

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes Agricultural Development Advisory Board

Thursday, December 14, 2017
9:30 a.m.
Economic Development Boardroom
180 Kent Street West, Lindsay

Draft Minutes

Present

Chair	Paul Brown	Dec. 31/19
Vice-Chair	Rebecca Parker	Dec. 31/19
Past Chair	Phil Callaghan	Dec. 31/17
Member	Edward Hilton	Dec. 31/19
Member	Bruce McKeown	Dec. 31/18
Member	Matt Pecoskie	Dec. 31/17
Member	Tim Webster	Dec. 31/19
Member	Shawn Westland	Dec. 31/18
Councillor	Andrew Veale	
Agriculture Development Officer	Kelly Maloney	

Regrets

Member	Matt Hollinger	Dec. 31/18
Member	Gayle Kimball	Dec. 31/17
Councillor	Kathleen Seymour-Fagan	
Mayor	Andy Letham	

1. Call to Order

Chair P. Brown called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. Councillor A. Veale and Members R. Parker, P. Callaghan, E. Hilton, B. McKeown, and S. Westland were in attendance.

Absent: Councillor K. Seymour Fagan, M. Hollinger, G. Kimball, M. Pecoskie, T. Webster

2. Adoption of Agenda

R. Parker moved and E. Hilton seconded

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1. Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2017

R. Parker moved and E. Hilton seconded

THAT the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Board meeting held on August 10, 2017 be adopted as circulated. Carried

4.2. Business Arising from Minutes

4.2.1. Drainage Issues – Chair P. Brown provided a deputation to council on August 22, 2017 indicating ADAB's recommendation of the establishment of a Drainage Task Force. Council supported the recommendation and requested a Terms of Reference be drafted. The report to Council will be presented in January including the Terms of Reference and composition of the Task Force.

S. Westland moved and P. Callaghan seconded

THAT Chair P. Brown will represent the Agricultural Development Advisory Board on the Drainage Task Force. Carried

4.2.2. Farmhouse Severances – Chair P. Brown provided a deputation to council on August 22, 2017 indicating ADAB's recommendation of status quo on policies related to farmhouse severances. Council supported the recommendation and correspondence was sent to AMO and Ontario Municipalities.

4.2.3. Shallow ground water monitoring project – KRCA is still seeking volunteers to act as host farms for monitoring wells.

5. Correspondence

5.1. Ontario's Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

5.1.1. From Township of Oro Medonte

5.1.2. From Peterborough County

5.1.3. From Laurie Scott, MPP

5.1.4. From Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

R. Parker moved and B. McKeown seconded

THAT the correspondence in 5.1, Ontario's Wildlife Damage Compensation Program, be received. Carried.

5.1.5. From Township of West Lincoln

R. Parker moved and B. McKeown seconded

THAT ADAB recommends that Council support the correspondence from the Township of West Lincoln, and

THAT the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs be further requested to amend their claim review process within the Ontario Wildlife Damage

Compensation Program such that when reviewing claims, the provincial staff shall reach out to the local Municipal Inspectors and the livestock owner to seek further clarification if a claim is in question, prior to rejecting a claim. Carried

6. Committee Business

6.1. Kawartha Lakes Economic Development Strategy

R. Parker moved and E. Hilton seconded

THAT the presentation of the Strategy be received. Carried.

6.2. Work Plan

6.2.1. Review of 2017 Work Plan Accomplishments

6.2.2. Discussion and development of 2018 Work Plan

Suggestions received that the Ec Dev Department consider hosting a Career Day for Grade 10 students as an ag education day; partnering with educational institutions to deliver education programs; and attracting youth graduates of colleges and universities with the development of an attraction program for grads.

R. Skinner moved and E. Hilton seconded

THAT ADAB Champions the creation of a Kawartha Lakes Agricultural Awards and Hall of Fame initiative, and

THAT the 2018 work plan include: advice to council on matters related to the agriculture and agrifood sector; host a VIP Agricultural Tour; participate at the East Central Farm Show; champion the development of an agricultural awards and hall of fame; and maintain and service the "Share the Roads" signs. Carried

7. Update from City of Kawartha Lakes Economic Development

7.1. Share the Roads – Caution Active Farming Area signage is being installed currently with the goal of completion by year end.

7.2. Agricultural Land Lease Program – will be posted in new year with opportunities to lease City owned land which is suitable for farming.

7.3. Unravelling the Agri-food Red Tape – Understanding the Building/Planning Process and Food Business Regulations Workshop will be held on January 26, 2018.

8. News / Updates from members

-Concerns were raised about some lengthy delays experienced by an agricultural business in receiving replies from the Planning division on an application they had submitted. The Agriculture Development Officer will follow up with staff.

-Crops were good and above average in 2017. Quality issues are the challenge right now.

-March 17 and 18, 2018 the Jersey Canada Annual Convention will be hosted by the Kawartha Jersey Club in Oshawa.

-Succession Planning and Spray Technology will be the presentation topics at Victoria Soil and Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting on January 16th.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 1, 2018 9:30 am, Economic Development Boardroom

10. Adjournment

P. Callaghan moved

THAT the Agricultural Development Advisory Board Meeting adjourn at 12:10pm.
Carried