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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 13, 2022

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair
T. Barrie, Clarington
G. Highet, Regional Councillor
K. Kemp, Scugog attended the meeting at 7:34 PM
K. Kennedy, Member at Large
G. O'Connor, Member at Large
F. Puterbough, Member at Large
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair
B. Winter, Ajax

***members of the Committee participated electronically**

Absent: N. Guthrie, Member at Large
B. Howsam, Member at Large
H. Schillings, Whitby
B. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair
G. Taylor, Pickering

Staff

Present: A. Brown, Program Specialist, Department of Planning and Economic Development
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Jibb, Manager, Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Department of Planning and Economic Development
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development

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

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by B. Winter,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting
held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Discussion Items

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

S. Jibb provided the following update:

- Report #2022-EDT-10: Growing Agri-Food Durham – A Five-Year Plan to Grow the Agri-Food Industry was endorsed by Regional Council on June 29, 2022. The next steps include designing and promoting the content for the five-year plan. The content will be updated with the Durham specific agriculture census data.

A. Brown provided the following update:

- Ontario Agricultural Week starts on October 3, 2022. Durham Region will be running a promotional campaign to promote Durham Agricultural and Agriculture Awareness in the community.

B) 2022 DAAC Farm Tour Sub-Committee Report

D. Risebrough provided the following update:

- The DAAC Farm Tour is taking place on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Sargent Family Dairy and the On-Farm facility with registration at approximately 120 people. The tours will consist of on-farm production, dairy operation, cropping operation, and there will be presentations over lunch.
- D. Risebrough asked committee members to arrive around 9:00 AM to assist with getting organized.

C) Municipal Agricultural Fees Comparison Chart

The Municipal Agricultural Fees Comparison Chart was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda and received.

A. Brown advised that the document was previously provided at the June 14, 2022 meeting. The document has now been made accessible and can be shared with Regional Council.

5. Information Items

A) DAAC Membership Applications Open

The Region of Durham's Board and Committee Appointments page was provided as Attachment #3 to the Agenda and received.

M. Scott advised that the membership applications to apply for the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee for the next term of Council are now open.

M. Scott advised that he would provide committee members with the link for the online application form.

B) ROPA 2022-003 – Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, Submitted by CBM Aggregates to permit the expansion of Aggregate Resource Extraction Area #2 in the Township of Brock

A copy of Report #2022-P-17 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development – Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by CBM Aggregates to permit the expansion of Aggregate Resource Extraction Area #2 in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2022-003 was provided as Attachment #4 to the Agenda and received.

M. Scott advised that the proposed expansion area to be licensed is approximately 35.2 hectares and the proposed extraction area is 22.4 hectares. He also advised that the site is currently under active agricultural cultivation and the eastern portion of the property is adjacent to the Beaverton River Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) Complex and is located on the Sunderland Esker.

M. Scott provided a brief overview of the Application and discussion ensued regarding the subject site.

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by B. Winter,
That the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee has no objections to
the aggregate area expansion.

CARRIED

6. Other Business

A) Return to In-Person Meetings

Discussion ensued regarding returning to in-person meetings for Advisory Committees.

B) DAAC Membership Applications Open

Further discussion ensued regarding the DAAC membership applications. M. Scott advised that the deadline to submit applications is October 27, 2022.

C) Agenda Items

M. Scott advised that the DAAC Terms of Reference will be provided as an attachment on an upcoming agenda as a refresher for current members and potential new members.

M. Scott advised committee members to provide input for agenda items or presentations for upcoming meetings.

7. Date of Next Meeting

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

8. Adjournment

Moved by K. Kemp, Seconded by G. O'Connor,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham Agricultural Advisory
Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk