



Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: April 28, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillors Kyle, and Coleman, Members Aulsebrook, L. Miller, Sharp, Snyder, and Vos

Regrets: Members Eddy, Hodge, and R. Miller

Staff: Vink, Gable, Kortleve, Webb, and Pluck

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Member Vos in the Chair.

1. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

2. Approval of Agenda

Member Sharp indicated that he had two items under other business.

Councillor Kyle indicated that she had two items under other business.

Moved by Councillor Coleman

Seconded by Member Sharp

That the agenda for the April 28, 2025 Agricultural Advisory Committee including four items under other business 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 27, 2025

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes of January 27, 2025, be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Agricultural Planning Applications

None.

8. Staff Reports

8.1 Draft Rural Prosperity Community Improvement Plan

Brandon Webb, Research & Marketing Economic Development Officer appeared before the Committee and presented the Draft Rural Prosperity Community Improvement Plan (RPCIP). He advised that the RPCIP offers incentives to support on-farm diversified uses to expand farming operations, promote the development of Additional Residential Units (ARUs) on agricultural properties to address housing needs, and to foster commercial and community-benefiting uses in rural hamlets and villages. B. Webb highlighted the guiding objectives of the RPCIP and noted the grants offered under the incentive program.

In response to questions, Zach Gable, Director of Economic Development & Tourism advised that there is a current annual contribution to the capital budget of \$150,000 to fund downtown CIP projects, and the intent would be to use those funds for this program.

In response to questions, Brandon Kortleve, Manager of Policy Planning advised that as of current, only one principal unit and one Additional Residential Unit are permitted on agricultural properties.

The Committee further discussed ARUs on agricultural properties.

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Member Sharp

That the staff presentation regarding the Draft Rural Prosperity Community Improvement Plan be received as information.

Carried

9. Communications

None.

10. Other Business

Proposed Glen Morris Subdivision

Discussion was held surrounding a proposed subdivision within Glen Morris, with staff noting a Neighbourhood Information Meeting was held and that no application for this proposed subdivision has been received at this time. Discussion was held with regards to the traffic implications from the proposed development.

McPherson School Road Building Application

Member Vos advised of concerns they received pertaining to a building application for a pig barn on McPherson School Road.

Jeremy Vink, Director of Planning advised that the application has been withdrawn.

Backyard Hen By-law

Councillor Kyle inquired to the status of updating the County of Brant website and social media to include information pertaining to the Backyard Hen By-law.

In response to questions, B. Kortleve advised that a dedicated webpage and social media posts on backyard hens will be launching in the coming days.

Further discussion was held surrounding the enforcement of the Backyard Hen By-law, with the suggestion being made of inviting Enforcement Services to attend the May 26, 2025, Agricultural Advisory Committee to speak further to this topic.

Road Safety Surrounding Farming Practices

Councillor Kyle spoke to the importance of road safety surrounding farming equipment and requested that the County of Brant share communications on the importance of patience and sharing the road with farming equipment.

11. In Camera

None.

12. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 9:46 am to meet again on Monday, May 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary