



AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 10, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kai Wiens - Chair, Councillor Sandra O'Connor , Councillor Erwin Wiens, John Fedorkow, Kathryn Hoshkiw, George Lepp, Albrecht Seeger, John Thwaites, Chris Van de Laar

Staff Present: Kirsten McCauley - Director - CDS, Grant Bivol - Town Clerk , Ashleigh Myers - Government Relations, Economic Development and Tourism Office, Connor MacIsaac - Planner II , Shannon Mista - Legislative and Committees Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Kai Weins, Chair at 2:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Kai Weins, requested to add correspondence from Mr. Werner for receipt in conjunction with 4.8 Agricultural Community Input on Special Events Permitting.

Shannon Mista, Legislative and Committees Coordinator to add to new business:

- Introduction of Connor MacIsaac, Planner II as the Staff Liaison for the Committee.
- Introduction of Ashleigh Myers, Government Relations, Economic Development and Tourism Office to the Committee.

Moved by: Chris Van de Laar

Seconded by: George Lepp

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

APPROVED

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None were declared.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Procedure By-law & Code of Conduct

Grant Bivol, Town Clerk gave a presentation on the procedure by-law and code of conduct.

The Committee asked the Clerk clarifying questions.

Moved by: Chris Van de Laar

Seconded by: John Fedorkow

That the Committee receive the presentation.

APPROVED

4.2 Terms of Reference - Review

The Committee asked questions on the Terms of Reference.

Moved by: Kathryn Hoshkiw

Seconded by: John Fedorkow

That the Committee accept the Terms of Reference.

APPROVED

4.3 Drains / Culverts

This item was requested to be deferred until the next Agricultural Meeting with a request to Council to put aside money in the budget to replace culverts and for Brandon Enns to bring back a report on the John Deere - Brush Machine and attend the next meeting.

Moved by: Albrecht Seeger

Seconded by: John Thwaites

That the Agricultural Committee request Council put aside money in the current budget for culvert replacements, and that Brandon Enns attends the next meeting and provides an update/report to the Committee on the John Deere - Brush Machine.

APPROVED

4.4 Appointment of the Committee of Adjustment Open Position

The Committee discussed what qualifications the member of the Agricultural Community should have to be on the Committee of Adjustment, and that the Selection Committee use this as criteria when selecting the applicant.

The Committee would like to see a bonafide farmer who owns farming land, along with education and experience in agriculture.

4.5 Migrant Workers Housing / Inspection Fees

Moved by: Chris Van de Laar

Seconded by: John Thwaites

That Council directs the Agricultural Committee to ask the Niagara Region to present at the Committee's next meeting on Protecting the Health and Safety of Niagara's International Agricultural Works (IAW).

APPROVED

4.6 Rural Housing / New Housing on Agriculture Land

The Committee discussed residential housing being built on properties that are zoned APO.

4.7 Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) - Bush Lot Removal

Moved by: Albrecht Seeger

Seconded by: John Thwaites

That Council directs the Agricultural Committee to ask the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority to come and present at the Committee's next meeting on ALUS Program.

APPROVED

4.8 Agricultural Community Input on Special Events Permitting

Moved by: John Thwaites

Seconded by: Chris Van de Laar

That the Committee receive the correspondence that was sent in by Mr. Werner and that Council receive input from the Agricultural Committee,

and that Council receive input from the Agricultural Committee to the upcoming Special Events Permits process.

APPROVED

5. NEW BUSINESS

Connor MacIsaac, Planner II, introduced himself to the Committee.

Ashleigh Myers, Government Relations, Economic Development and Tourism Office introduced herself to the Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment unanimously took place at 3:16 p.m.