

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 14, 2020

A special meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:30 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, attended the meeting at 7:41 PM
B. Howsam, Member at Large
K. Kennedy, Member at Large
F. Puterbough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
H. Schillings, Whitby
B. Smith, Uxbridge
G. Taylor, Pickering
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair
***members of the Committee participated electronically**

Also

Present: G. Highet, Regional Councillor

Absent: D. Bath-Hadden, Regional Councillor
K. Kemp, Scugog
P. MacArthur, Oshawa
G. O'Connor, Member at Large
B. Winter, Ajax

Staff

Present: K. Allore-Engel, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
S. Jibb, Manager, Agriculture and Rural Economic Development, Department of Planning and Economic Development
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

F. Puterbough made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 4. A) Presentation from Bruce Sargent, Farm Boy Productions re: Virtual Farm Tour Video Discussion. He indicated that Bruce Sargent is a family member.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by B. Smith, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee
meeting held on June 9, 2020 be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Presentation

A) Bruce Sargent, Farm Boy Productions – Virtual Farm Tour Video Discussion

B. Sargent, Farm Boy productions, provided his presentation later in the meeting (see pages 2 and 3 of these minutes).

5. Discussion Items

A) DAAC Farm Tour – D. Risebrough

Discussion ensued with regards to details surrounding a Virtual Farm Tour. D. Risebrough advised that the sub-committee investigated several options and decided that a Virtual Farm Tour of Goodyear Farms would not be feasible this year due to the issues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that the subcommittee proposes deferring a tour of Goodyear Farms until 2021.

D. Risebrough further stated that the sub-committee proposes that the committee proceed with a Virtual Farm Tour consisting of:

- Presentations from the Regional Chair and the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Chair;
- A photo montage of past farm tours; and
- Visits to the following 2 properties which would not normally be allowed due to bio-security issues:
 - Tom Watpool's Hog Operation
 - Hubert Schilling's Laying Hen Operation

D. Risebrough advised that the subcommittee proposes using Bruce Sargent from Farm Boy Productions to produce the video.

4. Presentation

A) Bruce Sargent, Farm Boy Productions – Virtual Farm Tour Video Discussion

B. Sargent, Farm Boy Productions, provided an overview of his background and experience. With regards to the proposed Virtual Farm Tour, he provided the following suggestions to the Committee with regards to the production of the video:

- Messages from the Regional Chair and Committee Chair be combined with the photo montage to ensure the program isn't overly long;
- Need to have a theme;
- Distribution of video would be to previous attendees of tours as follows:
 - Invitations will be sent out;
 - Interested parties will RSVP, then be added to a list to be curated and monitored;
 - Interested parties will then be provided with a locked link to vimeo and a password; and
 - The video will be deleted after a few days to ensure limited potential for security issues.

Discussion ensued with regards to the importance of showing the feed preparation, delivery and monitoring of feed on the farms, as well as the complete cycle of livestock and crop.

Discussion also ensued with regards to maintaining the same date as the original 2020 Farm Tour.

K. Allore advised that the sub-committee will decide on a theme to be provided to B. Sargent as filming of the video needs to start mid-August. She advised that staff is working on a script and the framework for the video. She also advised that a volunteer is needed to review all the archived photos and decide on approximately 50 photos to be used. F. Puterbough and D. Risebrough volunteered to handle this.

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by F. Puterbough,
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development Committee:

That the DAAC Farm Tour scheduled for September 17, 2020 be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that a Virtual Farm Tour be held in its place.

CARRIED

6. Other Business

A) New Member Appointed to Uxbridge Economic Development Advisory Committee

S. Jibb advised that Garrett Herrema was appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Committee in the Township of Uxbridge.

7. Date of Next Meeting

It was the consensus of the committee that a special virtual meeting be held in August to review the final video. Dates will be provided and confirmed subsequent to the meeting.

9. Adjournment

Moved by B. Howsam, Seconded by B. Smith,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham
Agricultural Advisory Committee

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk