



## **Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAC) Meeting**

Haldimand County Administration Building

January 15, 2020

**Present:** Councillor Metcalfe, Henk Lise (Chair), Stuart Heeg (Vice-Chair), Ron Young, Richard Blyleven, Nick Kinkel (OMAFRA), Jordan Fowler, Stephanie Campbell-Heron, Rick Armstrong, Louise Hyeming (GRCA)

**Staff:** Lidy Romanuk, Manager of Economic Development & Tourism, Shannon VanDalen, Manager of Planning and Development, Alison Earls Senior Economic Development Officer, Jaymie Nelson, Senior Economic Development Officer & Breanna Beauchamp, Division Support.

**Regrets:** Bruce Armstrong

### **1. Welcome and Introduction**

Meeting called to order by Chair Henk Lise at 6:03 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

### **2. Council Update**

Councillor Metcalfe provided an update on Council activities including new restrictions to the Site Alteration by-law, landfill odor complaints, and the status of the move into the new Cayuga Administration building.

The committee illustrated concern for how the public was informed of by-law updates and recommended notice of any by-law changes be printed in local newspapers.

A discussion then ensued.

### **3. Rural Water Quality Project**

L. Heyming presented a program update for the Rural Water Quality Project Program which included eligible and completed projects, wetland creation, and an overview of RWQP results.

L. Heyming then presented a Rural Water Quality Project for the committee's approval.

File # 107- Tree Planting project was presented.

Moved By R. Blyleven, and seconded by R. Armstrong that the project be approved totaling \$641.00 at 6:21 pm.

**APPROVED**

#### **4. Overview of Official Plan**

Shannon VanDalen, Manager of Planning and Development, presented an update on Haldimand County's Official Plan. The Official Plan update will be implemented in two phases, with the long term growth strategy being the first phase. Amendment of the Official Plan is scheduled for Fall 2021 for Council approval.

Public consultations will be held for both phases of the Official Plan throughout the duration of the project. Communication of all consultations will be issued across all platforms, including targeting invitations to committees, chambers, BIA's etc.

##### Upcoming Public Consultation

- February 5th- Public Information Centre  
Haldimand County Caledonia Centre- Remax Room  
(time to be determined)
- March 25th- Facilitated Round Table Working Session  
Cayuga Arena- McSorely Room  
(time to be determined)
- April 15th- Public Information Centre  
Dunnville Area  
(time and location to be determined)

A discussion then ensued.

#### **5. Farmers Market By-Law Update**

Jaymie Nelson, Senior Economic Development Officer provided an update on the Farmers Market by-law that was amended to better reflect both the operations of the markets on municipal lands, and current farmers market trends. This consolidated by-law will replace the existing, and significantly outdated by-laws currently in place. Key highlights included:

- The role of County staff as market administrator will be removed and authorizes the General Manager of Community and Development Services to designate or enter into an agreement with a Market Operator. These agreements are already in place with the Hagersville Chamber of Commerce and the Dunnville Farmers Market Association.
- By-laws still in place to protect heritage and intent of the farmers markets thus ensuring 50% + 1 vendors are producers. This means that goods are produced or derived from their own farm.,
- The Market Operators will now have the ability to determine the type of vendors which can include artisans, mobile food trucks, entertainment, cooking demonstrations etc. A minor change to mobile food premises required for allowance of food trucks.
- Updating location of Dunnville Farmers Market, and better aligning market season and hours with agreements/MOU now in place.

A discussion then ensued.

## **6. Approval of Minutes and Business Arising**

Moved by. R. Young and seconded by R. Byleven that that minutes of Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting dated November 20, 2019 be approved as presented at 7:11 pm.

**APPROVED**

## **7. EDT Update**

A. Earls provided an EDT Update, key highlights included:

- Business Excellence Awards
- EmployerOne Survey
- LPCA Mapping Update
- St. Leonard's Job Fair
- Workplan Priorities for Committee

N. Kinkel then provided information on upcoming OMAFRA funding opportunities including Canadian Agricultural Partnership: Cost Share Funding, The Place to Grow: Agri-Food Innovation Initiatives, and provided a review of upcoming workshops.

## **8. Adjourned at 7:27 pm**

## **9. Next Meeting**

March 18, 2020 from 6 pm to 8pm

New Haldimand County Administration Building 53 Thorburn St. S.