



## Hamilton

### **Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee**

#### **REPORT 24-001**

**Thursday, April 25, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Room 264, 2nd Floor Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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**Present:** Councillors C. Cassar, B. Clark, T. McMeekin, M. Tadeson, A. Wilson, A. Spoelstra (Chair), G. Smuk (Vice Chair), A. Cheema, J. Currie, A. Freeman, J. Mantel, C. McMaster, N. Mills, A. Payne, C. Roberts, M. Switzer, D. Vander Hout

**Absent with**

**Regrets:** Councillor J. Beattie – Personal  
D. Smith

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**THE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 24-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (Added Item 1)**

- (i) That Andrew Spoelstra be appointed as Chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term of Council.
- (ii) That Gavin Smuk be appointed as Vice Chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term of Council.

**2. Phase 2 - Stormwater Fee Implementation (Item 8.1)**

- (a) That the Agriculture and Rural Sub-Committee disagrees that the revised proposed credit system is justifiable, fair, and equitable to the rural property owners not serviced by built City-owned stormwater systems; and
- (b) That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee recommends that the City of Hamilton consider a revised stormwater funding model that reflects the principles used in the proposed Brant County Stormwater Utility Program.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

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

**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**4. MINUTES**

(i) November 30, 2023 – REVISED

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

5.2 Correspondence from the Christian Famers Federation of Ontario respecting Item 8.1, Phase 2 - Stormwater Fee Implementation

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.1

The agenda for the April 25, 2024 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-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 30, 2023 (Item 4.1)**

The Minutes of the November 30, 2023 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee were approved, as presented.

**(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

(i) **Hamilton Stormwater Financial Incentive Program Update (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

The Communication Item respecting Hamilton Stormwater Financial Incentive Program Update, was received.

(ii) **Correspondence from the Christian Famers Federation of Ontario respecting Item 8.1, Phase 2 - Stormwater Fee Implementation (Added Item 5.2)**

The Correspondence from the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario respecting Item 8.1, Phase 2 – Stormwater Fee Implementation, was received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.1.

- (iii) The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of correspondence from the Ministry of Food and Rural Affairs respecting Stormwater Fee Structures.
- (iv) **Correspondence from the Ministry of Food and Rural Affairs respecting Stormwater Fee Structures (Added Item 5.3)**

The Correspondence from the Ministry of Food and Rural Affairs respecting Stormwater Fee Structures, was received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.1.

**(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

**(i) Phase 2 - Stormwater Fee Implementation (Item 8.1)**

Nancy Hill, AECOM, addressed the Committee respecting Phase 2 – Stormwater Fee Implementation, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation from Nancy Hill, AECOM, respecting Phase 2 - Stormwater Fee Implementation, was received.

For further disposition of this item, refer to Item 2.

**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)**

The meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Spoelstra, Chair  
Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-  
Committee

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Office of the City Clerk