



Committee Report

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: February 10 2022
Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

Agricultural Advisory Committee Recommendations

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

- [Receive Minutes \(February 10, 2022\)](#)

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes dated February 10, 2022 as attached, for information purposes.

C.4 Collingwood Today Article Re Tree By-Law - Committee Member Randy McLeod

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Agricultural Advisory Committee recommendation dated February 10, 2022 as follows:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee requests that Council consider that the Public Meeting for the Tree By-Law be held in-person and be held at a place with suitable capacity limits once restrictions are lifted, CARRIED.



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Agricultural Advisory Committee

Date: February 10, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers - Virtual Meeting
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by:
Kyra Dunlop, Acting Executive Assistant Committees of Council

Members Present: Councillor Matrosovs, John Ardiel, Duncan McKinlay, James McKinlay, Grant McMurchy, Dennis Ouellette, Lynn Vail, Randy McLeod, Shawn McKinlay

Staff Present: Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons and Municipal By-Law Officer Raymond White

A. Call to Order

A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

We would like to begin our meeting by recognizing the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples of Canada as traditional stewards of the land. The municipality is located within the boundary of Treaty 18 region of 1818 which is the traditional land of the Anishnaabek, Haudenosaunee and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples.

A.2 Committee Member Attendance

Councillor Matrosovs called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Acting Executive Assistant to Committees of Council Kyra Dunlop confirmed all members were present. James McKinlay joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Town staff present were Municipal By-Law Officer Raymond White and Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons. Regrets were received from Director of Operations Shawn Carey.

A.2.1 New Member Welcome

Council passed the following resolution at the February 1, 2022 Special Meeting of Council:

THAT Shawn McKinlay is hereby appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for the balance of the 2018-2022 term of Council.

Councillor Matrosovs welcomed new member Shawn McKinlay to the Committee. Shawn noted his previous experience with the Rocklyn Junior Farmers and that he was pleased to be a member of the Committee.

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: John Ardiel

Seconded by: Duncan McKinlay

THAT the Agenda of February 10, 2022 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda.

Yay (9): Councillor Matrosovs, John Ardiel, Duncan McKinlay, James McKinlay, Grant McMurchy, Dennis Ouellette, Lynn Vail, Randy McLeod, and Shawn McKinlay

The motion is Carried (9 to 0)

A.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2021-76, Agricultural Advisory Committee Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

A.5 Previous Minutes

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Shawn McKinlay

THAT the Minutes of January 20, 2022 and the Special Joint Committee Minutes of January 13, 2022 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (9): Councillor Matrosovs, John Ardiel, Duncan McKinlay, James McKinlay, Grant McMurchy, Dennis Ouellette, Lynn Vail, Randy McLeod, and Shawn McKinlay

The motion is Carried (9 to 0)

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

B.1 Deputations, if any

None

B.2 Public Comment Period (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2021-76, fifteen minutes is allotted at the Meeting to receive public comments regarding Agricultural Advisory Committee matters included on the Agenda. The speaker shall provide their name and address, and shall address their comments to the Chair. Comments shall not refer to personnel, litigation or potential litigation matters, or regarding matters that are a follow-up to a Public Meeting.

NOTE: Committee meetings are currently taking place virtually to assist with social distancing with respect to COVID-19. Comments received from the public that have not been included on the Agenda will be read at the meeting by the Executive Assistant.

None

B.3 Staff reports, if any

None

C. Matters for Discussion

C.1 Wild Chervil Update - Municipal By-Law Officer Raymond White (verbal)

Municipal By-Law Officer Raymond White introduced himself to the new members and provided a background on the actions taken on wild chervil in the Town over the last 2 years. Raymond advised that in 2021 the focus was on notifying private property owners if they had wild chervil on their property and to roadside spray on road allowances. Raymond advised that for 2022 a proactive approach would be taken, and he would be following up with property owners that had wild chervil on their properties last year. The quarterly Town newsletter would also feature information on how to identify and address wild chervil on resident's properties and that the Town website had a page dedicated to invasive species including wild chervil. Raymond advised Director of Operations Shawn Carey would be bringing a staff report to the next Committee meeting with more information.

Committee Member Duncan McKinlay asked if any enforcement action had happened in 2021. Raymond advised that the Property Standards By-Law had not yet been updated such that enforcement on wild chervil could occur and advised that no complaints were received in the rural areas where wild chervil was affecting neighbouring properties. Raymond noted the previous Municipal Weed Inspector had advised him that the wild chervil had to be affecting

someone else's property for the Town to conduct any enforcement steps through the Weed Control Act. Committee Member John Ardiel asked if residents would have the ability to appeal a Weed Control fine, and Raymond advised that individuals could dispute charges.

The Committee members noted that it was the right time to be discussing wild chervil as spring was approaching and discussed how to remove and reduce the amount of wild chervil on properties including cutting and spraying. It was noted that the herbicide to spray wild chervil was expensive and a barrier to private residents being able to spray to remove wild chervil on their properties, but that vinegar had been used with some success to reduce the sprouting of the plant. The Committee discussed the importance of members of the public being able to identify wild chervil and discern wild chervil from other plants such as giant hogweed to properly report it to the Town.

C.2 Tree By-Law Sub-Committee Appointment

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: John Ardiel

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee appoints Randy McLeod to the Tree By-Law Sub-Committee.

