



The Regional Municipality of Durham

Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Agenda

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

7:30 PM

Council Chambers
Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

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1. Election of Officers for 2022

2. Roll Call

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Adoption of Minutes

- A) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on December 14, 2021
([Attachment 1](#))

5. Presentations

- A) Allison Brown and Stacey Jibb, Region of Durham Planning and Economic Development, Economic Development - Agriculture Industry Roundtable and Tour with Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs ([Attachment 2](#))

6. Discussion Items

- A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update – S. Jibb
B) 2022 DAAC Farm Tour

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- C) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Workplan & Presentation to Planning and Economic Development Committee

7. Information Items

- A) OMAFRA Updated AgriSuite's Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) I & II
- B) OMAFRA - Nutrient Management Act Further Burden Reduction Opportunities Decision Notice ([Attachment 3](#))

8. Other Business

9. Date of Next Meeting

February 8, 2022

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MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 14, 2021

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:31 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair
T. Barrie, Clarington
N. Guthrie, Member at Large
G. Highet, Regional Councillor
K. Kemp, Scugog
K. Kennedy, Member at Large
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
H. Schillings, Whitby
B. Smith, Uxbridge
G. Taylor, Pickering, Vice-Chair
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair

***members of the Committee participated electronically**

Absent: B. Howsam, Member at Large
G. O'Connor, Member at Large
F. Puterbough, Member at Large
B. Winter, Ajax

Staff

Present: A. Brown, Agriculture Economic Development Program Coordinator, Department of Planning and Economic Development
V. Copetit, Planner 1, Department of Planning and Economic Development
D. Culp, Planning Analyst, Department of Planning and Economic Development
S. Jibb, Manager, Agriculture and Rural, Department of Planning and Economic Development
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
***all staff except R. Inacio participated electronically**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Councillor Highet requested that the minutes of the November 9, 2021 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be amended under Other Business Item 7. A) to remove the sentence: “the Application not being supported by the Township of Uxbridge”, as the Application has not yet been considered by the Township of Uxbridge Council

Moved by Councillor Highet, Seconded by T. Barrie,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held on November 9, 2021, as amended, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Presentation

A) Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Region of Durham CAO’s Office –
Durham Community Energy Plan Agricultural Member Request

Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability, provided a presentation regarding Durham Community Energy Plan Agricultural Member Request.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham’s Community Wide GHG Profile
- DCEP Implementation Governance – Context
- DCEP Implementation Governance Taskforce
- DCEP Implementation Governance

I. McVey advised that the Region is looking at establishing a central entity to help support collaborative leadership and coordination across the Region. He advised that the Region is working to put together a multi stakeholder taskforce to help provide input and advice. He advised the Region is looking for a member with an agriculture perspective at the table to capture the views around potential integration with bioenergy opportunities and other considerations.

I. McVey stated that the Durham Community Energy Plan (DCEP) implementation necessitates a “whole of society” approach that involves local and other levels of governments, citizens, businesses, educational institutions, non-profit organizations and other entities. He stated that staff is looking to bring together a task force of cross sectoral representatives and would like to include a representative from DAAC. He advised that it is a 6-month commitment with the first meeting to be held in January 2022 until June 2022.

I. McVey asked if anyone from the Committee is interested in joining the taskforce. D. Riseborough advised that he would be interested in participating in the taskforce.

Moved by T. Barrie, Seconded by Councillor Highet,

That Dave Risebrough be appointed as the DAAC representative on the Durham Community Energy Plan – Implementation Governance Task Force, and that Zac Cohoon be appointed as the alternate DAAC representative on the Durham Community Energy Plan – Implementation Governance Task Force.

