



Hamilton

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee

REPORT 22-001

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Due to COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall, this meeting was held virtually.

Present: Councillors B. Clark, L. Ferguson, B. Johnson, A. VanderBeek, A. Spoelstra (Chair), D. Smith (Vice-Chair), C. McMaster, N. Mills, A. Payne, C. Roberts, R. Shuker, G. Smuk, and M. Switzer

Absent: J. Mantel

Also Present: N. Gill-Aarts, Ontario Federation of Agriculture
S. Brenn, Chamber of Commerce (Flamborough)

THE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 22-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Normal Farm Practice Peer Review by the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (Item 9.1)

- (a) That the Planning Committee establish an Agricultural Site Alteration Application Review Working Group of the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee;
- (b) That the Agricultural Site Alteration Application Review Working Group be comprised of the following Members:
 - (i) Dale Smith
 - (ii) Drew Spoelstra
 - (iii) Cathy McMaster
 - (iv) Mel Switzer
 - (v) Gavin Smuk
- (c) That the Planning Committee direct staff to investigate implementing a per diem, comparable to that of the Committee of Adjustment, in a future report to the Planning Committee respecting the Site Plan Alteration By-law.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Farm 911 Signs

13.2 Rural Area Rating

The agenda for the March 29, 2022 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) November 29, 2021 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the March 29, 2021 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Normal Farm Practice Peer Review by the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (Item 9.1)

Alvin Chan, Manager Legislative Approvals / Staging of Development, addressed the Committee respecting Normal Farm Practice Peer Review by the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, with the aid of a presentation.

The presentation from Alvin Chan respecting Normal Farm Practice Peer Review by the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, was received.

(ii) Farm Labour Residence Policy Review (Item 9.2)

Aminu Bello, Planner II, addressed the Committee respecting the Farm Labour Residence Policy Review, with the aid of a presentation.

The presentation from Aminu Bello respecting the Farm Labour Residence Policy Review, was received.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Salt/Saline Runoff to Agricultural Fields (Item 10.1)

Peter Sniulis, Acting Manager of Roadway Maintenance, provided an update about the recently approved Salt Management Plan and answered questions respecting salt/saline runoff to agricultural fields.

The update from Peter Sniulis respecting the Salt Management Plan and salt/saline runoff to agricultural fields, was received.

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

(i) Farm 911 Signs (Item 13.1)

Tyson McMann, Business Development Consultant - Food & Beverage, provided an update respecting Farm 911 signs.

The update from Tyson McMann respecting Farm 911 signs, was received.

(ii) Rural Area Rating (Item 13.2)

Members discussed the Area Rating Review by the General Issues Committee that will be considered at the March 30, 2022 meeting of Council.

The discussion respecting Rural Area Rating, was received.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

The meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Spoelstra, Chair
Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Advisory Committee

Carrie McIntosh

Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk