

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 13, 2018

A regular meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in Boardroom 1-B, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:30 PM

Present: F. Puterbough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair
I. Bacon, Member at Large
E. Bowman, Clarington attended the meeting at 7:32 PM
B. Howsam, Member at Large
K. Kemp, Scugog
K. Kennedy, Member at Large attended the meeting at 7:32 PM
G. O'Connor, Regional Councillor
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
H. Schillings, Whitby
G. Taylor, Pickering attended the meeting at 7:36 PM

Absent: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair
J. Henderson, Oshawa
B. Smith, Uxbridge
B. Winter, Ajax

Staff

Present: K. Kilbourne, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

In the absence of Z. Cohoon, Chair, T. Watpool, Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor O'Connor, Seconded by F. Puterbough,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee
meeting held on January 16, 2018 be adopted.
CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Presentation

A) Mirka Januszkiewicz, Region of Durham, Bale Wrap Recycling Program Changes

The presentation from M. Januszkiewicz was rescheduled to the March 20, 2018 meeting.

4. Discussion Items

A) Scan of Municipal Sign By-laws – Provisions for Agricultural Operations

Discussion ensued with regards to municipal sign by-laws; placement and number of signs placed on properties; and the use of one sign as opposed to several signs on agricultural properties.

B) Opportunities for collaboration with Durham Active Transportation Committee

A copy of the Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC) 2018 Workplan was provided as a handout.

K. Kilbourne inquired whether there is interest in collaborating with the DATC with regards to road safety signage. Discussion ensued regarding the importance of licensing and insurance for cyclists; enforcement of slow moving vehicle signs; and the need to revamp the representative farm tractor symbol. It was the consensus of the Committee to invite the DATC to present at a future meeting.

C) Joint Workshop with DEAC Update

Discussion ensued with regards to the Joint Workshop that was held on February 9, 2018 at the Scugog Community Recreation Centre and the following comments were made by committee members:

- Event was well attended;
- The change to a larger venue was a good idea;
- Any future workshops should be held on a Thursday with a later lunch to end off the day as a lot of people tend to leave after lunch;
- Important to discuss local issues and possible solutions at workshops;
- Discuss the possibility of another joint workshop to be held in 2020

K. Kilbourne advised that the comments from the feedback forms are being reviewed and that an Information Report will be prepared by staff to be provided to Regional Council for their information.

D) 2018 DAAC Farm Tour

The committee discussed the following with regards to the 2018 Farm Tour:

- The host location of Reesor Elevators in Scugog has been confirmed;
- The focus of the farm tour will be crop production and assembly;
- Discussions at the tour could include animal agriculture; the use of nutrients; products used in automotive industry that are derived from plant materials; and costs involved with fertilizing and also operating machinery.

E) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

K. Kilbourne provided the following update on behalf of N. Rutherford, Manager, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Department of Planning and Economic Development:

- With regards to the Local Food Business Retention and Expansion Project, 257 letters have been sent to local businesses identified as playing a role in producing, processing, distributing and selling local food. Interviews of interested businesses will begin the week of February 26, 2018.
- There is a Local Food Business Networking Event scheduled for February 28, 2018 at Bistro '67 from 10 AM to 1:30 PM. The event is for local producers, processors, restaurants, caterers, retail stores and institutions looking to make business connections and is a partnership between the Rhizome Institute and Farms at Work, with funding support from the Greenbelt Foundation. Farmers can showcase their products to 20 to 30 buyers from the eastern Greater Toronto area and Durham Region.
- The 2018 Farmland Forum is being held in Prince Edward County on April 5, 2018.

5. Information Items

A) Climate Change Symposium February 9, 2018 (2018-INFO-8)

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-8 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding the Climate Change Symposium, February 9, 2018, was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda.

6. Other Business

A) Resignation of D. Bath

K. Kilbourne advised that D. Bath has submitted her resignation to the Committee.

B) Farms at Work Farmland: Using it, Losing it & Protecting it Workshop

K. Kilbourne and H. Schillings advised that they attended the Farms at Work Workshop in Millbrook on February 1, 2018. They provided the committee with a brief update of the discussions that took place at the Workshop.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 starting at 7:30 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

8. Adjournment

Moved by F. Puterbough, Seconded by K. Kennedy,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM

T. Watpool, Vice-Chair, Durham
Agricultural Advisory Committee

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk