

Committee Work Plan Tool

Committee Name: Agricultural Development Advisory Committee

Work Plan Review for Year: 2023

Goal	Accomplishments	Measurement for Success
<p>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. Engage Conservation Authorities for ongoing liaison on agri-related activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reviewed a letter requesting support for review of the Cannabis Act and recommended support by Council. b) Received presentation regarding draft by-laws for Tree Preservation on City lands and Private Lands. c) Reviewed concerns raised regarding roadside cropping and safety regarding sightlines. d) Engaged in discussions regarding requirements for road infrastructure for modern farm equipment. e) Reviewed and provided input to the new Corporate Strategic Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Council endorsed letter requesting Review of Cannabis Act. b) Committee is reviewing By-laws for comment in Q2 2024. c) Recommended staff engage in a public awareness campaign to refrain from cropping to the road edge. d) Established a Working Group to collect industry data and engage with staff for future considerations in infrastructure design. e) Support for agricultural sector businesses and protection of agricultural land reflected in Corporate Strategic Plan.
<p>2. Arrange VIP Agricultural Tour, to allow for education and open dialogue in context of modern farming and agri-business.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) VIP Tour held during the third week of September for staff, council members and candidates, with approximately 60 people attending. Three stops included Hyspruce Farm, MacEachern Farm and a Carden Environmental Project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agricultural education and awareness opportunities maintained for council members, staff and community agencies.
<p>3. ADAC to actively participate in the development of the Comprehensive Rural Zoning By-law draft reviews by participating in meaningful review, discussion and commenting processes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reviewed and provided input to 2nd and 3rd drafts of the Rural Comprehensive Zoning By-law. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Modern 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

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		uses as per provincial policies to reduce red tape.
4. ADAC Members Participate at East Central Farm Show Booth with Ec Dev to increase visibility access to ADAC	a) East Central Farm Show was held in early April due to pandemic restrictions delaying the event. Committee members participated in the booth to interact with local farmers and agri-business.	a) Visibility for ADAC members at the Farm Show, and increased engagement surrounding agricultural issues.