



Hamilton

MINUTES 12-001
AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday January 4, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

Present: D. Cranston, Chair
Councillor R. Pasuta
W. Arndt, G. Hyde, F. Tranttmansdorff, R. Shuker, C. McMaster,
D. Smith, N. Mills, J. Mantel

Absent: A. Spoelstra, Vice Chair
Councillors L. Ferguson, B. Johnson, J. Partridge
P. Krakar, R. Saccomano, M. Switzer

Also present: G. Wide – Manager, Enforcement
C. Newman – Legislative Assistant

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

1. Animal Control, Rural Area (Item 6.1)

(McMaster/Smith)

That chickens not be permitted to be raised in the urban area of Hamilton or in the settlement area considered as urban. **CARRIED**

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

(Shuker/Mills)

That the agenda be approved, as presented. **CARRIED**

(b) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) November 1, 2011 (Item 3.1)

(Mantel/Smith)

That the minutes of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee of November 1, 2011, be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

(c) DISCUSSION (Item 6)

(i) Animal Control, Rural Area (Item 6.1)

Chair Cranston indicated that this item was deferred from the previous meeting to allow members the opportunity to read the proposed Animal Control By-law. The Committee discussed the proposed By-law and issues specifically related to exotic pets, fowl, and cats in the rural area. The Committee further discussed areas of concern within the By-law and sought out ways in which they could be addressed.

(Tranttmansdorff/Smith)

That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee recommends that any animals or fowl used for food or food production not be permitted in the City's urban boundary. **DEFEATED**

(ii) Rural Grass Cutting By-law (Item 6.2)

Chair Cranston indicated that at the last meeting, the Committee requested Mr. Glyn Wide to provide more information to the Committee respecting the City's Grass Cutting By-law. Mr. Wide, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation presented to the Committee. A copy of the presentation was retained for the official record.

The Committee discussed the City's Yard Maintenance By-law and how rural areas are treated under the By-law. The Committee indicated that the Yard Maintenance By-law is fulfilling its intent, and that no further discussion was required.

(Mantel/Mills)

That the presentation respecting the Yard Maintenance By-law, be received. **CARRIED**

- (iii) **Resolution from the Municipality of Tweed proposing that municipalities no longer be involved in the livestock valuation and compensation program. (referred from Council on December 14, 2011) (Item 6.3)**

The Committee discussed the resolution sent from the Municipality of Tweed, requesting changes to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program. The Committee discussed issues respecting the loss of livestock and crops as well as the current method of compensation available. The Committee indicated that the current compensation practices in place are adequate.

(Shuker/Mills)

That the Resolution from the Municipality of Tweed proposing that municipalities no longer be involved in the livestock valuation and compensation program, be received. **CARRIED**

(d) NEW BUSINESS (Item 7)

Dale Smith congratulated fellow Committee member Nancy Mills on being awarded Citizen of the Year for Hamilton's Rural area. Chair Cranston extended congratulations on behalf of himself and the Committee.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

(Smith/Tranttmansdorff)

That the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. **CARRIED**

Doug Cranston, Chair
Agricultural and Rural Affairs
Advisory Committee

Christopher Newman
Legislative Assistant
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