



Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAC) Meeting

Haldimand County Administration Building
November, 16, 2022

Present: Henk Lise, Ron Young, Stuart Heeg, Stephanie Campbell-Heron, Bruce Armstrong

Staff: Lidy Romanuk, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism and Alison Earls, Senior Economic Development Officer.

Regrets: Mayor Hewitt, Councillor Metcalfe, Rick Armstrong, Jordan Fowler, Richard Blyleven

1. Welcome and Introduction

Meeting called to order by Chair Henk Lise at 6:08 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by R. Young and seconded B. Armstrong that minutes of Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting dated September 21, 2022, be approved as presented at 6:09 pm.

APPROVED

3. Agri-Food Forum Update

Chair Lise provided an update from the Agri-Food Forum hosted by Brant County on November 2nd and 3rd 2022. A discussion then ensued.

4. Term of Committee Accomplishments & Future Goals

- A. Earls presented on the Term of Committee Accomplishments & Future Goals. The following highlights were provided:
- a. Rural Water Quality Program projects completed, funding allocated to date and project type completed to date;
 - b. Rural Water Quality Program updates to existing streams and the addition of two new streams;
 - c. Committee input provided on programs and policies over the term of council;
 - d. Launch of The Emily Project; and
 - e. Priority recommendations made for next term of Council including attracting youth in the agricultural sector and increasing processing opportunities.

5. EDT Update

A. Earls then delivered an EDT update, key highlights included:

- The committee discussed 2022-2026 committee applications and requested feedback on local farmers and individuals within the agriculture sector that may be interested in applying. Staff forwarded the application information to the committee to pass along to their network.
- Staff provided an update on the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP) changes that occurred in October of 2022 regarding the number of claim applications that can be submitted.

6. New Business

No further new business was raised.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm, moved by B. Armstrong seconded by S. Campbell-Heron.