Yay (9): Councillor Matrosovs, John Ardiel, Duncan McKinlay, James McKinlay, Grant McMurchy, Dennis Ouellette, Lynn Vail, Randy McLeod, and Shawn McKinlay

The motion is Carried (9 to 0)

C.3 Alternate Appointee to the Economic Development Advisory Committee

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: John Ardiel

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee appoints Shawn McKinlay as the alternate representative to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Yay (9): Councillor Matrosovs, John Ardiel, Duncan McKinlay, James McKinlay, Grant McMurchy, Dennis Ouellette, Lynn Vail, Randy McLeod, and Shawn McKinlay

The motion is Carried (9 to 0)

C.4 Collingwood Today Article Re Tree By-Law - Committee Member Randy McLeod

Click Link: [Proposed TBM By-Law to Impose Restrictions on Urban Tree Removal from Private Properties](#)

Committee Member Randy McLeod advised that his impression from the article was that staff was in the control of the Tree By-Law and that there would be interactive mapping and tools available to the public to determine if they would be affected by the By-Law and noted that these had not been provided to Committees. Councillor Matrosovs noted that the article was reporting on a Committee meeting and that the interactive mapping tool had been discussed. Staff would be advising Committees and residents once that tools were available for them to use.

Committee Member John Ardiel asked if the Committees would receive a staff report on the Tree By-Law before it went to Committee of the Whole. Councillor Matrosovs confirmed they would see the report before it was presented to Committee of the Whole or Council.

The Committee discussed the benefit of holding the Public Meeting for the Tree By-Law at the Community Centre instead of Town Hall depending on the volume of individuals interested in attending the meeting.

Committee Member Dennis Ouellette asked if a referendum on the By-Law could be called if there was no consensus on the By-Law given that it was an election year. Councillor Matrosovs advised that the Town Clerk could be reached out to for more information on referendums.

Moved by: John Ardiel

Seconded by: Randy McLeod

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee requests that Council consider that the Public Meeting for the Tree By-Law be held in-person and be held at a place with suitable capacity limits once restrictions are lifted.

Yay (9): Councillor Matrosovs, John Ardiel, Duncan McKinlay, James McKinlay, Grant McMurchy, Dennis Ouellette, Lynn Vail, Randy McLeod, and Shawn McKinlay

The motion is Carried (9 to 0)

C.5 Action Item Tracking

- Tree By-Law Sub-Committee Update
 - John Ardiel asked if Council had received "What Council's Need to Know about Tree By-Laws" and that this would be a good document for Committees to have. Councillor Matrosovs advised that if the document referred to was the same as the one using the Town Logo from a Landowners Association, Council and Town staff were aware of that document and that it was not a Town-issued document. That document had been addressed in a staff report brought to Council and that Legal Services staff had provided their advice on the document. Councillor Matrosovs noted that John could send her the document to review and circulate to staff and that the Chair would make a decision if the document could be shared with the Sustainability Advisory and Agricultural Advisory Committee.
 - John stated that the document had been kept under cover and asked whether Director of Legal Services Will Thomson had received other legal opinions on the document. Councillor Matrosovs called a Point of Order at 7:21 p.m. in response to Committee Member John Ardiel, and noted that Will Thomson, Director of Legal Services, was a lawyer who does consult with other municipal counterparts.
- Parking Update, if available
- Town Newsletter Submission Topics, if any
- Nitrous Oxide Follow-up
 - No response regarding Nitrous Oxide has been received from the Christian Farmers Union. If correspondence is received it will be added to a Committee agenda for review.
- Official Plan Update
 - Planning staff will bring forward updates available.
- Water Park Update, if any
 - Staff will bring forward updates once available

D. Correspondence

D.1 Minister of Agriculture and Agri Food and OMAFRA Re: Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

Councillor Matrosovs noted that the correspondence had been received by the Town for information in the change in compensation for Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Shawn McKinlay

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives Item D.1. for information.

Yay (9): Councillor Matrosovs, John Ardiel, Duncan McKinlay, James McKinlay, Grant McMurchy, Dennis Ouellette, Lynn Vail, Randy McLeod, and Shawn McKinlay

The motion is Carried (9 to 0)

D.2 Conservation and Source Protection Branch Re Public Appointments Secretariat

Councillor Matrosovs noted she had received the correspondence directly and that there were opportunities for members in the agricultural community to apply to be a member under 1 of the 36 Conservation Authorities.

Moved by: John Ardiel

Seconded by: Lynn Vail

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives Item D.2. for information.

Yay (9): Councillor Matrosovs, John Ardiel, Duncan McKinlay, James McKinlay, Grant McMurchy, Dennis Ouellette, Lynn Vail, Randy McLeod, and Shawn McKinlay

The motion is Carried (9 to 0)

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to Agenda

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

- Wild Chervil Staff Report - Director of Operations Shawn Carey
- Private Land and Conservation Authority Signage - Committee Member John Ardiel
- Town Quarterly Newsletter Submission
- Agricultural Advisory Terms of Reference Review and Recommendations
- Action Item Tracking

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

March 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall, Council Chambers (virtual)

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Randy McLeod

THAT The Agricultural Advisory Committee does now adjourn at 7:43 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Yay (9): Councillor Matrosovs, John Ardiel, Duncan McKinlay, James McKinlay, Grant McMurphy, Dennis Ouellette, Lynn Vail, Randy McLeod, and Shawn McKinlay

The motion is Carried (9 to 0)