



Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: February 26, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillors Kyle, and Coleman, Members Aulsebrook, Eddy, R. Miller, Sharp, and Vos

Regrets: Hodge, L. Miller, Snyder

Staff: Bergeron, Kitchen, Allison

Member Miller in the Chair.

1. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Member Aulsebrook

That the agenda for the February 26, 2024 Agricultural Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

4. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

5.1 Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes of January 29, 2024

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Member Aulsebrook

That the minutes from the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting of January 29, 2024 be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Member Eddy advised he is currently working with the County of Brant and Ontario Federation of Agriculture for signage that communicates the usage of the travelled portion of roads by farm implements.

7. Agricultural Planning Applications

None.

8. Staff Reports

8.1 Consents: Surplus Farm Dwelling Severances and Boundary Adjustments Presentation

Haylee Hallema, Planner, appeared before the committee and presented on Consents: Surplus Farm Dwelling Severances and Boundary Adjustments. She noted what is a consent, land use plan/designations, zoning by-law/ agricultural zone, surplus farm dwelling severance, boundary adjustment, and other committee of adjustment applications.

In response to questions, H. Hallema advised a future training presentation is forthcoming to committee regarding minimum distance separation (m/s) relief and minor variances.

In response to questions, minor variances are assessed quantitatively nor qualitatively, if staff find the application is not minor in nature then a zoning by-law amendment would be recommended.

8.2 RPT-0176-24 Chickens in Residential Areas - Draft Regulations and Next Steps

Jessica Kitchen, Planner, appeared before the committee and presented on chickens in residential areas. She gave a brief project history and next steps, draft regulations that will need to be considered, potential concerns and constraints including source water protection. J. Kitchen concluded with next steps.

The committee noted that a maximum of 4 chickens per property (with no ability to increase), exclusion of multi-unit uses zones, and area exclusions relating to drinking water protections and restrictive covenants to mitigate public health risks. The committee also noted biosecurity measures, such as a licensing program, to help mitigate public health risks and trace potential infectious illness and disease outbreaks. The committee also recommended continued communication of supportive materials, such as Ministry Guidelines, to keep future owners informed on their responsibilities, inform the community, and address the risk of disease and illness outbreaks, such as Avian Influenza (AI).

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That RPT-0176-24 Chickens in Residential Areas - Draft Regulations and Next Steps be received;

And that any comments regarding the report be referred to staff for review.

Carried

9. Communications

None.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Planning Advisory Committee Business

None.

12. In Camera

None.

13. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 9:45 a.m. to meet again on March 25, 2024 at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary