

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 10, 2019

A regular meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 in Boardroom 1-B, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:30 PM

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair
F. Puterbough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair attended the meeting at 7:42 PM
D. Bath-Hadden, Regional Councillor
N. Guthrie, Member at Large
B. Howsam, Member at Large
K. Kemp, Scugog
K. Kennedy, Member at Large
P. MacArthur, Oshawa
G. O'Connor, Member at Large
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
H. Schillings, Whitby
B. Smith, Uxbridge
G. Taylor, Pickering
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair

Absent: T. Barrie, Clarington
B. Winter, Ajax

Staff

Present: K. Kilbourne, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
L. Mackenzie, Program Coordinator, Department of Planning and Economic Development
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by K. Kemp, Seconded by D. Risebrough,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee
meeting held on November 12, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Discussion Items

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

L. MacKenzie, Program Coordinator, Agriculture and Rural Affairs provided the following update:

- With regards to the Broadband Strategy, there will be a broadband survey (one for residents of farms and one for businesses) that will be available online, at local libraries and local municipalities. The committee requested that the Region's Broadband Specialist be invited to present to the committee.

B) 2020 DAAC Workplan and DAAC Terms of Reference

Copies of the draft 2020 DAAC Workplan and draft Terms of Reference were provided as Attachments #2 and #3 to the Agenda.

The Committee agreed to the proposed amendments to the Workplan and proposed further amendments as follows:

- Under Section 4, Issues of Interest, that the following be added:
 - Durham Community Energy Plan Implementation
 - The word, "Processing" at the end of the last bullet starting with "Other matters".

Moved by F. Puterbough, Seconded by K. Kemp,
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the Draft 2020 Workplan of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, as amended, be adopted.

CARRIED

With regards to the draft Terms of Reference, the committee agreed to the proposed amendment to add a new Section 4.3 with the addition of the following words, "to recommend" so that Section 4.3 reads as follows:

- At the discretion of the DAAC, non-attendance of three consecutive meetings will be sufficient grounds to recommend replacement.

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the Draft Terms of Reference for the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, as amended, be adopted.

CARRIED

C) CLOCA Watershed Plan Updates – Draft Watershed Plans

A copy of the Invitation to Comment on CLOCA's Draft Watershed Plan Updates was provided as Attachment #4 to the Agenda. K. Kilbourne advised that CLOCA has prepared draft watershed plans for the Lynde Creek, Oshawa Creek, Black/Harmony/Farewell Creek and Bowmanville/Soper Creek watersheds and would like input on the draft plans. She advised that there will be a Public Information Centre on December 11, 2019 at CLOCA's main office from 1 to 7 PM.

D) 2020 DAAC Farm Tour

D. Bath-Hadden requested that the Committee consider hosting the 2020 Farm Tour at Goodyear Farms in Brock. She stated that they predominantly grow bok choy and various types of Asian vegetables and is located on the shoreline of Lake Simcoe. She advised that the farm has implemented a new environmental farm management plan in partnership with Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and that it would be a great education piece for the Farm Tour. Discussion ensued with regards to the benefits of having the farm tour at this location and the Committee agreed that staff from the conservation authority be invited to speak at a future meeting to discuss the recently implemented farm management plan and to determine possible themes for the farm tour. Discussion also ensued with regards to the possibility of inviting staff from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to the Farm Tour.

4. Information Items

A) Report #2019-P-45 Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Jerrann Farms, File: OPA 2019-004

A copy of Report #2019-P-45 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding the Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Jerrann Farms, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Township of Brock, was provided as Attachment #5 to the Agenda and received.

B) Report #2019-P-46 Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Daryl Phoenix, File OPA 2019-005

A copy of Report #2019-P-46 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding the Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Daryl Phoenix, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Township of Brock, was provided as Attachment #6 to the Agenda and received.

C) Report #2019-P-47 Envision Durham – Housing Policy Planning Discussion Paper

A copy of Report #2019-P-47 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding Envision Durham – Housing Policy Planning Discussion Paper was provided as Attachment #7 to the Agenda and received.

Moved by G. O'Connor, Seconded by F. Puterbough,
That Information Items A) to C) be received for information.
CARRIED

5. Other Business

A) Road Occupancy Permits

K. Kilbourne advised that through the implementation of the Broadband Strategy, concerns around damages to farm tile drainage systems from installation projects in the road right of way were brought to staff's attention. As a result, staff in the Works Department are looking at adding wording to the occupancy permits to encourage companies doing any road construction or installation in the road right of way, to notify adjacent landowners of their work so that damage to the tile drainage can be avoided in the planning and design. She inquired what the best way would be for contractors to get in contact with the farmers using the land and it was suggested that since most tile drains are mapped and registered with municipalities, it would be easy to find on the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs mapping or satellite-based navigation systems.

B) T.H.E.E. Farmers Parade of Lights

F. Puterbough stated that the T.H.E.E. Farmers Parade of Lights was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. He advised that it was a successful parade with 22 floats and 2 trailers of food donations.

C) Scugog Agriculture Roundtable Meeting

Z. Cohoon advised that he attended the Township of Scugog's Agricultural Roundtable meeting on December 4, 2019. He advised that farmers are no longer required to pay a fee to the fire department for agricultural burn permits in the Township of Scugog as a result of the discussions had with the local Fire Chiefs.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 starting at 7:30 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

7. Adjournment

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by B. Smith,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham
Agricultural Advisory Committee

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk