

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Agenda

Agricultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting

ADAC2021-02

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Meeting to Commence at 9:00 a.m. - Electronic Participation

Lindsay Service Centre - 2nd Floor

180 Kent Street West

Lindsay, ON K9V 2Y6

Members:

Councillor Andrew Veale

Robert Bonis

Phil Callaghan

Alex Cameron

Will MacArthur

Guy Masters

Michelle Murphy-Ward

Rebecca Parker

Matthew Pecoskie

Adam Shea

Alice VanVught

Shawn Westland

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Administrative Business**
- 2.1. Adoption of Agenda
That the agenda be adopted as circulated.
- 2.2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
- 2.3. Adoption of Minutes 4 - 8

Minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee.

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting held on February 11, 2021, be adopted as circulated.
3. **Deputations/Presentations**
4. **Correspondence**
- 4.1. Requesting support for amendments to Tile Drainage Act and Regulations from Howick Township and Township of Adjala-Tosorontio 9 - 12

The noted townships seek Kawartha Lakes support for a resolution to OMAFRA seeking amendments to the Tile Drainage Act and/or Regulations to require tile drainage contractors to file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality. Input from this committee is being sought prior to taking this correspondence to Council. Supervisor of Technical Services, Engineering, Mike Farquhar will attend for this discussion.

That the December 3, 2020 correspondence from Howick Township and February 26 2021 correspondence from Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, regarding support for requests to OMAFRA for amendments to Tile Drainage Act, be received.
5. **New or Other Business**
- 5.1. Cannabis Zoning Regulations Update

Kawartha Lakes Planner, Jonathan Derworiz will attend to provide an update on progress with the development of the Cannabis Zoning Regulations.

- 5.2. Rural Comprehensive Zoning By-law Agricultural Regulations Updates

Kawartha Lakes Planner, Jonathan Derworiz, will attend to provide updates on the progress of development with the agricultural regulations within the Rural Comprehensive Zoning By-law project.
- 6. **Update from Economic Development Division**
 - 6.1. SkillsAdvance Ontario Project Year 1 Review
 - 6.2. Food Producers' Market Expansion and Scaling Up Readiness Project Update
- 7. **News and Updates from Members**
- 8. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. by Zoom.
- 9. **Adjournment**

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Minutes

Agricultural Development Advisory Committee

Meeting

ADAC2021-01
Thursday, February 11, 2021
9:00 A.M.
By Zoom
City Hall
26 Francis Street, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 5R8

Members:
Councillor Andrew Veale
Rob Bonis
Phil Callaghan
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1. Call to Order

Chair R. Parker called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Councillor A. Veale and Members W. MacArthur, M. Murphy-Ward, A. Shea, and S. Westland were in attendance.

Absent: R. Bonis, P. Callaghan, A. Cameron, G. Masters, M. Pecoskie, and A. VanVught

Guests: Planner Jonathan Derworiz, Councillor Tracy Richardson, Director Chris Marshall

1.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Elections were conducted by Kelly Maloney. Rebecca Parker was acclaimed as Chairperson and Adam Shea was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

2. Administrative Business

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

Moved By M. Murphy-Ward

Seconded By W. MacArthur

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

2.3 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By A. Shea

Seconded By S. Westland

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting held on November 26, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. Deputations/Presentations

3.1 Cannabis Regulation

Jonathan Derworiz provided a review of plans for a set of Zoning By-law amendment for Cannabis production and processing so as to carve it out from other definitions related to agriculture and will identify applicable zones and zoning requirements such as set-backs. Feedback through discussion was by

committee members. The draft by-law will be taken to Planning Committee on March 10, 2021 for a Public Meeting.

Moved By A. Shea

Seconded By S. Westland

That the presentation by Jonathan Derworiz, regarding the proposed Cannabis Zoning By-Law Amendment, be received, and

That ADAC supports the Planning Division's proposed Zoning amendments as they pertain to the proposed production and processing of cannabis by Health Canada-authorized commercial entities with the following conditions:

1. the Planning Division investigate if the 300m proposed set back from outdoor growing operations could be taken from the edge of the outdoor crop instead of the edge of the property line;
2. the Planning Division investigate if the 70m proposed set back from indoor growing operations with full air filtration could be taken from the edge of the building instead of the edge of the property line; and
3. the Planning Division review the potential impact of cannabis operations on the development of adjacent properties.

Carried

4. Correspondence

5. New or Other Business

5.1 Backyard Chicken Pilot Program

The proposed options for a Backyard Chicken Pilot Program are to be presented to Council in March by Manager Sloan incorporating the recommendations made by this committee.

5.2 2020 Work Plan Review

Review 2020 Work Plan activity.

Moved By M. Murphy-Ward

Seconded By S. Westland

That the 2020 ADAC Work Plan Review Report be submitted to Council.

Carried

5.3 2021 Work Plan Development

The Committee set the ADAC Work Plan for 2021.

Moved By A. Shea

Seconded By S. Westland

That the 2021 ADAC Work Plan be submitted to Council for approval including the following items:

1. Review and advise Council and Ec Dev on matters related to agricultural industry to improve economic environment of the agricultural sector and prosperity of the rural areas
2. Arrange VIP Guided Tours at the 2021 IPM for the traditional VIP Tour guests, to allow for education and open dialogue in context of modern farming and agri-business at various times during the event.
3. ADAC to actively participate in the development of the Comprehensive Rural Zoning By-law

Carried

6. Update from Economic Development Division

6.1 Comprehensive Rural Zoning By-Law Project

Jonathan Derworiz provided a brief overview of the upcoming agricultural land use consultation workshop planned for the morning of March 11, 2021 with ADAC members and a number of other sector representatives. Materials will be circulated in advance, and the workshop will be held over Zoom. The Issues and Methodology Report and Discussion Paper from 2020 will also be recirculated following this meeting to allow for familiarity of the issues by Committee Members.

