



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Agricultural Advisory Committee

Date: June 19, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting, Teams
Prepared By:
Carrie Fairley, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

Members Present: Gerbe Botden, Taylor Knott, Councillor Ardiel, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

Members Absent: Duncan McKinlay, and Lynn Vail

Staff Present: Allan Gibbons, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator, Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads and Drainage, and Morgan May Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

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 6:06 p.m. The Executive Assistant noted that all members of the Committee are in attendance save and except for Member McKinlay and Vail, who sent their regrets.

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Alex Maxwell
Seconded by: Gerbe Botden

THAT the Agenda of June 19, 2024, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda including removing Agenda item D.2, to be brought forward at a future meeting.

Yay (4): Gerbe Botden, Taylor Knott, Councillor Gail Ardiel, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

Absent (2): Duncan McKinlay, and Lynn Vail

The motion is Carried (4 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.

None

A.5 Previous Minutes

Moved by: Taylor Knott

Seconded by: Gerbe Botden

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes of February 15, 2024, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (4): Gerbe Botden, Taylor Knott, Councillor Gail Ardiel, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

Absent (2): Duncan McKinlay, and Lynn Vail

The motion is Carried (4 to 0)

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

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

Moved by: Councillor Alex Maxwell

Seconded by: Taylor Knott

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

Yay (4): Gerbe Botden, Taylor Knott, Councillor Gail Ardiel, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

Absent (2): Duncan McKinlay, and Lynn Vail

The motion is Carried (4 to 0)

Moved by: Gerbe Botden

Seconded by: Taylor Knott

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.

Yay (4): Gerbe Botden, Taylor Knott, Councillor Gail Ardiel, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

Absent (2): Duncan McKinlay, and Lynn Vail

The motion is Carried (4 to 0)

C. Public Comment Period

None

D. Matters for Discussion

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

Moved by: Taylor Knott

Seconded by: Gerbe Botden

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 committee, to assist the public in controlling wild chervil and that 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 committee, regarding noxious weeds to begin early April, each calendar year.

Yay (4): Gerbe Botden, Taylor Knott, Councillor Gail Ardiel, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

Absent (2): Duncan McKinlay, and Lynn Vail

The motion is Carried (4 to 0)

D.2 Adam Smith, Director of Planning and Development & Shawn Postma, Manager of Planning, Re: The Official Plan, Agricultural White Paper Review

This Agenda Item was removed from the agenda and will be put on a future agenda.

D.3 Youth Climate Action Fund, Re: Applications

Councillor Ardiel provided information to the Committee regarding the Youth Climate Action Fund and requested the Committee Members to share residents who have children.

D.4 Follow-up Direction from Council, Re: Guidance from Council regarding the focus of work of the Agricultural Advisory Committee

Chair Ardiel noted the Committee needs to use the Terms of Reference as the guiding document for the work of the Committee.

E. Correspondence

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

Moved by: Taylor Knott

Seconded by: Gerbe Botden

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.

Yay (4): Gerbe Botden, Taylor Knott, Councillor Gail Ardiel, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

Absent (2): Duncan McKinlay, and Lynn Vail

The motion is Carried (4 to 0)

F. New and Unfinished Business

F.1 Additions to Agenda

F.1.1 Resurfacing roads in the Town (tar and chip)

- Contract with Dunncor who will come in early August to complete work on the 10th Line – from Grey Road 13 to the 9/10 Sideroad, Pretty River Road, 30th Sideroad, 33rd Sideroad and the Meaford Townline.
- Starting on July 17th the 33rd Sideroad is going to be pulverized from the Town line right to Binkley's. The road will be taken down to the gravel, reshaped and then two layers of surface treatment will be put on top. The road will remain a half-load road in the spring and fall, but this will help the ride.

F.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

- Review of Policy Recommendations for the Official Plan, regarding agricultural (Shawn Postma and Adam Smith)
- Share the Road sign update and mapping review (Allan Gibbons)
- Update regarding mapping for broadband fiber optic in the rural areas (Jim McCannell)

G. Notice of Meeting Dates

At the Call of the Chair.

H. Adjournment

Moved by: Gerbe Botden

Seconded by: Taylor Knott

THAT this Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting does now adjourn at 7:44 p.m. to meet again virtually, at the call of the Chair.

Yay (4): Gerbe Botden, Taylor Knott, Councillor Gail Ardiel, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

Absent (2): Duncan McKinlay, and Lynn Vail

The motion is Carried (4 to 0)