

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

ADAC2022-02
Thursday, April 14, 2022
9:00 A.M.
Electronic Participation Meeting

Members:
Councillor A. 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 9:03 am. Vice-Chair A. Shea, and Members R. Bonis, M. Murphy-Ward, M. Pecoskie, and S. Westland were in attendance.

Regrets: Councillor Veale, P. Callaghan, A. Cameron, W. Macarthur, G. Masters, A. VanVught

Guests: Deputy Mayor Richardson, John and Marianne Beardmore

2. **Administrative Business**

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

Moved By M. Murphy-Ward

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 A. Shea

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting held on February 10, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. **Deputations/Presentations**

3.1 Regulation of Aerial Spraying in Kawartha Lakes

John and Marianne Beardmore provided a verbal deputation to the committee describing incidents they have experienced in recent years with aerial spraying of crops adjacent to their residential property, and their actions since seeking increased oversight, monitoring and regulation of licensed aerial spraying companies. The Beardmore's will submit their written deputation to the committee following this meeting.

Moved By A. Shea

Seconded By M. Murphy-Ward

That the deputation of John and Marianne Beardmore, regarding Regulation of Aerial Spraying in Kawartha Lakes, be received, and

That the committee will review written notes of the Beardmore's deputation, to be submitted following the meeting, and will discuss further at the next Committee meeting.

Carried

4. Correspondence

5. New or Other Business

6. Update from Economic Development Division

6.1 Spotlight on Agriculture Gala and Awards - verbal report

K. Maloney and other committee members provided a verbal report on the Spotlight on Agriculture Gala held March 25. The Farm Family Award was given to the John and Fern deVos family, and the Excellence in Agriculture Award was given to Simcoe Street Meat Packers. Milestone awards were given to the Gorrill (200 years) and Batty (150 years) Families.

6.2 Avian Influenza - verbal update

K. Maloney provided an update on the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza across North America, including a number of outbreaks in Ontario and nearby counties. Information updates from the Ontario Poultry Council and the Feather Board Command Centre, as well as OMAFRA and CFIA are being shared with local poultry producers and supporting agricultural businesses, as well as with the Customer Service Centre and posting to the City website.

6.3 Rural Comprehensive Zoning By-law Draft - verbal update

Comments received from the Economic Development Staff were submitted prior to the April 1st deadline for first draft submissions. Should anyone have additional comments, please submit them directly to Planning staff through the JumpIn platform. A second draft is anticipated in the summer.

6.4 Skills Development Fund Projects - verbal update

The City of Kawartha Lakes will participate in a project led by Peterborough and the Kawarthas Economic Development for a one year project similar to the previous SkillsAdvance Ontario project ran by City of Kawartha Lakes over the past 3 years. The new project will only include Jobseeker cohort training and job trial placement, and will not include incumbent worker training.

An extension was given for the Agricultural Equipment Simulators which were purchased through a Skills Development Fund grant which also includes the

development of an Agricultural Equipment Operator Course. Similar Heavy Equipment Simulators were also purchased within the project and were on display at the East Central Farm Show. The 12 week courses are scheduled to start in September.

Another project aligned with Trent University will attempt to attract students to remain in the community after graduation, by providing in-program job experience programming through co-op placements, internships and community projects.

7. News and Updates from Members

7.1 Narrowing of Highway 7 in Omemee

Raised by A. Shea - A member of the public raised a question of concern with the committee member regarding the accommodations for farm equipment to be able to pass through Omemee following the Highway 7 upgrades being undertaken by the province. There have been a couple of public information sessions held in the past six months. The most recent plans from January 2022 seem to have removed any potential curb bump outs, and propose painted markers. There may be an overall reduction of 2 feet from curb to curb to accommodate off-street infrastructure requested. The project is following the provincial guidelines however. During construction there should be an awareness of need to accommodate farm equipment needing to pass by, if a one-lane alternating access is used, in particular over the bridge area. It may be helpful for more information and a possible future discussion be sought about the City's guidelines for road widths, curbs, guard rails, etc. and how agricultural equipment can be accommodated during design and construction.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. by electronic participation on the Zoom platform.

Moved By M. Pecoskie

Seconded By S. Westland

That the schedule of meeting be adjusted for the month of June 2022 such that the regularly scheduled meeting be held on the third Thursday of the month, rather than the second Thursday.

Carried

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 10:23am.