



## Hamilton

### **Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee**

#### **MINUTES 19-004**

**Monday, September 9, 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, 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

#### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:**

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

**(McMaster/Mills)**

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

**CARRIED**

#### **FOR INFORMATION:**

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

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

**(Payne/McMaster)**

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

**CARRIED**

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

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

**(Smuk/Shuker)**

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

**CARRIED**

**(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)**

**(Smuk/Krakar)**

That 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, be ~~endorsed~~ **received**.

**CARRIED**

**(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)**

**(McMaster/Mills)**

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

**CARRIED**

**(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.

**(Mills/Smith)**

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

**CARRIED**

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)**

**(Shuker/McMaster)**

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

**CARRIED**

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

**(McMaster/Krakar)**

(a) That Staff be 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.***

**CARRIED**

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

**(Payne/Smith)**

That the following discussion items be 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) (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)

**CARRIED**

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

**(McMaster/Smuk)**

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

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Spoelstra, Chair  
Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
Advisory Committee

Alicia Davenport  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk