

# The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

## Minutes

### Agricultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting

ADAC-2019-04  
 Thursday, August 8, 2019  
 9:30 A.M.  
 Economic Development Boardroom  
 Economic Development  
 180 Kent Street West, Lindsay, Ontario

**Members:**  
 Robert Bonis  
 Paul Brown  
 Phil Callaghan  
 Michelle Murphy-Ward  
 Rebecca Parker  
 Matthew Pecoskie

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#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair R. Parker called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Members R. Bonis, P. Brown, P. Callaghan, M. Murphy-Ward, M. Pecoskie, A. Shea, and S. Westland were in attendance.

Absent: Councillor A. Veale, T. Webster

#### **2. Administrative Business**

##### **2.1 Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved By** P. Brown

**Seconded By** M. Pecoskie

**That** the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

##### **2.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

Matt Pecoskie declared a pecuniary interest during the discussion regarding snow fence purchase.

### 2.3 Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting.

**Moved By** M. Pecoskie

**Seconded By** M. Murphy-Ward

**That** the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting held on August 8, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

## 3. Deputations/Presentations

### 3.1 Corn/straw bale snow fences

David Lembke, Manager, West Maintenance Area, Public Works and Oliver Vigelius, Manager, Roads Operations Lindsay attended to discuss the concept of corn or straw bale snow fences. Several options and considerations were discussed, as well as relative costs, benefits and concerns. There are only a few select area where snow control is needed. Public Works Managers will review the input and come back to the committee for further input likely regarding the option of the City purchasing traditional snow fence equipment, and possibly look to arrangements with farmers for installation, removal and possible storage. This appeared to be the best cost and logistics solution due to the high value of crops, off season harvesting, straw, and the issues of timely removal of fencing in spring.

**Moved By** M. Murphy-Ward

**Seconded By** M. Pecoskie

**That** the deputation of David Lembke and Oliver Vigelius, regarding corn/straw bale snow fences, be received.

**Carried**

## 4. Correspondence

## 5. New or Other Business

### 5.1 Level of service option for farm field access over unopened road allowances

David Lembke, Manager, West Maintenance Area, Public Works and Oliver Vigelius, Manager, Roads Operations Lindsay attended to discuss level of service option for farm field access over unopened road allowances. Opened and unassumed roads are

those where you can observe a road, but there is no maintenance. There is a new policy for Seasonal Level of Service (SLOS) which requires adjacent landowners, or users to bring the road up to a standard of service so that the City could then provide service. However, this is a higher level of service than is required for farm vehicle access. There is an option for taking a Road Occupancy Permit to do required tree trimming or road maintenance. This work would be done by and at the cost of the farmers requiring use of the road for their field access, however the permit has no cost.

**Moved By** R. Bonis

**Seconded By** S. Westland

**That** the deputation of David Lembke and Oliver Vigelius regarding level of service option for farm field access over unopened road allowances, be received.

**Carried**

## **6. Update from Economic Development Division**

### **6.1 Skills Advance Ontario Project**

The City, along with partners VCCS and Fleming College are compiling an application to this program to address upskilling needs for job seekers and incumbent workers in the agriculture and food, and manufacturing sectors. Employer interest is sought to support the application.

**Moved By** R. Bonis

**Seconded By** S. Westland

**That** a Skills Advance Ontario Project for agriculture and food sector job seekers and employers would be of benefit to the development of the agriculture and food sector in Kawartha Lakes.

**Carried**

### **6.2 VIP Agricultural Tour - September 6**

The tour will visit Mariposa Woolen Mill, Willowtree Farm and Two Blokes Cidery.

### **6.3 International Plowing Match - 2019 & 2020**

Economic Development will be present at the 2019 Match for the entire week to promote visitation to Kawartha Lakes during the 2020 Match.

### **6.4 Agriculture and Food Action Plan**

The consultants have incorporated feedback from this committee and are awaiting further input from some City departments. They will participate in this committees next meeting to review a near final draft.

#### 6.5 Kawartha Farmfest

The event will run on October 5th with nine farms. Programs and a refreshed website are ready to go out, with ticket sales starting next week.

### 7. **News and Updates from Members**

- straw volumes were poor this year

- R. Bonis is on the Comprehensive Rural Zoning By-law Task Force and they have held their first meeting.

- a question was raised as to what implementation has happed from the Drainage Task Force.(see motion)

- The SAO project will be beneficial, and the most important take away is that the project must move fast.

- The weather has caused business to be slow for sales. There was a theft of a compact tractor in broad daylight. This has occurred at other equipment dealers and adds to insurance costs, but ends up in the cost of doing business for the dealership and cost for all farmers.

- Slanted Road will be the site of the local plowing match at Bill Callaghan's at the end of the month.

- There is a Muslim holiday next week and 3,000-4,000 sheep have come in from the west and it flooded the market and dropped the price.

**Moved By** P. Brown

**Seconded By** R. Bonis

**That** ADAC would like an update status report on the implementation of the Drainage Task Force recommendations.

**Carried**

### 8. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 9:30 am in the Economic Development Boardroom.

### 9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 12:05.