



**Burlington Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee
Agenda**

Date: June 19, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 305, Level 3, City Hall
426 Brant Street, Burlington, Ontario

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Burlington Agricultural & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: May 22, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 247, Level 2, City Hall

1. Members Present:

David Stanyar (Chair), Vanessa Warren, Jamie Fisher, Maura Romanelli, John Timmis, Norm Richardson, Glenn Portch and Sarah Pralet

2. Others Present:

Councillor Angelo Bentivegna, Kelly Cook (Planner) and Jo-Anne Rudy (Clerk)

3. Regrets:

Nancy Douglas

4. Declarations of Interest:

None

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Approve minutes from meeting held April 17, 2019

On motion, the minutes from the meeting held April 17, 2019 were approved as presented.

6. Delegation(s):

None

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Housekeeping discussion re: budget, presentations and webpage

- Jo-Anne advised members that BARAAC has an annual budget of \$2,500 which can be used to attend seminars/workshops, provided the expenditure is approved by the committee.

- When committee members are providing presentations at meetings, Jo-Anne asked for them to be sent two days prior to the meeting so staff have the opportunity to review and be prepared with comments, if necessary.
- Jo-Anne advised that the webpage for BARAAC on the city's website is up and can be viewed at www.burlington.ca/baraac. Members were encouraged to review the webpage and provide feedback on additional information that would be useful to the committee and/or the public.

7.2 Planner update

- Kelly provided a brief overview of the land use planning framework in the rural area and noted that the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) is the overarching Provincial document that directs and informs municipal Official Plans, in addition to Provincial plans, such as A Place to Grow, the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Greenbelt Plan. As Burlington is a part of a two-tier system, the City's Official Plan must conform to and not conflict with the Halton Regional Official Plan.

7.3 Member Presentation - general overview on planning and agriculture

- Jamie and Vanessa provided a general overview of agriculture and land use planning in Burlington, from an agricultural perspective. Jamie stated that there are many documents that inform municipal Official Plans (OP); however, there can be differing or conflicting interpretations of policies, resulting in uncertainty for the agricultural community.
- Jamie shared the Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) 38 timelines and resulting key issues for the agricultural community: (1) Agriculture vs Natural Heritage; (2) Extent of Key Features; (3) Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs); and (4) Permitted Uses.
- Vanessa discussed the variations between Regional and Provincial mapping of the Agricultural System and the Natural Heritage System in relation to the Adopted Burlington Official Plan (2018) and the Regional Official Plan, which has not yet implemented the Provincial mapping.

8. Other Business:

- Vanessa shared highlights from the Red Tape Red Carpet Task Force Rural Focus Group meeting that took place on May 15, 2019 at Capstone Farm with Mayor Meed Ward and noted some of the top ideas were to create more

clarity in policies, zoning and definitions with a focus on encouragement of farm diversified uses to support farm viability. Jo-Anne noted that as a result of this meeting, the Mayor brought forward the following staff direction at the Planning & Development Committee meeting of May 21, 2019:

Direct the Director of City Building to consider revisions to adopted Official Plan policies that are within the City's legislative authority, based on recommendations from the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee and report back to Council as to the appropriateness of preparing Official Plan modifications for Regional consideration through the scoped re-examination of the Adopted Official Plan Study.

- With the time sensitivity of the scoped re-examination of the Adopted Official Plan Study, committee agreed that the June meeting will be held at City Hall and should be focused on discussion around OP policies to reduce Red Tape and uncertainty for rural and agricultural communities. The committee will discuss their feedback at the June meeting and Kelly will prepare a response to each item for discussion in September, to assist the committee in determining next steps.

Action: Members to provide feedback to Vanessa who will input into table provided by Kelly.

- The Rural Active Transportation Study update will be rescheduled to September.
- Jo-Anne reminded members to sign up for the Citizen Action Labs taking place on Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. at Mainway Auditorium and Wednesday, May 29 at 2 and 7 p.m. at Central Library.

