

Committee Report

The Blue Mountains, Agricultural Advisory Committee

Date: June 19, 2024 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting, Teams

Prepared By:

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Recommendations

Note: The following are recommendations from the Agricultural Advisory Committee to be considered for adoption by Council:

B.1 Allan Gibbons, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator, Re: Educational Road Signage Update

Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommendation dated June 19, 2024, as follows:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives for information, presentation from Allan Gibbons, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator regarding the Educational Road Signage Update. CARRIED.

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee requests that Allan Gibbons, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator to cost out "Share the Road Signs" that show a tractor, automobile and a bicycle in a row, and have the words "Share the Road" with the intention of being installed in the agricultural areas of the Town.

AND THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee requests that signs are purchased as needed, including to replace signs through scheduled replacement and extra signs be purchased based on the proposed map, pending Council's approval. CARRIED.

AND THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains directs Allan Gibbons, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator to cost out "Share the Road Signs" that show a tractor, automobile and a bicycle in a row, and have the words "Share the Road" with the intention of being installed in the agricultural areas of the Town and to provide the costing amounts to Council for consideration and to this Committee, for information.

AND THAT Council direct staff to include in the 2025 draft budget, the cost to purchase extra Share the Road signs so they can be purchased as needed and installed in the areas identified on the proposed map, including replacing the signs through scheduled replacement.

D.1 Jim McCannell Manager of Roads and Drainage & Morgan May, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer and Weed Inspector, Re: Town's Wild Chervil Management

Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommendation dated June 19, 2024, as follows:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives for information the verbal update from Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads and Drainage and Morgan May, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer regarding the Town's Wild Chervil Management.

AND THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee requests that Council direct staff to bring forward a new education program in partnership with the Agricultural Advisory Committee, to assist the public in controlling wild chervil and the campaign to begin early April, each calendar year.

AND THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee requests that Council direct the Communications department to launch a social media campaign in partnership with the Agricultural Advisory Committee, regarding noxious weeds, to begin early April, each calendar year. CARRIED.

AND THAT Council directs staff to bring forward a staff report, to the next Agricultural Advisory Committee with suggestions on two new education programs, to assist the public in controlling wild chervil and noxious weeds, for the Committees review and comment.

AND THAT Council directs staff to bring a follow-up staff report to Council regarding the proposed education campaigns (two separate campaigns), to begin in early April, for wild chervil and noxious weeds management, that has been endorsed by the Agricultural Advisory Committee, for Council's consideration.

E.1 Jeffery Fletcher, Manager of Sustainability and Solid Waste, Re: Safety Concerns at the Town's Landfill

Recommended (Move, Second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommendation dated June 19, 2024, for information:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives for information correspondence from Jeffery Fletcher, Manager of Sustainability and Solid Waste regarding Safety Concerns at the Town's Landfill. CARRIED.