



Hamilton

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee

MINUTES 24-001

Thursday, April 25, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Room 264, 2nd Floor Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

(i) **(Switzer/Tadeson)**

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.

CARRIED

(ii) **(Switzer/Tadeson)**

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.

CARRIED

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

(Smuk/McMaster)

(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.
- CARRIED**

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 Farmers Federation of Ontario respecting Item 8.1, Phase 2 - Stormwater Fee Implementation

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

(Cassar/Tadeson)

That the agenda for the April 25, 2024 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee, be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(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)**

(Payne/Tadeson)

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

CARRIED

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

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

(Mills/Smuk)

That the Communication Item respecting Hamilton Stormwater Financial Incentive Program Update, be received.

CARRIED

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

(Switzer/Vander Hout)

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

CARRIED

- (iii) (McMeekin/Tadeson)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of correspondence from the Ministry of Food and Rural Affairs respecting Stormwater Fee Structures.

CARRIED by a 2/3 Majority Vote

- (iv) Correspondence from the Ministry of Food and Rural Affairs respecting
Stormwater Fee Structures (Added Item 5.3)**

(Payne/Tadeson)

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

CARRIED

(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.

(Switzer/Payne)

That the presentation from Nancy Hill, AECOM, respecting Phase 2 - Stormwater Fee Implementation, be received.

CARRIED

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

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

(Tadeson/Currie)

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

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Spoelstra, Chair
Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-
Committee

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