9. Adjournment: 9:05 p.m.

ITEM	DETAILS
Environmental Registry of Ontario Notices	<p>ERO number 013-4507- Proposed Modifications to O. Reg. 525/97 (Exemption from Approval – Official Plan Amendments) made under the Planning Act to implement the Proposed Amendment to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 (Decision) https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4507</p> <p>ERO number 013-4505: Proposed Modifications to O. Reg. 311/06 (Transitional Matters - Growth Plans) made under the Places to Grow Act, 2005 to implement the Proposed Amendment to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 (Decision) https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4505</p>
Ontario Newsroom Announcements	<p>Creating Jobs and Boosting Economic Growth in Rural Ontario- Ontario revitalizing the Rural Economic Development program for greater impact https://news.ontario.ca/omafra/en/2019/05/creating-jobs-and-boosting-economic-growth-in-rural-ontario.html?utm_source=digest&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p</p> <p>Ontario Celebrates Local Food Week- Ontario Launches Program Recognizing Local Food Champions https://news.ontario.ca/omafra/en/2019/06/ontario-celebrates-local-food-week.html?utm_source=digest&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p</p> <p>Ontario Releases Local Food Report- Supports for Broader Public Sector include a new benchmarking and goal tracking program https://news.ontario.ca/omafra/en/2019/06/ontario-releases-local-food-report.html?utm_source=digest&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p</p> <p>Growing Ontario's Agri-food Sector- New Place to Grow program to boost industry competitiveness and innovation https://news.ontario.ca/omafra/en/2019/06/growing-ontarios-agri-food-sector.html?utm_source=digest&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p</p>

Bill 108: More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019	Bill 108 came into affect on June 6, 2019. The City website has posted detailed information regarding the impacts. https://www.burlington.ca/en/your-city/bill-108.asp
Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation Report “Greenbelt Farmers: Sustaining Soil Health”	Tells the stories of 14 farmers in the Greenbelt who are using a variety of practices to improve their soil health. https://www.greenbelt.ca/greenbelt_farmers?utm_campaign=soil_health_case&utm_medium=email&utm_source=greenbelt
Fresh From the Farm, Healthy Fundraising for Ontario Schools Program	Provides schools the opportunity to raise funds by selling fresh, Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables to the community, while promoting healthy eating and supporting Ontario farmers. Fresh from the Farm is a single fundraising event, with the school delivery scheduled for a pre-advised date in November through to early December. https://www.freshfromfarm.ca/home.aspx
Rodale Institute: Industrial Hemp Trial	Over the course of a four-year trial, the Rodale Institute is exploring hemp’s potential as a cover crop to enhance soil health and farm viability. https://rodaleinstitute.org/science/industrial-hemp-trial/



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Re: National Farm Building Code Review

Dear Kelly Cook:

Thank you for your enquiry.

Your question:

I read the following update on the NRCC website:

“The farm building requirements related to fire protection, structural design and dangerous goods are being discussed for publication in the 2020 editions of the NBC and NFC. The fire and structural requirements in the National Farm Building Code have not been reviewed or revised since the 1995 edition and are increasingly in conflict with the latest edition of the Codes.”

Is there any additional information available regarding this review? Will there be a public engagement/stakeholder consultation process and, if so, where would the notice be posted?

Codes Canada response:

New farm building provisions, drafted by a Joint Task Group (JTG) of experts from various fields, are being proposed for Part 2 of Division B of the National Building Code (NBC). The JTG has also drafted provisions for the National Fire Code specific to farm buildings. The Standing Committee (SC) on Hazardous Materials and Activities, the committee responsible for the technical provisions for farm buildings, recommended the proposed changes be sent to public review in the fall of 2019.

The first phase of the task to update the farm building requirements addressed large farm buildings (greater than 600 m² floor area or greater than 3 storeys) and this package of proposed changes is expected to be posted for public review and comment sometime in the fall of 2019. Please keep an eye on our website (<https://nrc.canada.ca/en/node/344/>) for updates regarding the public review period.

All the meetings of the JTG on farm buildings as well as the SC meetings are all public meetings, and the upcoming meeting information is posted on our website here: https://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/solutions/advisory/codes_centre/attend_meeting.html

Meeting agendas are posted on our project collaboration site, here: <https://cnrc.teamworkpm.net/index.cfm#projects/432586/overview/activity>

The views expressed in this response are those of the staff of Codes Canada of the National Research Council Canada who assist the committees that are responsible for the preparation of the Codes Canada publications. These views should not be considered as official interpretations of legislated requirements based on the National Building Code, National Fire Code, National Plumbing Code, or National Energy Code for Buildings. The final responsibility for an official interpretation rests with the authority having jurisdiction.

Regards,

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