6.2 SkillsAdvance Ontario Program Update

The Kawartha Lakes SkillsAdvance Ontario project has launched its first jobseeker cohort for manufacturing and will hold an agricultural jobseeker cohort beginning on March 1, 2021. Both jobseekers and employers with entry-level positions are being sought. The Incumbent Worker Training has also begun with several manufacturing employees taking upgrading skills training. An agricultural worker safety training program developed by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture as part of the Feeding Your Future program is being offered as a certificate program through University of Guelph Ridgetown for both jobseekers and incumbent workers. A collection of agricultural incumbent worker training for Grain Handling Safety will be offered by Acute Training from Feb 22 - Mar 24.

Courses include Lock-out-tag-out, Arc Flash Awareness, Confined Space Entry, and Confined Space Rescue.

6.2.1 SILO the film Screening & Community Discussion

A special Community Screening of SILO the Film will be hosted by Kawartha Lakes Agriculture Economic Development on March 19, 2021 at 7pm with support by local grain elevator operators to raise awareness of the dangers surrounding grain handling and the need for additional training and availability of appropriate safety equipment.

6.3 Rural Economic Development Project - Kawartha Choice FarmFresh Update

As part of the renewed partnership for delivery of the Kawartha Choice FarmFresh (KCFF) program, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Peterborough & the Kawarthas Economic Development, and a funding grant has been received from the Rural Economic Development program through OMAFRA for the development of a new KCFF Website, the delivery of a 10-week Value-Added Food Business Bootcamp training program for 20 food businesses, the delivery of a 6-week Farm Financial Management Series for 30 farm businesses, and an Agri-Food Business Inventory and Needs Analysis. The project work will be completed by March 31, 2021.

7. **News and Updates from Members**

S. Weston reported that an expansion project is in the final planning stages at Green Tractors. Steel prices are moving up rapidly, so purchases should be made now and some products are in short supply. He is also doing some selective cutting of his hardwood bush.

R. Parker noted that sheep prices are strong.

8. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 9:00 am.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:29 am.



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December 3, 2020

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Hardeman:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the December 1, 2020 Howick Council meeting:

Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality; and further, this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, Perth-Wellington MPP Randy Pettapiece, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation Of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities. Carried. Resolution No. 288/20

If you require any further information, please contact this office, thank you.

Yours truly,

Carol Watson

Carol Watson, Clerk
Township of Howick



Background Information to the Township of Howick Resolution No. 288-20 Requesting Amendments to the Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act

Rational for Proposed Amendments

Over the years, Howick Township staff have received many requests for tile drainage information on farmland. Usually these requests come after a change in ownership of the farm. Some of these drainage systems were installed recently but many are 30 to 40 or more years old. Many were installed by contractors who are no longer in business or who have sold the business and records are not available.

Information is generally available if the tile was installed under the Tile Drain Loan Program because a drainage plan is required to be filed with the municipality. If the tile system was installed on a farm without using the Tile Drain Loan Program, there likely are no records on file at the municipal office.

The other benefits to filing tile drainage plans with the municipality are identified in Section 65 of the Drainage Act.

- 65(1) – Subsequent subdivision of land (severance or subdivision)
- 65(3) – Drainage connection into a drain from lands not assessed to the drain
- 65(4) – Drainage disconnection of assessed lands from a drain
- 65(5) – Connecting to a municipal drain without approval from council

Section 14 of the Act states:

(1) “The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

(a) providing for the manner of issuing licences and prescribing their duration, the fees payable therefor and the terms and conditions on which they are issued;

(a.1) exempting classes of persons from the requirement under section 2 to hold a licence, in such circumstances as may be prescribed and subject to such restrictions as may be prescribed;

(b) Repealed: 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (5).

(c) establishing classes of machine operators and prescribing the qualifications for each class and the duties that may be performed by each class;



- (d) providing for courses of instruction and examinations and requiring licence holders or applicants for a licence under this Act to attend such courses and pass such examinations;
- (e) prescribing the facilities and equipment to be provided by persons engaged in the business of installing drainage works;
- (f) prescribing standards and procedures for the installation of drainage works;
- (g) prescribing performance standards for machines used in installing drainage works;
- (h) prescribing forms and providing for their use;
- (i) respecting any matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act. R.S.O. 1990, c. A.14, s. 14; 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (4, 5)."

I believe it would be beneficial if a regulation required the installer, of agricultural drainage, to file a plan of the drainage system with the municipality following completion of the work.

While most of Section 14 deals with contractor, machine and installer licences, I think that Section 14(f) or 14(i) may allow a regulation change. This would be a better solution than an amendment to the Act.

Recommendations:

- Request by municipal resolution that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations, under the Act, that would require tile drainage contractors file all farm tile drainage installation plans in the Municipality where the installation took place
- Send the municipal resolution to:
 - Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
 - Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron Bruce
 - Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington
 - Rural Ontario Municipal Association roma@roma.on.ca
 - [OFA](#)
 - [CFFO](#)
 - All Ontario municipalities
 - the Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario (LICO), and
 - the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario (DSAO)

Wray Wilson, Drainage Superintendent
Township of Howick
drainage@howick.ca

February 26, 2021

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only: ernie.hardeman@pc.ola.org

Dear Mr. Hardeman,

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the February 10, 2021 Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council meeting.

*Moved by: Deputy Mayor Meadows
Seconded by: Councilor Hall-Chancey*

Resolved, THAT the Council of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality; and further,

THAT this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Minister Ernie Hardeman), Jim Wilson, MPP Simcoe-Grey, Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron Bruce, Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation Of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Alice Byl

Alice Byl
Deputy Clerk
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio

