



Hamilton

**Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee**

**REPORT 19-004**

**Monday, September 9, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

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

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

**Absent**

**With Regrets:** J. Groen, J. Mantel, C. Roberts, and M. Switzer

**Also Present:** H. Swierenga

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**THE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS  
REPORT 19-004 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Draft Rural Site Alteration By-law Proposal (Item 10.3)**

That the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee support the Draft Rural Site Alteration By-law, as amended.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

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

The agenda for the September 9, 2019 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee was approved, as presented.

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

**(i) June 3, 2019 (Item 4.1)**

The Minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee were approved, as presented.

**(c) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

- (i) Correspondence from the Rural Opportunity & Investment Coalition (ROI) respecting Support for the Creation of a \$150 Million Capital Pool for Investment in Rural and Northern Ontario (Item 5.1)**

The correspondence from the Rural Opportunity & Investment Coalition (ROI) respecting Support for the Creation of a \$150 Million Capital Pool for Investment in Rural and Northern Ontario, was **endorsed received**.

**(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

- (i) Sara Epp, University of Guelph, respecting a Research Project on the Value of Agricultural Advisory Committees (for today's meeting) (Item 6.1)**

The delegation request, submitted by Sara Epp, University of Guelph, respecting a Research Project on the Value of Agricultural Advisory Committees, was approved for today's meeting.

**(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 8)**

- (i) Sara Epp, University of Guelph, respecting a Research Project on the Value of Agricultural Advisory Committees (Added Item 8.1)**

Sara Epp, University of Guelph, addressed the Committee respecting a Research Project on the Value of Agricultural Advisory Committees, with the aid of a presentation.

The delegation by Sara Epp, University of Guelph, respecting a Research Project on the Value of Agricultural Advisory Committees, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) or through the Office of the City Clerk.

**(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

Item 10.3, respecting the Draft Rural Site Alteration By-law Proposal, was considered at this time due to time constraints.

(i) **Draft Rural Site Alteration By-law Proposal (Item 10.3)**

- (a) Staff were requested to incorporate the following into the Draft Rural Site Alteration By-law:
  - (i) That Section 26 be revised to explicitly state that ***there is an obligation to report observations that fill may be affected by contaminants and include a reporting timeframe;***
  - (ii) That Section 15(4)(c) be amended to remove reference to proof of membership in an accredited farm organization, as follows:
    - (1) the farm business registration number of the agricultural operation ~~***or proof of membership in an accredited farm organization;***~~
  - (iii) That the following statements be added to the preamble of the by-law:
    - (1) ***It is illegal for any person or any company to dump or deposit fill, excess soil or waste in the City of Hamilton without prior approval or consent after due process;*** and,
    - (2) ***It is prohibited to import fill from outside the geographical boundaries of the City of Hamilton.***

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

The following discussion items were deferred to the next Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee meeting due to time constraints:

- (a) Review of the Terms of Reference (deferred from the June 3, 2019 meeting) (no copy) (Item 10.1)
  - (i) Revised Terms of Reference - Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PED19173) (Wards 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15) (Item 10.1(a))
- (b) Corporate Climate Change Task Force Request - Information Update (Item 10.2)

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

The meeting of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Spoelstra, Chair  
Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
Advisory Committee

Alicia Davenport  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk