



Agricultural Advisory Committee of Clarington Meeting

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Members Present: Eric Bowman Don Rickard Henry Zekveld
 Brenda Metcalf John Cartwright Jennifer Knox
 Richard Rekker Tom Barrie Councillor Zwart

Regrets: Jordan McKay, Ryan Cullen, Ben Eastman

Staff: Amy Burke, Faye Langmaid - Planning & Development Services

Guests: None

Observers: Allison Brown, Planning & Economic Development, Region of Durham

Due to COVID 19 restrictions and to ensure social distancing, participation in the meeting was electronic (using Microsoft Teams) and by conference call.

Eric welcomed all to the meeting, with introductions of Committee members.

Declarations of Interest

None

Adoption of Agenda

021-024 Moved by Richard Rekker, seconded by Tom Barrie

That the Agenda for December 9, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

Approval of Minutes

021-025 Moved by Don Rickard, seconded by John Cartwright

That the minutes of the November 11, 2021 meeting be approved.

Carried

Presentation

None – Region of Durham Broadband Strategy Update postponed to early 2022.

Delegations

None

Business Arising from Minutes

On-farm Diversified Uses Sub-Committee: Initial meeting to be postponed to the beginning of January 2022 (date to be confirmed). The focus of the meeting will include gathering comments on behalf of the Committee in response to Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Draft Event Barn Position Paper, presented at the November 2021 meeting, reviewing past AACC input on policy and regulation of OFDUs and how the input has informed the comprehensive zoning by-law review project to date, and the sub-committee work plan and schedule.

Correspondence, Council Items and Referrals

Canadian Agricultural Partnership Funding: Joint letter from the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, dated November 19, 2021, regarding the new Canadian Agricultural Partnership funding initiative aimed at increasing deadstock management capacity throughout the province was circulated to all prior to the meeting.

Review of Boards and Committees Appointment Policy: The Committee was informed of correspondence from John Paul Newman, Deputy Clerk, dated November 25, 2021, regarding Clarington's review of the Boards and Committees Appointment Policy. Recommended changes to provide for a standardized, transparent and fair appointment process were considered by Council and an updated policy approved on Nov. 22, 2021 (Resolution #GG-493-21).

Zone Clarington - Notice of Staff Report: Notice, dated November 25, 2021, advising of the public release of the November 30, 2021 Special Planning and Development Committee Agenda, including Staff Report [PDS-062-21](#) Zone Clarington – Second Draft (Rural) Zoning By-law, was circulated to all prior to the meeting.

Liaison Reports

Durham Agriculture Advisory Committee: None. The next DAAC meeting is December 14, 2021.

Durham Region Federation of Agriculture: Richard Rekker provided an update from the November 17, 2021 DRFA meeting in his email to all prior to the meeting. There were no questions additional discussion.

Durham Farm Connections: Annual General Meeting recently held. Zac Cohoon re-elected as Chair.

Clarington Board of Trade: Durham Tourism Strategic Plan survey underway. Deadline to participate is December 17, 2021.

New Business

Zone Clarington Second Draft (Rural) Zoning By-law: Staff provided an update on Staff Report PDS-062-21 Zone Clarington – Second Draft (Rural) Zoning By-law, considered at a Special Planning & Development Committee meeting held on November 30. An outline of the staff report was provided, which includes a proposed second draft zoning by-law and a draft amended Site Plan Control By-law, and the report recommendations. Final consideration of the Staff Report and recommendations of the Planning & Development Committee will occur at the December 13, 2021 Council meeting. If Council directs Staff to move forward with the recommendations in the staff report, staff will continue to refine the content of the proposed Zoning By-law and proceed with comprehensive public consultation, seeking input from the public to help inform the proposed new By-law. This would include a detailed presentation to the AAAC and request for comments.

Additional Dwelling Units: Staff updated the Committee on Council's consideration of proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments to increase permissions for ADUs in Clarington. This includes permissions for ADUs in rural areas, which, as proposed, vary slightly between the Oak Ridges Moraine Area and south of the Oak Ridges Moraine Area as a result of provincial policy requirements. The recommendation report and other information on the proposed Amendments is found on the Municipal website at www.clarington.net/ADUs. Council will consider the final proposed amending By-laws at the December 13, 2021 Council meeting.

Virtual Meetings: The Committee discussed some of the challenges encountered with virtual meetings, including web connectivity and the value of in-person interaction. Committee members expressed appreciation of the continued need to conduct monthly meetings virtually and how quickly the Committee transitioned to a virtual format at the outset of COVID-19. When public health guidelines allow for in-person meetings to resume in the future, there was interest to resume in person meetings in some format.

Illegal Dumping in Rural Areas: An incident of illegal dumping along a rural roadside was raised. Illegal dumping on roadsides can be reported to the Region of Durham using their [Illegal Dumping Reporting Form](#) or to the Municipality of Clarington using the [Report a Problem Form](#).

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2021 @ 7:30 pm (Virtual Meeting)