



# Minutes

## The Blue Mountains

### Agricultural Advisory Committee

**Date:** October 2, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting, Teams  
**Prepared By:**  
Carrie Fairley, Legislative Coordinator

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

**Staff Present:** Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads and Drainage, Allan Gibbons, Economic Development and Communications Coordinator, Alan Pacheco, Director of Operations and Shawn Postma, Manager of Planning

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#### **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 6:01 p.m. Legislative Coordinator Carrie Fairley noted that all Committee Members were present virtual, save and except for Member Botden and Duncan McKinlay, who sent their regrets.

Duncan McKinlay joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Councillor Maxwell vacated the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

##### **A.3 Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Taylor Knott  
Seconded by: Lynn Vail

THAT the Agenda of October 2, 2024, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

Yay (4): Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, Councillor Gail Ardiel, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

Absent (2): Gerbe Botden, and Duncan McKinlay

**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: Lynn Vail

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes of June 19, 2024, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (4): Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, Councillor Gail Ardiel, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

Absent (2): Gerbe Botden, and Duncan McKinlay

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0)**

**B. Staff Reports and Deputations**

None

**C. Public Comment Period**

None

**D. Matters for Discussion**

**D.1 Allan Gibbons, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator, Re: Open Fields Update (Verbal)**

Allan provided an update of the upcoming event.

**D.2 Allan Gibbons, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator, Re: Share the Road sign update and mapping review**

Allan provided an update regarding the educational road signs that will be ordered.

**D.3 Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads and Drainage, Re: Update Regarding Mapping for Broadband Fiber Optic in Rural Areas**

Jim provided an update regarding the fiber optic installation in the Town.

**D.4 Ecological Offsetting**

Chair Ardiel requested the committee review the Grey County presentation on this topic.

**D.5 Adam Smith, Director of Planning and Development and Shawn Postma, Manager of Planning, Re: Review of Agricultural Policy Recommendations for the Official Plan**

Shawn Postma provided an update to the committee regarding the Official Plan.

**E. Correspondence**

None

**F. New and Unfinished Business**

**F.1 Additions to Agenda**

None

**F.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting**

To be canvassed by the Legislative Coordinator.

**G. Notice of Meeting Dates**

At the call of the Chair.

**H. Adjournment**

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Taylor Knott

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

Yay (4): Duncan McKinlay, Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, and Councillor Gail Ardiel

Absent (2): Gerbe Botden, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0)**