CARRIED

B) Danielle Culp, Planning Analyst and Victor Copetti, Planner 1, Region of Durham Planning and Economic Development, Transportation Planning – Regional Freight and Goods Movement Strategy

Danielle Culp, Planning Analyst, and Victor Copetti, Planner 1 provided a presentation regarding the Freight and Goods Movement Strategy. Highlights from the presentation included:

- Project Overview
- Existing Conditions
- Freight Forum Details
- Discussion – DAAC
- How to get in touch

D. Culp provided an overview of the Freight and Goods Movement Strategy and the purpose of this work. She advised that the timeline to implement the strategy is from September 2021 to December 2023.

V. Copetti advised that the Region is looking to host a Freight Forum with key industry leaders to discuss trends and best practices related to freight and goods movement in Durham and are looking for topics for discussion from the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee. The Committee stated they would like to hear about first mile, last mile; efficiency; agricultural products; roads; and upgrades.

V. Copetti asked members of the Committee to consider and provide input on the following questions: Topics of interest; what are some of the core strengths of goods movement; what are some challenges of goods movement. The Committee provided the following comments: encourage the use of the bypass to avoid Uxbridge; having access to Highway 407 and how to get more trucks to use it; encouraging trucks to not use major roads if it is not necessary; truck traffic in rural communities; poor infrastructure for north-south movement; and high tolls on Highway 407 for trucks.

5. Discussion Items

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

S. Jibb provided the following update:

- Staff have been developing a Planning and Economic Development workshop specifically around agriculture to raise awareness amongst municipalities and working more closely on agriculture files. The plan is to run the workshop in March 2022.
- Staff are working to build out the agri-food network portion of the Agriculture System Mapping. Economic Development is working to map those assets in Durham and ensure planning policies are made to support the agri-food value chain.

B) 2022 DAAC Farm Tour

M. Scott advised he is looking for ideas for the 2022 DAAC Farm Tour. He advised he was hoping to be able to do an in-person tour this year but it may have to be virtual again. Discussion ensued with regards to possible locations for the 2022 DAAC Farm Tour.

It was the consensus of the Committee that a Farm Tour Sub-Committee be formed consisting of T. Barrie, Councillor Highet, K. Kemp, F. Puterbough, and D. Risebrough.

C) ROPA 2021-008 – Clark Consulting Services Application

The Regional Municipality of Durham Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan Regional File Number: OPA 2021-008 was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

M. Scott advised that he would provide the Public Notice Report to Committee members following the meeting. M. Scott provided a brief overview of the Application and discussion ensued regarding the subject site.

Moved by B. Smith, Seconded by K. Kemp,

That the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee approves the surplus farm dwelling severance.

CARRIED

D) Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Event Barn Position Paper Comments

Discussion ensued regarding the position paper. Members of the Committee provided the following comments: they do not want the venues getting too big; and the event is good for communities and businesses, however the location is a concern.

6. Information Items

A) Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance 2020 Annual Report

A copy of the Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance 2020 Annual Report was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

B) Ontario Funding Expansion of Farmer Mental Health Program

A copy of the Ontario Funding Expansion of Farmer Mental Health Program was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

C) Notice of Adoption – Amendment #185 to the Durham Regional Official Plan

A copy of the Notice of Adoption regarding Amendment #185 to the Durham Regional Official Plan was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

M. Scott advised that Amendment #185 was adopted by Council and that the appellant can still file an appeal with LPAT. He will advise the Committee if an appeal is received at the next meeting.

D) OMAFRA – Upcoming updates for the Enhanced Agri-Food Workplace Protection Program

A copy of the Upcoming updates for the Enhanced Agri-Food Workplace Protection Program from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs was provided as a link to the Agenda and received.

M. Scott advised that there were funding changes and advised the Committee to review the attachment to ensure they have the correct deadlines.

7. Other Business

A) Notice of Adoption – Amendment #185 to the Durham Regional Official Plan

Further discussion ensued regarding the appeal process with respect to amending the Durham Regional Official Plan.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 starting at 7:30 PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved by K. Kemp, Seconded by T. Barrie,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham
Agricultural Advisory Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk