



AGENDA
Agricultural Advisory Committee
AAC-01-20
Thursday, January 30, 2020
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Jose Building, South Lab

1. CALL TO ORDER

Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer will Chair the meeting until the elections are held.

2. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: the Agenda for the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-01-20 dated January 30, 2020 be approved.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: the Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-02-19 dated November 28, 2019 be approved.

5. CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES CORE MANDATES

Doug Hevenor, CAO will go over recent changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

6. ELECTIONS

Chair: _____

Vice Chair: _____

- Members must re-elect committee members who have a one year term of service.
- Members must also vote on an organization to send an invitation for membership as there is one space available.

7. ADMINISTRATION

Newly elected Chair to go over AAC Terms of Reference, and procedural guidelines.

8. PRESENTATION

Chris Hibberd, Director Watershed Management Services will conduct a brief overview on the NVCA's Integrated Watershed Management Plan.

9. TENTATIVE 2020 MEETING DATES

2nd Quarter Date: _____

3rd Quarter Date: _____

4th Quarter Date: _____

*Subject to change by majority vote if required.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. ADJOURN

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-01-20 adjourn at _____.



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Agricultural Advisory Committee
AAC-02-19
Thursday November 28, 2019
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Jose Building, Great Room

Present:

Chair, Colin Elliott, Simcoe County FA
Councillor Gail Little, NVCA Member (Dufferin County FA representative)
Councillor Dane Nielsen, NVCA Member
Jim Partridge, Simcoe County FA
Hugh Simpson, Grey County FA
John Morrison, Simcoe County FA
Bernard Pope, Ontario Farmland Preservation
Councillor Donna Jebb, NVCA Member
Andy van Niekerk, North Simcoe Soil and Crop Assoc.
Ted Woods, President Christian Farmers Association

Regrets:

Danny deBoer, Simcoe County FA
Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services

Staff Attendance:

Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer *Arrived at 11:20 a.m.*
Byron Wesson, Director, Conservation Services
Dave Featherstone, Senior Ecologist
Haleigh Ferguson, Executive Administrator/Recorder

Chair Elliot called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

1. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

RES: 04-19-AAC

RESOLVED THAT: the Agenda for the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-02-19 dated November 26, 2019 be approved.

Carried;

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES: 05-19-AAC

RESOLVED THAT: the Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-01-19 dated March 27, 2019 be approved.

Carried;

4. PRESENTATION

Chris Hibberd, Director Watershed Management Services, NVCA will conduct a presentation on the NVCA Integrated Watershed Management Plan.

Deferred;

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Tree clearing/Planting Trees on Agricultural Land**

Discussion was had around agricultural farmers not being informed they need permission to clear acres of trees on their private land.

Our Senior Ecologist explained that Simcoe County along with the MNRF developed green space mapping as part of the latest Official Plan update. This is based on a model that the NVCA wasn't a big part of. An EP study is required to remove trees from any regulated space to see if it is designated for Greenland. The NVCA works closely with the County of Simcoe on tree cutting applications to see if there are any sensitivities to the land, such as wetlands etc., and we provide our comments to the County to assist with their planning. We give our best recommendations and advice with the County with the policies that exist and they move forward with how they see fit.

A small discussion was had on Managed Forest Tax Plan's. Our Senior Ecologist explained that private owners enter into this agreement for trees located on their private land. With plans that cross over regulated areas, this is where the NVCA really works closely with the County to minimize impacts to our environment.

- **Recent changes to the *Conversation Authority Act***

Director, Conservation Services lead the discussion on conservation authority core mandates and stated that our *Act* is very broad and we implement program(s) designed to further the conservation, restoration, development of and management of natural resources. In order for our core mandates to change the Ontario government has to change the *Conservation Authorities Act*. At this time, the Minister Environment, Conservation and Parks is meeting with all 36 conservation authorities in the province to better make decisions as part of the CA Act review. We are waiting for clear direction from the Province. At this point we move forward with business as usual.

NVCA Board member explained that we are waiting for clear direction from the Province and until we do, we cannot react until we are informed.

A Motion was put forward:

RES: 06-19-AAC

Moved by: Cllr. Donna Jebb Seconded by: John Morrison

RESOLVED THAT: the NVCA send a letter to OFA to meet with representatives of our Agricultural Advisory Committee to take the concerns of the AAC affiliated through the NVCA to the meeting with the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Carried;

- **Have a non-voting AAC member sit on the NVCA Board of Directors**

NVCA Board member explained that the AAC is well represented across the Board of Directors and the authority.

A Motion was put forth:

RES: 07-19-AAC

Moved by: Bernard Pope Seconded by: Hugh Simpson

RESOLVED THAT: NVCA Board member representatives be appointed the voice to the NVCA Board of Directors and report back to the AAC, and advise of deputations on specific issues by a committee delegate to the Board.

Carried;

6. NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 30th, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
Located at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation – Jose Building – South Lab.

7. ADJOURN

RES: 08-19-AAC

Moved by: Hugh Simpson Seconded by: Dane Nielsen

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-02-19 adjourn at 12:34 p.m. to meet again on January 30, 2020.

Carried;