



Agricultural Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

4:00 PM

York Room

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Councillor Don Hamilton Paul Reesor Ruth Brock Kim Empringham Bryant Hulshaf Regrets: Jessica Yau, Sustainability Coordinator Sonia Dhir, TRCA Ligia DeFilippis Lynne Koss Richard Reesor Candice Einstoss, York Region Public Health	Staff Present: Robert Muir, Manager, Stormwater Shane Manson, Senior Manager Revenue & Property Taxation Mark Visser, Senior Manager, Strategy Innovation & Investments Lilli Duoba, Manager Natural Heritage Kiran Saini, Legislative Coordinator Agency Representatives:
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1. Call to Order

The Agricultural Advisory Committee convened at 4:08 PM with Paul Reesor presiding as Chair.

2. Storm Water Fees on Farm Properties Presentation

Robert Muir, Mark Visser & Shane Manson were in attendance to provide a presentation entitled Storm Water Fees on Farm Properties. Robert advised that the presentation is intended to provide an overview on the flood control program. He indicated that the purpose of the presentation is to discuss the flood controlling aspects of farm land. Currently only 206 different lands classified as farm land according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Discussion ensued on the various methods municipalities use to calculate run-off. It was noted that Current Value Assessment has been used by many other municipalities and countries as a fair and equitable manner of collecting fees.

There were questions with respect to the run off for various properties and how it is determined. Discussion occurred with respect to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation and how they evaluate properties.

It was noted that the Committee should be consulted on matters impacting the farming community going forward.

Moved by Ruth Brock
Seconded by Bryant Hulshaf

That the presentation entitled “Stormwater fees on Farm Properties” delivered by Robert Muir, Manager, Stormwater; Shane Manson, Senior Manager Revenue & Property Taxation; and Mark Visser, Senior Manager, Strategy Innovation & Investments be received; and,

That the Agricultural Advisory Committee request that staff report back to the Committee after the first year implementation of the stormwater fees, in the second quarter of 2017.

Carried

5. Adjournment

The Agricultural Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:20 PM.