



**AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES ARAC 25-002**

7:00 p.m.

May 15, 2025

Room 264 (Hybrid), City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Councillors J. Beattie (virtually), T. McMeekin, M. Tadeson, A. Wilson (virtually), A. Spoelstra (Chair) (virtually), G. Smuk (Vice Chair) (virtually), A. Cheema (virtually), J. Currie, C. McMaster (virtually), N. Mills (virtually), A. Payne, D. Smith (virtually), M. Switzer, D. Vander Hout (virtually)

Absent with

Regrets: Councillor C. Cassar – City Business
Councillor B. Clark - Personal
A. Freeman, J. Mantel, C. Roberts

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair A. Spoelstra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no Ceremonial Activities.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Switzer/Smith)

That the agenda for the May 15, 2025, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 January 16, 2025

(Payne/Currie)

That the Minutes of the January 16, 2025 meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Private Tree By-law Review

Louise Thomassin, Senior Project Manager, Policy and Preservation, Forestry and Horticulture, addressed Committee respecting Private Tree By-law Review, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

7.2 Farm 911 Program Update (no copy)

Tyson McMann, Business Development Consultant – Agri-Food and Food & Beverage, provided a verbal update to Committee respecting Farm 911 Program Update.

7.3 Review of Development Charges and Developer Incentives (no copy)

Kirk Weaver, Director - Financial Planning Administration and Policy, provided a verbal update to Committee respecting Review of Development Charges and Developer Incentives.

7.4 Urban Official Plan Amendment / Rural Official Plan Amendment (File No. UHOPA-25-007/ RHOPA-25-008) (no copy)

Dave Heyworth, Director & Senior Advisor, Strategic Growth Initiatives, addressed Committee respecting Urban Official Plan Amendment / Rural Official Plan Amendment (File No. UHOPA-25-007/ RHOPA-25-008), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

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(Switzer/Beattie)

That the following Items for Information, be received:

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7.2 Farm 911 Program Update

7.3 Review of Development Charges and Developer Incentives

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CARRIED

9. MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no Notice of Motions.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

There was no General Information / Other Business.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

A. Spoelstra
Chair, Agriculture and Rural
Affairs Sub-Committee