



Minutes

The Blue Mountains

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Date: January 16, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting, Teams
Prepared By:
Carrie Fairley, Acting Deputy Clerk

Members Present: Gerbe Botden, Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, Councillor Ardiel

Members Absent: Duncan McKinlay, Councillor Alex Maxwell

Staff Present: Director of Community Services, Ryan Gibbons, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator and 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 6:20 p.m. Acting Deputy Clerk Carrie Fairley noted all members were present virtually, save and except for Member McKinlay and Councillor Maxwell, who sent their regrets.

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Gerbe Botden
Seconded by: Lynn Vail

THAT the Agenda of January 16, 2025, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

Yay (4): Gerbe Botden, Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, and Councillor Gail Ardiel

Absent (2): Duncan McKinlay, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

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: Gerbe Botden

Seconded by: Taylor Knott

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes of October 2, 2024, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (4): Gerbe Botden, Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, and Councillor Gail Ardiel

Absent (2): Duncan McKinlay, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

The motion is Carried (4 to 0)

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

None

C. Public Comment Period

Brian Gilroy, President of Georgian Bay Fruit Growers provided comments regarding the Management Plan for Abandoned Orchards.

Kyle Ardiel, apple farmer and resident provided comments regarding the Management Plan for Abandoned Orchards.

Tom and Karen Ferri, apple farmers and residents provided comments regarding The Management Plan for Abandoned Orchards.

D. Matters for Discussion

D.1 Allan Gibbons, Economic Development and Communications Coordinator, Re: Follow-up on Wild Chervil Management

Moved by: Lynn Vail

Seconded by: Gerbe Botden

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives for information the Communication Plan for Wild Chervil and Noxious Weed Awareness.

Yay (4): Gerbe Botden, Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, and Councillor Gail Ardiel

Absent (2): Duncan McKinlay, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

The motion is Carried (4 to 0)

D.2 Allan Gibbons, Economic Development and Communications Coordinator, Re: Gateway Signage Questionnaire

Moved by: Gerbe Botden

Seconded by: Taylor Knott

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives for information the Gateway Signage information and Questionnaire.

Yay (4): Gerbe Botden, Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, and Councillor Gail Ardiel

Absent (2): Duncan McKinlay, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

The motion is Carried (4 to 0)

D.3 Follow-up Direction from Council

D.3.1 Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services, Re: Discussion on Management Plan for Abandoned Orchards

Moved by: Lynn Vail

Seconded by: Taylor Knott

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives for information the Management Plan for Abandoned Orchards in the Town of The Blue Mountains.

Yay (4): Gerbe Botden, Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, and Councillor Gail Ardiel

Absent (2): Duncan McKinlay, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

The motion is Carried (4 to 0)

D.4 2025 Agricultural Advisory Committee Schedule

Acting Deputy Clerk Carrie Fairley will canvass the Committee regarding the proposed meeting dates, via email. The Committee agreed to a 6:30 p.m. start time for Agricultural Advisory Committee meetings in 2025.

D.5 Chair Ardiel, Re: Verbal update on trip to South Africa

Chair Ardiel provided a verbal update to the Committee regarding her trip to South Africa.

D.6 Ontario Farm Land Trust Presentation- Cultivating a Legacy of Farmland Preservation. PLEASE NOTE this presentation is being provided to the Committee for information and discussion purposes ONLY.

Chair Ardiel noted that she received this presentation at the Grey County Agricultural Committee and thought it was good information to pass along to the Committee.

E. Correspondence

None

F. New and Unfinished Business

F.1 Additions to Agenda

None

F.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

None

G. Notice of Meeting Dates

At the Call of the Chair

H. Adjournment

Moved by: Taylor Knott

Seconded by: Gerbe Botden

THAT this Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting does now adjourn at 7:40 p.m. to meet again, virtually, at the call of the Chair.

Yay (4): Gerbe Botden, Lynn Vail, Taylor Knott, and Councillor Gail Ardiel

Absent (2): Duncan McKinlay, and Councillor Alex Maxwell

The motion is Carried (4 to 0)