



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Agricultural Advisory Committee

Date: February 15, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting, Teams
Prepared By:
Carrie Fairley, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

Members Present: Gerbe Botden, Duncan McKinlay, Randy McLeod, Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, Councillor Ardiel, Councillor Alex Maxwell

Staff Present: CAO Shawn Everitt, Communications and Development Coordinator, Allan Gibbons

A. Call to Order

A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement and Moment of Reflection

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

Chair Ardiel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. noting that all members were present, virtually. Also in attendance was CAO Shawn Everitt and Communications and Economic Development Coordinator, Allan Gibbons.

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Alex Maxwell

Seconded by: Lynn Vail

THAT the Agenda of February 15, 2024, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

Yay (7): Gerbe Botden, Duncan McKinlay, Randy McLeod, Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, Councillor Alex Maxwell, and Councillor Gail Ardiel

The motion is Carried (7 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 2023-62, Council or Committee Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

Duncan McKinlay declared a conflict on item D.1 due to being a member of the Town’s Road Department during the winter months.

A.5 Previous Minutes

Moved by: Randy McLeod

Seconded by: Councillor Alex Maxwell

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes of November 9, 2023, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (7): Gerbe Botden, Duncan McKinlay, Randy McLeod, Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, Councillor Alex Maxwell, and Councillor Gail Ardiel

The motion is Carried (7 to 0)

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

None

C. Public Comment Period

None

D. Matters for Discussion

D.1 Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer, Re: 33rd Sideroad (Verbal Update)

Duncan McKinlay declared a conflict on this item due to being a member of the Town’s Road Department during the winter months.

CAO Shawn Everitt provided an update to the Committee on the road work that will be commencing in the spring noting that there will be a lift of surface treatment. The CAO spoke about the upcoming reduced load restrictions and where in the Town is affected by the restrictions.

D.2 Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer, Re: Tree By-law (Verbal)

CAO Shawn Everitt provided background information to the Committee what transpired at Council with respect to the Tree By-law and noted that at this time, there is no Tree By-law.

D.3 Follow-up Direction from Council

D.3.1 Allan Gibbons, Communications Staff, Re: Traffic Educational Signage in Agricultural Areas (Verbal Update)

Allan Gibbons, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator provided some background information to the Committee regarding educational signs in the community in the past. Allan noted the cost for the Town create and maintain these signs has a starting cost of \$250 and a \$75 cost per year, per sign to maintain the signs, for their estimated life span of seven years. Allan provided more information to the Committee on other ways that the Town can promote agricultural safety, besides signs, such as social media, and the Blue Mountain Review.

E. Correspondence

None

F. New and Unfinished Business

Moved by: Randy McLeod

Seconded by: Duncan McKinlay

THAT The Agricultural Advisory Committee requests Council to provide guidance on what Council would like this committee to focus on, the Official Plan and/or the Future Story, as it relates to Agriculture.

Yay (7): Gerbe Botden, Duncan McKinlay, Randy McLeod, Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, Councillor Alex Maxwell, and Councillor Gail Ardiel

The motion is Carried (7 to 0)

F.1 Additions to Agenda

An addition was added to the Agenda regarding and update of Agricultural Policies and the Official Plan Review. CAO Everitt noted that he will request Planning Staff to attend the next meeting to provide an update.

F.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Traffic Educational Signage

G. Notice of Meeting Dates

April 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

H. Adjournment

Moved by: Randy McLeod

Seconded by: Taylor Knott

THAT this Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting does now adjourn at 7:35 p.m. to meet again April 18, 2024, Virtually, or at the call of the Chair.

Yay (7): Gerbe Botden, Duncan McKinlay, Randy McLeod, Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, Councillor Gail Ardiel, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

The motion is Carried (7 to 0)