

Date: March 22, 2023
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Accursi Room A, Meridian Community Centre

Attendance: Councillor Kevin Ker
Dan DeVries
Doug Wilson
John Langendoen (via ZOOM)
Joyce Sonneveld
Louis Damm
Sherry Rusin
Sandra Frayne

Staff: Barbara Wiens, Director, Community Planning & Development
Lindsay Richardson, Policy Planner
Sarah Leach, Deputy Clerk
Jodi Legros, Legislative and Community Coordinator

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Noting that quorum was present, Barbara Wiens, Director, Community Planning and Development called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

2. Land Recognition Statement

Barbara Wiens, Director, Community Planning and Development recited the land recognition statement.

3. Introductions

The Committee members introduced themselves and provided brief backgrounds to their experience and reasons for joining the committee.

4. Overview of Parliamentary Procedure

The Town's Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the parliamentary procedure including:

- The Committee's Terms of Reference and Meeting Schedule;

- Communication;
- Roles and responsibilities (Staff, Chair, Vice-Chair);
- Role of communication specialist;
- Attendance;
- Pecuniary Interest (Conflict of Interest);
- Communication with Council;
- Delegation to Council; and
- General Parliamentary Procedure

5. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Deputy Clerk led the committee through the election process, it was then determined:

THAT Louis Damm be appointed as Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

THAT Doug Wilson be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

6. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Sherry Rusin
Seconded by Joyce Sonneveld

THAT the agenda for the March 22, 2023, regular meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee be adopted.

Carried

7. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature

There were no pecuniary interests disclosed by any of the members present.

8. Regular Business

8.1. Review of Terms of Reference and 2023 Meeting Schedule

Staff provided a brief overview of the Committee's Terms of Reference and meeting schedule. Options regarding the continuation of hybrid meetings was discussed.

8.2. Proposed Town of Pelham Dark Sky By-law and Greenhouse Light Mitigation By-law

Staff provided background information on the creation of the proposed By-laws noting that the original Dark Sky By-law. Part of the by-law dealt specifically with greenhouse light mitigation and through the review process, the Cannabis Control Committee (CCC) recommended a greenhouse light mitigation by-law be established separately.

Staff prepared two by-laws as per the recommendations of the CCC and have provided these to the Committee for their review, discussion, and comment at a future meeting. It was noted that the proposed Greenhouse Light Mitigation By-law was circulated to the Pelham Greenhouse Growers Group for input.

The Committee discussed the need to gather additional information relating to the proposed Greenhouse Light Mitigation By-law. New information is available through a thesis from the University of Guelph that provides guidance on different levels of light intensity required for different products grown in greenhouses and mitigation requirements.

The draft Greenhouse Light Mitigation By-law will be discussed at a future meeting once research material is shared. It was then:

Moved by Sandra Frayne
Seconded by Doug Wilson

THAT the Committee received the Draft Dark Sky and Greenhouse Light Mitigation By-laws for information.

Carried

8.3. Proposed Town of Pelham Backyard Hen By-law

Staff provided background information on the creation of the proposed Backyard Hen By-law. Through research and a best practice review, Staff created the proposed Licensing By-law and presented it to Council. Council

deferred making any decision until the idea could be discussed further with the Committee.

The Committee discussed the need to gather more information prior to making any formal comments or recommendations. The Committee will continue to discuss the draft Backyard Hen By-law at the next meeting. It was then:

Moved by Dan DeVries
Seconded by Sherry Rusin

THAT the Committee received the Draft Backyard Hen By-law for information.

Carried

8.4. Niagara Region Agricultural Action Plan

Staff provided information with respect to the Niagara Region Agricultural Action Plan. It is being developed through the Region of Niagara Economic Development Department and Staff will circulate the draft report when it becomes available. Staff have also requested a presentation to the Committee if Regional Staff are available.

8.5. Appoint Representative on Stakeholder Committee for Natural Asset Management Plan

Staff provided an overview of the project noting that the Consultants preparing the Plan will be modeling the impacts the Town's natural assets have for climate change mitigation, adaptation, infrastructure capabilities etc. A Stakeholder Committee is being established and this Committee is being asked to provide a representative.

John Langendoen volunteered act at the Committee's representative. It was then:

Moved by Joyce Sonneveld
Seconded by Dan DeVries

THAT the Committee appoint John Langendoen to the Natural Asset Management Plan Stakeholder Committee

Carried

9. Next Meeting

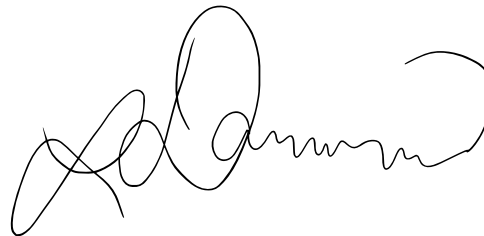
The next meeting will take place on April 26, 2023 in Accursi Room B and the Meridian Community Centre at 9:00 am.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Doug Wilson
Seconded by Sherry Rusin

THAT this Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee be adjourned at 3:52 pm.

Carried



Chair, Louis Damm



Lindsay Richardson, Policy Planner