



Hamilton

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee REPORT 21-004

Monday, November 29, 2021
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 and A. VanderBeek

A. Spoelstra (Chair), D. Smith (Vice-Chair), J. Mantel,
C. McMaster, A. Payne, C. Roberts, R. Shuker and G. Smuk

Absent: P. Krakar, N. Mills, R. Pearce and M. Switzer

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

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

The agenda for the November 29, 2021 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) April 12, 2021 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

(ii) October 14, 2021 – No Quorum Notes (Item 4.2)

The No Quorum Notes of the October 14, 2021 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

Correspondence Items 5.1 to 5.5, were received, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence from Zoe Kazakos respecting Palm Products in Dairy Cows Feed (referred from Council on March 31, 2021) (deferred from the October 14, 2021 meeting) (Item 5.1)
- (ii) Correspondence from the Town on Plympton-Wyoming requesting Support for their Resolution Requesting that the Federal Government Consider the Concerns of the Agricultural Community and Move to Exempt all Primary Agriculture Producers from Current and Future Carbon Taxes (referred from Council on March 31, 2021) (deferred from the October 14, 2021 meeting) (Item 5.2)
- (iii) Correspondence from Chief Building Official respecting Inclusion of a Farm Business Registration Number on Agricultural Building Permit Applications (deferred from the October 14, 2021 meeting) (Item 5.3)
- (iv) Correspondence from the Region of Peel respecting the Peel Agricultural Advisory Working Group Update 2019, 2020 and Related Initiatives (referred from Council on June 23, 2021) (deferred from the October 14, 2021 meeting) (Item 5.4)
- (v) Correspondence from the Honourable Lisa Thompson respecting a new Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) aimed at increasing deadstock management capacity throughout the province (Item 5.5)

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

The following delegation requests were approved for today's meeting:

- (i) Janet Horner, Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance, respecting their Action Plan (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Aaron Coristine, Jan Vanderhout, Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers, respecting Proposed Amendments to Zoning By-law related to Temporary Agriculture Worker Residences (Item 6.2)

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Janet Horner, Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance, respecting their Action Plan (Item 9.1)

Janet Horner, Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance, addressed the Committee respecting their Action Plan, with the aid of a presentation.

(ii) Aaron Coristine, Jan Vanderhout, Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers, respecting Proposed Amendments to Zoning By-law related to Temporary Agriculture Worker Residences (Item 9.2)

Aaron Coristine and Jan Vanderhout, Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers, with aid of a presentation, addressed the Committee respecting proposed amendments to By-law 05-200, Zoning By-law of the City of Hamilton, to improve and support agricultural and economic development, specifically related to Temporary Agricultural Worker Residences.

The following delegations were received:

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(ii) Aaron Coristine, Jan Vanderhout, Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers, respecting Proposed Amendments to Zoning By-law related to Temporary Agriculture Worker Residences (Item 9.2)

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

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

The item respecting Salt/Saline Runoff to Agricultural Fields (Item 10.1) was deferred to the next meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee.

(ii) Airport Employment Growth District (AEGD) Street Naming (Item 10.2)

Councillor Ferguson provided the Committee with an update respecting the Airport Employment Growth District (AEGD) Street Naming and requested that members forward suggestions of names of farmers who have historically farmed the area, as suggestions for street names in the Airport Employment Growth District.

The verbal update respecting the Airport Employment Growth District (AEGD) Street Naming was received.

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

(i) Comments from Councillor Johnson respecting the Truck Route Sub-Committee Meeting, November 29, 2021

Councillor Johnson advised the Committee that at the November 29, 2021, Truck Route Sub-Committee Meeting staff were directed to review the recommendations in report PED19073(b) with prioritization given to the Terms of Reference ratified by Council and report back to the Truck Route Sub-Committee by Q1, 2022.

(ii) Comments from Councillor VanderBeek respecting Farm 911 Emergency Signs

Councillor VanderBeek advised the Committee that the Working Group is drafting a policy respecting Farm 911 emergency signs that will be brought to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for review prior to forwarding the draft policy to the Technical Working Group.

(iii) Comments from Councillor Johnson respecting Rural Grass Cutting in Urban Settlement Areas

Councillor Johnson advised the Committee that a proposed by-law respecting rural grass cutting in urban settlement areas would be brought to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for comment.

(iv) Comments from D. Spoelstra respecting the Site Alteration By-law Review Process

D. Spoelstra advised that Tyson McMann, Business Development Consultant - Food & Beverage, is working with Clerks to determine if it is within the Committee's mandate to provide advice to staff respecting the issuance of site alteration permits for applications related to agricultural practices and, if so, staff would work to have the process amended.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

The meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Spoelstra, Chair
Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Advisory Committee

Carrie McIntosh

Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk