

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Minutes
Agricultural Development Advisory Committee
Meeting

ADAC2021-02
Thursday, April 8, 2021
9:00 A.M.
Economic Development Boardroom
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**

Chair R. Parker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Councillor A. Veale and Members R. Bonis, P. Callaghan, W. MacArthur, G. Masters, M. Murphy-Ward, A. VanVught, and S. Westland were in attendance.

Absent: A. Cameron, M. Pecoskie, A. Shea,

Guests: Mike Farquhar, Jonathan Derworiz, Richard Holy, Danielle Harris

2. **Administrative Business**

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Veale

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 A. VanVught

Seconded By M. Murphy-Ward

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting held on February 11, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

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

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 attended for this discussion.

The requests are administrative in nature. Engineering has reviewed records to see if they have all of the records of systematic and non-systematic tiling from non-tile drain loan projects. Some appear to be missing, and it may have been the case that it wasn't received. OMAFRA requires installers to submit the maps of tiling projects. Then OMAFRA posts on AgMaps for all public viewing.

Howick Township is requesting the Tile Drainage Act be amended to require installers to supply municipality with a copy to warehouse and store. It may be a duplication of what is already available through OMAFRA's collections. Installations are happening on private property. The request may be a matter of convenience so that the municipality has ready access to the maps and that they don't need to go through the province to get them.

If the municipality is required to collect it would be a job added to a person to collect and file the maps, and it would create a job for the municipality, costing the tax payer, and taking away from other good work to be focused on.

Moved By Councillor Veale

Seconded By R. Bonis

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, and

That the comments provided by ADAC be provided to Council and that in ADAC's opinion the request by Howick may be a duplication of the collection of Tile Drainage Plans already being done by OMAFRA which Townships and the public have access to, and

That ADAC recommends that Council receive the correspondence, but take no further action.

Carried

5. New or Other Business

5.1 Cannabis Zoning Regulations Update

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

Mr. Derworiz reported that he had a productive meeting with OFA representatives and OMAFRA to look at a building line to building line approach resulting in less unusable land. Site Plan control can be required. A report is

going to Planning Advisory Committee in May and amendments will be made to the Amending By-law. He thanked Committee for their input.

For outdoor growing, the set-backs are in place and a site plan will be completed. Complaint based or inspection following a complaint is the way oversight control can be managed. Inspections are done through the establishment of site plan. Site plan process will acknowledge and consider Health Canada requirements in establishing the setback boundary of growing lines and buildings. Industrial uses of cannabis should also be accommodated during the establishment of the bylaw.

Setbacks to outdoor amenities, playgrounds etc. are not being considered at this point as they are not supported.

Moved By R. Bonis

Seconded By S. Westland

That the presentation by Jonathan Derworiz regarding the progress to date on the new Cannabis Zoning By-law be received.

Carried

5.2 Rural Comprehensive Zoning By-law Agricultural Regulations Updates

Kawartha Lakes Planner, Jonathan Derworiz, attended to provide updates on the progress of development with the agricultural regulations within the Rural Comprehensive Zoning By-law project.

Mr. Derworiz reported that the public open house was attended by 115 people. The session was recorded and slides will be posted to the Jump In website. Comments are being received and will be submitted to consultant. They will be moving forward in preparing the first draft of the By-Law with the submitted comments.

Moved By A. VanVught

Seconded By G. Masters

That the presentation by Jonathan Derworiz regarding the progress to date on the Rural Comprehensive Zoning By-law Agricultural Regulations development be received.

Carried

6. Update from Economic Development Division

6.1 SkillsAdvance Ontario Project Year 1 Review

Danielle Harris, Economic Development Officer - Work Force, joined the meeting and provided a presentation on the Year 1 review of the Kawartha Lakes SkillsAdvance Ontario project.

Moved By Councillor Veale
Seconded By W. MacArthur

That the presentation by Danielle Harris, regarding the Year 1 Review of the Kawartha Lakes SkillsAdvance Ontario project, be received.

Carried

6.2 Food Producers' Market Expansion and Scaling Up Readiness Project Update

Kelly Maloney reported that the new Kawartha Choice FarmFresh website launched on March 24th with 70 members profiled. Social media campaign continues to attract consumers and new members. Training programs completed for Farm Financial Management Series and Value-Added Food Business Bootcamp. Asset Inventory Outreach is completed updating agri-business contacts and developing a Needs Analysis Report.

7. News and Updates from Members

A. VanVught delivers training to insurance brokers and is interested in visiting Bonis' to understand their operation.

S. Weston reported that equipment inventories are down to about half of normal. He anticipates it to be a tight selling season. Buyers may have to wait for orders to arrive. The new shop building project is moving forward with final documents received.

R. Bonis reports increases in pricing in seeds, with issues of availability. Dry weather is a real concern from western Canada where seed is produced. Product availability is very low as seed supply is being reduced. Looking for more growers of Triticale to meet higher demand. Lettuce seed is in demand. Other impacts from Suez Canal blockage – foreign seeds used locally, still trying to get through backlog in some ports. Also internationally, the Huawei issue has caused imports to china to be blocked.

R. Parker reported lamb prices are very high. Cull ewes are also getting good prices right now as well, leading to brisk sales, resulting in future reduced lamb population, which will keep lamb prices strong due to short supply.

8. Next Meeting

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

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 11am.