

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Minutes

Agricultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting

ADAC2019-03
Thursday, June 13, 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
Adam Shea
Andrew Veale
Tim Webster
Shawn Westland

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1. Call to Order

Chair R. Parker called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Members R. Bonis, P. Brown, M. Murphy-Ward, M. Pecoskie, A. Shea and S. Westland and municipal staff Kelly Maloney were in attendance.

Absent: Councillor A. Veale, P. Callaghan, , T. Webster

2. Administrative Business

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

Moved By M. Pecoskie

Seconded By S. Westland

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 R. Bonis

Seconded By M. Pecoskie

That the minutes of the April 12, 2019 meeting of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee be adopted as drafted.

Carried

3. Deputations/Presentations

3.1 Agriculture and Food Action Plan

Bronwynne Wilton and Krista Kaplan of Wilton Group attended and presented draft findings towards an Agriculture and Food Action Plan. Input was sought from Members on various aspects of the Plan.

Moved By R. Bonis

Seconded By S. Westland

That the presentation by Wilton Group be received.

Carried

4. Correspondence

5. New or Other Business

5.1 Development Charges Task Force

There was a call for submissions to the Task Force by presentation on June 21, 2019 or in writing by June 30, 2019.

ADAC members reviewed the Kawartha Lakes Development Charges (DC) By-law. The committee was also provided with copies of the DC By-laws for the County of Norfolk and Town of Caledon. These are two communities were identified, by an OMAFRA representative, as communities who have addressed the DC By-laws relative

to the current Agricultural Systems approach and agricultural land use policies found in the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and other Provincial Plans.

Adam Found, Manager of Corporate Assets, attended the meeting and provided an overview DC's, of how the charges are applied, and what latitude may be available to municipalities in setting their By-law conditions and scope. The Committee had a good discussion with Adam surrounding potential revisions to definitions and potential exemptions relative to development activities on farm land.

Moved By M. Murphy-Ward

Seconded By M. Pecoskie

That the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee (ADAC) recommends that the Development Charges (DC) Task Force consider expanding and modernizing the definitions of agricultural operations and farm buildings to align with uses permitted on farms by the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement and other Provincial Planning Policies, with a view to the Norfolk County and Town Caledon DC By-laws as good examples, and

That ADAC, through the Agricultural Development Officer would like to work with the Task Force on specific wording of the definitions to be used in the updated Kawartha Lakes By-law.

Carried

Moved By A. Shea

Seconded By R. Bonis

That the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee recommends the DC Task force consider additional exemptions and other tools to minimize the financial impact to agricultural businesses and agricultural support businesses from Development Charges.

Carried

6. Update from Economic Development Division

6.1 2019 Work Plan

The Committee Work Plan was adopted by Council on May 21, 2019.

6.2 VIP Agricultural Tour - Verbal Update

The tour will be held on Friday, September 6, 2019 and will focus on diversified uses on farms. Potential stops include Mariposa Woolen Mill, Two Blokes Cider and Willow Tree Farm.

6.3 Site Alteration (Fill By-law) - verbal update

The new Site Alteration By-law was passed by Committee of the Whole on June 4th and will be considered by Council on June 18th with the recommendations from this committee included in slightly revised form.

6.4 Skills Advance Funding Opportunity - Verbal Update

The Economic Development Division has been approached by the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities to develop a Skills Advance Project for the Agriculture and Manufacturing sectors. There are opportunities to provide training to up-skill existing employees and to provide pre-employment training for job seekers directly related to employer identified skill requirements. This program will help to address the workforce gaps identified in the Agricultural Action Plan Survey and other industry surveys and reports.

7. News and Updates from Members

There were no updates from members.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 8 at 9:30 am in the Economic Development Boardroom.

9. Adjournment

Moved By M. Murphy-Ward

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Carried