent**

**With Regrets:** Councillor B. Clark – City Business  
Councillor B. Johnson – Personal  
J. Mantel and C. Roberts

**Also Present:** H. Swierenga

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

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

**(Switzer/Smith)**

That the agenda for the May 13, 2019 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(b) Review of the Draft Site Alteration By-law Proposal (Item 5.1)**

**(Switzer/Payne)**

That Staff be requested to incorporate the following into the Draft Site Alteration By-law:

(a) Addition of an Appeal process;

- (b) Establish cut-to-fill land leveling on existing agricultural operations as a permitted use which does not require a permit;
- (c) Amendment of Section 5, Sub-section 4 by deleting the words “fill or”, to read as follows:
  - (i) This By-law does not apply to the stockpiling of ~~fill or~~ topsoil for sale or exchange or use as an incidental part of a commercial operation undertaken as a permitted or legal non-conforming use of land, provided that any such stockpiles;
- (d) Definition of areas that fall within the purview of the by-law;
- (e) Receipt of a letter of compliance or letter of final inspection upon completion of work;
- (f) Implementation of a graduated application fee system based on the quantity of imported earth; and,
- (g) Amendment of Section 26, Sub-section 1 by changing the validity of a site alteration permit from one year to two years, to read as follows:
  - (i) A site alteration permit shall be valid for a period of ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** years from the date of issuance.

**CARRIED**

**(c) ADJOURNMENT (Item 7)**

**(Groen/Smith)**

That the meeting of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Spoelstra, Chair  
Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
Advisory Committee

Alicia Davenport  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk