



Burlington Agricultural & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: March 15, 2023
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual

1. Members Present:

Glenn Portch, Maura Romanelli, Larry Campbell, Vincent Sowa, Michiel Barnard, John Timmis, Chuck Nyland, Peter Starcevic (alternate)

2. Regrets:

Krista Harrington, Sarah Pralet

3. Others Present:

Kelly Cook (Planner), Kristin Sprukulis (Committee Clerk)

4. Land Acknowledgement:

Glenn read the land acknowledgement.

5. Welcome and Introduction of New Members:

New and returning members introduced themselves to the committee as this was the first meeting with newly appointed members.

6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

On motion, Vincent Sowa and Maura Romanelli were elected as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, to the Burlington Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for the term to expire December 31, 2023.

7. Declarations of Interest:

None.

8. Approval of Minutes:

8.1 Approve minutes from meeting held February 15, 2023

On motion, the minutes from the February 15, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

9. Delegation(s):

None.

10. Regular Items:

10.1 April census workshop preparation

Kelly provided information from the Province of Ontario County Profiles webpage. This can be found [here](#). The full excel spreadsheet with census information can be found [here](#). Key information included:

- At the April meeting, a member from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) will be presenting this information. If there are any particular questions please send them to Kelly beforehand.
- This presentation will be to help the committee gain an understanding of what information is available and what Burlington should be paying attention to moving forward.
- In terms of the agricultural sector, the long term city plans have been minimal. It is good to have this data to show what should be looked into moving forward.
- This fits into the workplan to support the State of Agriculture deliverable.

11. Other Business:

Further issues that were discussed include:

- City of Burlington 150th anniversary: there is interest in getting involved with Heritage Burlington in a joint effort. This will be from August 4- August 12. Heritage Burlington has a sub-committee dedicated to this. Action: Larry and John to work with Kelly and the heritage sub-committee, and next meeting there will be further discussion.
- Garbage: this is an ongoing topic from 2022. Looking to see if there are any updates regarding this topic. Follow-up with Krista regarding research on approaches in other municipalities.
- Internet: there was an inquiry regarding the status of the Bell Canada rural broadband installation. Committee members were directed to the City's [webpage](#) for more information.

- Trespassing: this is an ongoing topic from 2022, particularly for properties adjacent to waterways, due to a lack of public awareness regarding the extent of private property boundaries. It was noted that there may be an opportunity to build more awareness through City social media and councillor newsletters.
- Committee members were reminded to email requests for agenda items to the Clerk in advance of the meeting to ensure sufficient time can be allocated.

12. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.