



Hamilton

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee

REPORT 19-005

Monday, November 25, 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. Mantel, C. McMaster, N. Mills, A. Payne, R. Pearce, R. Shuker, G. Smuk and M. Switzer

Absent

With Regrets: Councillors B. Clark and B. Johnson – Personal
J. Groen, P. Krakar and C. Roberts

Also Present: H. Swierenga, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

**THE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS
REPORT 19-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Revised Terms of Reference - Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PED19173) (Wards 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15) (deferred from the September 9, 2019 meeting) (Item 10.1(a))**

That the revised Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, attached as Appendix “A” to Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee Report 19-005, be approved.

That Report PED19173, respecting Revised Terms of Reference - Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, be received.

- 2. Corporate Climate Change Task Force Request - Information Update (deferred from the September 9, 2019 meeting) (Item 10.2)**

(a) That the Information Update, respecting a Corporate Climate Change Task Force Request, be received.

(b) (i) That a Climate Action Working Group of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs

Advisory Committee be established to assemble current knowledge on farm abatement technologies, strategies and management practices to reduce agricultural greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon in soil while maintaining or enhancing productivity and report back to the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee at each meeting; and,

- (ii) That the following Members of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be appointed to the Climate Action Working Group:

- (1) Cathy McMaster
- (2) Andrew Spoelstra

3. City Assessment of Development Charges to Agriculture Organizations Without a Farm Business Registration Number (Item 10.3)

That the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee is supportive of all Agricultural Societies in Hamilton (Rockton, Binbrook and Ancaster) being exempted from Development Charges.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- 6.1 Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, respecting Item 10.2 - Corporate Climate Change Task Force Request – Information Update (for today's meeting)

The agenda for the November 25, 2019 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee was approved, as amended.

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

(i) September 9, 2019 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee were approved, as presented.

(c) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- (i) Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, respecting Item 10.2 - Corporate Climate Change Task Force Request – Information Update (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.1)**

The delegation request, submitted by Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, respecting Item 10.2 - Corporate Climate Change Task Force Request – Information Update, was approved for today's meeting.

(d) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 8)

- (i) Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, respecting Item 10.2 - Corporate Climate Change Task Force Request – Information Update (Added Item 8.1)**

Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, addressed the Committee respecting Item 10.2 - Corporate Climate Change Task Force Request – Information Update, with the aid of a presentation.

The delegation by Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, respecting Item 10.2 - Corporate Climate Change Task Force Request – Information Update, 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, refer to Item 2.

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

Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee Members used this opportunity to discuss matters of general interest.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

The meeting of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Spoelstra, Chair
Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Advisory Committee

Alicia Davenport
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk