



## Hamilton

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

#### **MINUTES 19-003**

**Monday, June 3, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers, Glanbrook Municipal Service Centre  
4280 Binbrook Road, Binbrook**

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

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

**Absent**

**With Regrets:** P. Krakar and C. Roberts

**Also Present:** H. Swierenga

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**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

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

**(Switzer/McMaster)**

That the agenda for the June 3, 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) March 18, 2019 (Item 4.1)**

**(Smith/McMaster)**

That the Minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) May 13, 2019 (Item 4.2)**

**(Switzer/Payne)**

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

**CARRIED**

**(c) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

**(i) Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, respecting Formation of a Working Group to Study the Effects of Climate Change on Farm Production and the Role Farms Can Play to Help the City Meet its Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Goals (for a future meeting) (Item 6.1)**

**(Smith/Switzer)**

That the delegation request, submitted by Ian Graham, National Farmers Union Ontario Local 351, respecting Formation of a Working Group to Study the Effects of Climate Change on Farm Production and the Role Farms Can Play to Help the City Meet its Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Goals, be approved for a future meeting.

**CARRIED**

As the delegate was present, the Committee permitted Mr. Graham to delegate at this meeting respecting the Formation of a Working Group to Study the Effects of Climate Change on Farm Production and the Role Farms Can Play to Help the City Meet its Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Goals, which resulted in the following:

**(McMaster/Mills)**

That staff be directed to inquire as to whether the effects of climate change on agriculture and the role of agriculture in supporting the City of Hamilton in reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions will be considered in the findings of the Corporate Climate Change Task Force in their upcoming report back to the Board of Health (see Item 3 of Board of Health Report 19-003, a Motion respecting Accelerating and Prioritizing Climate Action in Response to the Climate Emergency for reference) in order to determine whether a Working Group of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee is required to address this issue.

**CARRIED**

**(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

**(i) Review of the Revised Draft Site Alteration By-law Proposal (Item 10.1)**

Due to its time sensitivity, the following was considered at the June 4, 2019

Planning Committee meeting:

**(Smith/Shuker)**

That Staff be requested to develop a rural fill by-law to stop illegal fill movement while minimizing the impact on normal farm practices.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Review of Terms of Reference (Item 10.2)**

**(Clark/Mantel)**

That Item 10.2, respecting a Review of the Terms of Reference, be deferred to a future meeting of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED**

**(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Groen/McMaster)**

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

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Spoelstra, Chair  
Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
Advisory Committee

Alicia Davenport  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk