

Agricultural Development Advisory Committee Work Plan Review

Committee Name: Agricultural Development Advisory Board

Work plan for Year: 2019

Approved by Council: May 21, 2019

Goal	Accomplishments	Measurement for Success
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Provided comments to Council regarding new Fill By-lawb) Provided comments to Council regarding the Development Charges By-lawc) In consultation with the Clerk's office provided council with input on updates to the Line Fences program.d) Received request and initiated review of Farm Tax Ratio impact to farms.e) Provided feedback to Public Works Staff regarding snow fences on farmland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Council passed a new by-law for Site Alteration with input from the agriculture and food sector.b) Council adopted updated Development Charges By-law with input from the agriculture and food sector.c) Council adopted updated the Line Fences program with input from the agriculture and food sector.d) Background work continues.e) Public Works staff are reviewing options for snow fencing in areas where blowing snow on roadways is a chronic issue.
2. Host VIP Agricultural Tour to allow for education and open dialogue in context of modern farming and agri-business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) VIP Agriculture Tour planned and hosted in partnership with Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Federation of Agriculture.	Tour held with approximately 60 people in attendance. Toured Mariposa Woolen Mill, Willowtree Farm and Two-Blokes Cider, focusing on diversified land use options.
3. ADAB Members Participate at East Central Farm Show Booth with Ec Dev to increase visibility access to ADAB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) East Central Farm Show booth supported by volunteer ADAB members	ADAB and CKL farm business operators better able to speak publicly on issues affecting agriculture. Farm Businesses Connected with ADAB representatives
4. ADAC to act as the Steering Committee for the development of the 2020-2025 Agriculture and Food Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Committee participated in sector survey and public workshop and provided input to consultants during 2 ADAC meetings.	2020-2025 Agriculture and Food Action Plan adopted by Council to guide growth and development of sector from 2020 to 2025

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5. ADAC to actively participate in the development of the Comprehensive Rural Zoning By-law	a) ADAC reviewed call for participants on CRZB Task Force and guiding documents at outset of project, as well as to review provincial planning policies impacting agriculture and food.	One member of ADAC appointed to the CRZB Task Force. ADAC planning to continue active participation in the development of a modern Rural Zoning By-law to reduce restrictions for agriculture and food businesses; clearly identify permitted uses, and for uses with a lesser connection to agriculture in agricultural zones, develop as-of-right zoning criteria for proposed on-farm uses that are compatible with neighbouring agricultural uses as per provincial policies to reduce red tape.