



Burlington Agricultural & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: March 13, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Room 247, Level 2, City Hall

1. Members Present:

Vanessa Warren, Maura Romanelli, Nancy Douglas, Glenn Portch, John Timmis, Jamie Fisher, Norm Richardson, Dave Stanyar and Sarah Pralet

2. Others Present:

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

3. Welcome and Introductions

- Jo-Anne welcomed members and all participated in roundtable introductions.

4. Committee Orientation

- Jo-Anne provided members with an orientation presentation including a review of meeting procedures, committee/council structure, citizen committee roles, etc.

Action - Jo-Anne to email membership list with contact information to members

5. Regular Items:

5.1 Draft Terms of Reference

- Committee members discussed the draft terms of reference and had the following comments:
 - Tighten up language in second paragraph of Background to reflect the importance of economic viability of farming.
 - #1 Mandate, item g) - concern with the scope of preparing State of Agriculture report every four years so added "or as determined through the committee's annual work plan process.

- #3 Meetings - change to monthly from bi-monthly and alternate location for meetings other than City Hall.
- #7 Composition - increase citizen representatives to 8, increase the number of representatives who possess a valid farm business registration number to a minimum of 4, remove youth representative and state 2 general representatives may or may not reside in non-rural area.

Action - Kelly to update and provide at next meeting for final review.

5.2 2019 meeting schedule

- Jo-Anne reviewed a draft meeting schedule and all members were in agreement with dates. It was suggested that perhaps meeting location could be held in north Burlington and Vanessa offered Capstone Farm on Bell School Line for the April and June meetings. Location for meetings in the Fall will be determined at a later date.

Action - Jo-Anne to email updated schedule to members

5.3 Chair/Vice Chair positions

- Jo-Anne asked members who were interested in the Chair and Vice Chair positions to share some of their background and past experiences. David Stanyar and Glenn Portch both expressed an interest in either position and shared some of their experience.
- Jo-Anne advised that she will hold the election of Chair and Vice Chair at the April meeting.

6. Other Business:

- Jamie commented that Council approved a motion on February 7/19 directing staff to commence a process to re-examine the policies of the Official Plan adopted April 26/18 in their entirety related to matters of height and intensity and conformity with provincial density targets. Jamie asked if the committee would have an opportunity to comment on rural issues. Kelly advised that a Council workshop would be taking place on March 18 to discuss the scope of this review and noted that although the workshop is open to the public, delegations would not be permitted. Kelly noted that ongoing work will continue between the City and Region with regard to the Regional review, which will result in a draft notice of decision containing modifications to the City's Official Plan. These modifications will be shared with the City and brought forward to Council for consideration. Kelly indicated that specific examples of policy concerns would enable her to provide a more comprehensive response, as the appropriate course of action will vary

according to whether the policy is within City, Regional or Provincial jurisdiction.

Action - Committee members to compile a list of their outstanding concerns for discussion at a future BARAAC meeting.

- Sarah asked about how by-laws can be changed and Jo-Anne responded that this subject could perhaps be discussed at a future committee meeting.
- Maura inquired about the City's Rural Active Transportation Strategy and expressed an interest in having Transportation Planning staff provide an update to the committee and Kelly indicated that she would follow-up with Transportation Planning and determine an appropriate future committee meeting.

7. Adjournment: 9 p.m.