

## Committee Work Plan Tool

**Committee Name:** Agricultural Development Advisory Committee

**Work Plan Review for Year: 2024**

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. Engage Conservation Authorities for ongoing liaison on agri-related activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Reviewed drafts of two proposed Tree Preservation By-laws including for public and private lands, engaged in discussion and provided feedback to the City Solicitor.</li> <li>b) Launched the Farm911 Emily Project in Kawartha Lakes</li> <li>c) Provided input to Kawartha Region Conservation Authority regarding the Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy.</li> <li>d) A Working Group of Committee members engaged in discussions with Engineering Division staff regarding improvements to communications surrounding road infrastructure development and re-development for greater awareness by users of modern farm equipment on municipal roads.</li> <li>e) Reviewed concerns raised regarding roadside cropping and safety regarding sightlines.</li> <li>f) Noted concerns raised at the local Federation of Agriculture annual meeting regarding sub-market value compensation provided to livestock owners following predation damage by dogs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Council passed a Public lands Tree Preservation by-law and directed further consultation on a private lands by-law to be focused generally on tree preservation surrounding development projects with exemptions for Normal Farm Practices for agricultural operations and hobby farm properties, providing protections for agricultural activities by rural farm and non-farm property owners.</li> <li>b) Engaged with the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Federation of Agriculture, the Building and Septic Division, Public Works Roads Division and all three Emergency Services Departments plus local detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police to launch a collaborative and Kawartha Lakes-specific program utilizing yellow 911 signs for secondary field entrances.</li> <li>c) Cross Agency/Governmental engagement on Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy development leads to stronger relationships for future collaborations and agricultural land stewardship.</li> <li>d) Greater awareness of road reconstruction project impacts on movement of large modern farm</li> </ul>

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		<p>equipment on municipal roads.</p> <p>e) Recommended staff engage in a public awareness campaign to refrain from cropping to the road edge.</p> <p>f) Provided information to Committee Members and Federation of Agriculture regarding current compensation provisions. Victoria Beef Producers took a resolution forward to their provincial body to request OMAFA review the Act to seek similar compensation levels offered following wild animal predation.</p>
2. Arrange VIP Agricultural Tour, to allow for education and open dialogue in context of modern farming and agri-business.	VIP Tour postponed to 2025 due to significant staffing and volunteer and ADAC Committee member commitments in preparation for the 2024 International Plowing Match.	N/A
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.	Reviewed and provided input to final drafts of the Rural Comprehensive Zoning By-law.	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 uses as per provincial policies to reduce red tape.
4. ADAC Members Participate at East Central Farm Show Booth with Ec Dev to	East Central Farm Show was held in early March and included Committee members participating in the booth to	Visibility for ADAC members at the Farm Show, and increased engagement surrounding agricultural issues.

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increase visibility access to ADAC	interact with local farmers and agri-business.	
5. ADAC engagement at the 2024 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo Oct 1-5.	Committee members participated as volunteers and exhibitors at the 2024 International Plowing Match.	Consumer agriculture education and awareness of the size and strength of the local agriculture and food sector was achieved through direct contact, displays, demonstrations and interactive activities.