



Hamilton

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee

REPORT 19-001

Monday, March 18, 2019

7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Councillors B. Clark, L. Ferguson, B. Johnson, and A. VanderBeek

A. Spoelstra (Chair), D. Smith (Vice-Chair), P. Krakar, J. Mantel,
C. McMaster, J. Medeiros, N. Mills, C. Roberts, G. Smuk, and
M. Switzer

Absent

With Regrets: W. Galloway

Also Present: R. Shuker and H. Swierenga

**THE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS
REPORT 19-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

- (a) That A. Spoelstra be appointed as Chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for the 2018-2022 Term of Council; and,
- (b) That D. Smith be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for the 2018-2022 Term of Council.

2. Hamilton Agriculture Profile Update (PED19075) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That Report PED19075, respecting Hamilton Agriculture Profile Update, be received.

3. Development Charges By-law Policy - 2019 Development Charges Proposed Amendments to Agriculture (FCS18062(c)) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)

That Report FCS18062(c), respecting Development Charges By-law Policy - 2019

Development Charges Proposed Amendments to Agriculture, be received.

4. Planning and Engineering Development Application Fees Review Project Update Regarding Agricultural Development Proposals (Item 10.1)

That the Memorandum, respecting Planning and Engineering Development Application Fees Review Project Update Regarding Agricultural Development Proposals, be received.

5. Review of Terms of Reference (Item 10.2)

That the Terms of Reference for the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, be amended as follows:

- (a) That subsection 4 of the Mandate be deleted in its entirety and the balance of the subsections be re-numbered accordingly:

~~4. To serve as the Tree Committee, as set forth in the Hamilton-Wentworth Woodland Conservation By-law, to make recommendations to Council on Minor Exception tree cutting applications.~~

4. To serve as an advisory committee on nutrient management issues.

5. At the request of Council, to provide a forum for the review and resolution of rural land use and farm management disputes.

6. At the request of Council, to provide input and assistance to rural land stewardship programs or projects which are proposed by the City, other agencies and community groups.

- (b) That the Membership & Terms section be amended to read as follows:

The Agricultural Advisory Committee shall be composed of:

- Three (3) members appointed by the Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture;
- One (1) member appointed by the Brant Wentworth Christian Farmers Association;
- One (1) member appointed by the Hamilton-Wentworth Women's Institute;
- One (1) member appointed by the Agricultural Societies (Rockton, Binbrook and Ancaster);
- Two (2) Members appointed by the Wentworth Soil and Crop Improvement Association;
- Four (4) "At Large" members appointed by Council

- **Minimum of** two (2) councillors (non-voting) appointed by Council from Wards 11, 12, ~~13~~ 44 or 15

The terms ~~shall~~ **of membership** be for ~~four years~~ **the current Term of Council** or until a successor has been appointed by Council. ~~No member of the Agricultural Advisory Committee shall be re-appointed for a continuous term that exceeds Nine (9) years.~~

6. Andrea Sinclair – Resignation from the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (Item 11.1)

That the resignation from Andrea Sinclair from the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, be received.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. ADDED COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

- 5.2 Correspondence from John Hawker respecting Committee Interests of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee and the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board

Recommendation: For Committee's consideration.

2. ADDED DELEGATION REQUEST (Item 6)

- 6.1 Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, respecting Recommendations to Address Climate Change as it is an Emergency and of Concern to Farmers (for today's meeting)

The agenda for the March 18, 2019 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee was approved, as amended.

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

(i) June 21, 2018 (Item 3.1)

P. Krakar, J. Mantel, and R. Shuker noted that they should have been recorded as present at the June 21, 2018 meeting of the Agriculture and

Rural Affairs Advisory Committee. The Committee Clerk advised that the omission would be corrected in the official record.

The Minutes of the June 21, 2018 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee were approved, as amended.

(c) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Janice Currie respecting the Planning Committee Meeting of July 10 - Complaint lodged against Councillor Ferguson (Referred from Council - August 17, 2018) (Item 5.1)

The correspondence from Janice Currie, respecting the Planning Committee Meeting of July 10 - Complaint lodged against Councillor Ferguson, was received.

(ii) Correspondence from John Hawker respecting Committee Interests of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee and the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board (Added Item 5.2)

The correspondence from John Hawker, respecting Committee Interests of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee and the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board, was received.

That an invitation to attend a meeting of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be extended to the various Farmers' Markets within the City of Hamilton.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, respecting Recommendations to Address Climate Change as it is an Emergency and of Concern to Farmers (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.1)

The delegation request, submitted by Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, respecting Recommendations to Address Climate Change as it is an Emergency and of Concern to Farmers, was approved for today's meeting.

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, respecting Recommendations to Address Climate Change as it is an Emergency and of Concern to Farmers (For today's meeting) (Added Item 8.1)

Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, addressed the Committee respecting Recommendations to Address Climate Change as it is an Emergency and of Concern to Farmers, with the aid of a presentation.

The presentation from Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, respecting Recommendations to Address Climate Change as it is an Emergency and of Concern to Farmers, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Development Charges By-law Policy - 2019 Development Charges Proposed Amendments to Agriculture (FCS18062(c)) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)

Brian McMullen, Acting General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, addressed the Committee respecting Report FCS18062(c) - Development Charges By-law Policy - 2019 Development Charges Proposed Amendments to Agriculture, with the aid of a presentation.

The presentation, respecting Report FCS18062(c) - Development Charges By-law Policy - 2019 Development Charges Proposed Amendments to Agriculture, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 3.

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Review of Terms of Reference (Item 10.2)

That the Terms of Reference for the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be included on a future agenda for further consideration.

For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 5.

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

(i) Comments from H. Swierenga respecting Bio-Security Protocol on Rural Farm Visits (Added Item 11.1)

H. Swierenga reminded City of Hamilton staff that bio-security protocol must be followed during rural farm visits.

(ii) Comments from Councillor Ferguson respecting a Draft By-law on the Placing or Dumping of Fill (Added Item 11.2)

Councillor Ferguson noted that a by-law is being drafted to prohibit the placing or dumping of fill without a permit. It is being modelled after the Town of Halton Hills' Site Alteration By-law 2017-0040.

Tony Sergi, Senior Director of Growth Management, and Carlo Ammendolia, Manager, Development Engineering – Construction will be invited to the next meeting of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee to present the draft by-law.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

The meeting of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Spoelstra, Chair
Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Advisory Committee

Alicia Davenport
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk