

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

ADAC 2025-01
Thursday, February 6, 2025
9:00 A.M.
Economic Development Boardroom
Economic Development
180 Kent Street West, Lindsay, Ontario

Members:
Robert Bonis
Lucas deVos
Michelle Murphy-Ward
Rebecca Parker
David Skrabek
Shawn Westland

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1. **Call to Order and Election of 2025 Chair and Vice-Chair**

Economic Development Officer - Agriculture called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m. Members R. Bonis, L. deVos, M. Murphy-Ward, R. Parker, D. Skrabek, and S. Westland were in attendance.

Regrets/Absent: Councillor Ashmore, Members A. Shea, W. MacArthur, G. Masters, A. Van Vught

An election for the 2025 Chair and Vice-Chair was conducted by the EDO-Agriculture. Rebecca Parker was elected as Chair. Lukas Devos was elected as Vice-Chair.

2. **Administrative Business**

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

Moved By R. Bonis

Seconded By M. Murphy-Ward

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 S. Westland

Seconded By R. Bonis

That the minutes of the Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meeting held on October 31, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. **Deputations/Presentations**

4. **Correspondence**

5. **New or Other Business**

5.1 2024 ADAC Work Plan Report

Review of 2024 accomplishments to report to Council.

The 2024 ADAC Work Plan Report was reviewed by the Members.

Moved By L. deVos

Seconded By S. Westland

That the 2024 ADAC Work Plan Report be accepted and forwarded to Council for adoption.

Carried

5.2 2025 ADAC Work Plan

Draft a work plan for the committee to propose to council for 2025 activities.

In discussion, the Committee developed a proposed work plan for 2025 activities to propose to Council.

Moved By S. Westland

Seconded By R. Bonis

That the proposed 2025 ADAC Workplan be accepted and be sent to Council for approval.

Carried

5.3 Review of Accomplishments of 2020 to 2024 Kawartha Lakes Agriculture and Food Action Plan

Brief presentation of work conducted related to the previous action plan.

The Kawartha Lakes Agriculture and Food Action Plan 2020 to 2024 Accomplishments were presented by the Economic Development Officer - Agriculture.

6. Update from Economic Development Division

6.1 Outline of project plan to create 2026 to 2030 Agriculture and Food Action Plan

Committee to provide input on approach and consultations to include in plan development process.

The EDO - Agriculture reviewed the planned approach for the creation of the 2026 to 2030 Agriculture and Food Action Plan, including consultations with the new Agriculture Network of Kawartha Lakes, agricultural organizations, agri-businesses and producers, with the ADAC Committee Members to provide guidance within the Steering Committee. Completion is targeted in late 2025 or early 2026.

6.2 2025 Spotlight on Agriculture Award Nomination

Nomination by ADAC to be considered for Gala and Awards event to be held March 29, 2025.

The nominations by ADAC to be considered for Gala and Excellence in Agriculture and Farm Family Awards event to be held March 29, 2025 included Lloyd and Barbara Wicks and Victoria County Grains.

6.3 Scale Up to Local Food Wholesale project update

The EDO-Agriculture reported that the Steering Committee continues to work through development plans for a pilot aggregation and distribution project. The funding contract with OMAFA was Novated to Kawartha Lakes due to the dissolution of the Peterborough & the Kawartha Lakes Economic Development. The project coordinator and consultants will continue to work with the project.

6.4 Proposed Tree Preservation By-law - Private Lands - Update

The City Solicitor reports that a draft of the Tree Protection By-law will be posted to the JumpIn site shortly.

7. News and Updates from Members

Members reported the following news and updates:

- The threats of Tariffs have impacted sales with 25% on lawn and garden, and possibly others to come on larger equipment
- Orders from the US for the seed businesses have been lost due to Tariff concerns - Triticale
- Finding a way forward is difficult on the planning side with constant changes
- Members Parker, Van Vught and Skrabec volunteered for shifts at the East Central Farm Show booth

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Economic Development Boardroom.

9. Adjournment

Moved By D. Skrabek

Seconded By L. deVos

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:55 am.

Carried