



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

Present:

Chair, Colin Elliott, North Simcoe Soil and Crop Assoc.
Vice-Chair, Hugh Simpson, Grey County FA
Cllr. Gail Little, NVCA Member (Dufferin County FA representative)
Departed at 12:24pm
Cllr. Dane Nielsen, NVCA Member
Cllr. Donna Jebb, NVCA Member
Jim Partridge, Simcoe County FA
John Morrison, Simcoe County FA
Bernard Pope, Ontario Farmland Trust
Ted Woods, President Christian Farmers Association

Regrets:

Danny deBoer, Simcoe County FA

Guests:

Ted Van Den Hurk, Christian Farmers Association
Cllr. Keith White, NVCA Chair

Staff Attendance:

Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer
Byron Wesson, Director, Conservation Services
Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services
Haleigh Ferguson, Executive Administrator/Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Colin Elliot called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Moved by: Colin Elliot

Seconded by: John Morrison

RES: 01-20

Colin Elliot put forth a motion to have Item 6 as the first item on the agenda for discussion.

Carried;

2. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

RES: 02-20

Moved by: Hugh Simpson

Seconded by: Cllr. Dane Nielsen

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

Carried;

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES: 03-20

Moved by: Cllr. Donna Jebb

Seconded by: Hugh Simpson

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

Carried;

5. CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES CORE MANDATES

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

Discussion:

Doug Hevenor, CAO mentioned there is a meeting being held in Barrie on Friday, January 31, 2020 with the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. An open invitation was sent to all conservation authorities in the immediate area to attend.

Colin Elliot – With regards to the correspondence from the MECP can conservation authorities ask their member municipalities for budget increases?

Doug Hevenor – Yes, they can.

John Morrison– Why do all conservation authorities have the Lake Simcoe Region Source Protection Act as one of their mandates?

Doug Hevenor – Not all conservation authorities serve Lake Simcoe, but the province deems this necessary to be stated.

John Morrison – What organizational body looks after municipal drains?

Doug Hevenor – The municipality, but they have to work closely with the NVCA and go through an NVCA permit process if deemed necessary.

Chris Hibberd – We use policies in place such as the DART protocol and we strive to have a quick and simple process.

Keith White – We recognize that politics sometimes will get involved with municipal drains and that this complicates an ability to make a decision at times.

Ted Woods – The Insurance Bureau of Canada has a high tech system in regards to flood insurance, does the NVCA align themselves with their system?

Chris Hibberd – The province created this system and its processes and we use their guidelines as a framework to issue permits with the standards the province has put into place.

Previously, there has been funding provided by the federal government for 2D flood mapping, and we worked alongside the federal, provincial and municipal governments to utilize this funding.

John Morrison – Does the NVCA have jurisdiction over dams?

Doug Hevenor –Yes, for example in Utopia, New Lowell, and Tottenham and we receive some funding by the province for this.

6. ELECTIONS

RES: 04-20

Moved by: Doug Hevenor Seconded by: Cllr. Donna Jebb
Doug Hevenor, CAO put forth a motion to have Cllr. Keith White and Ted Van
den Hurk act as Scrutineers for the elections.

Carried;

Chair

Cllr. Gail Little nominated Dane Nielsen for position of Chair.
Cllr. Dane Nielsen accepted.

Jim Morrison nominated Colin Elliot for position of Chair.
Colin Elliot accepted.

Jim Partridge nominated John Morison for position of Chair.
John Morrison declined.

Colin Elliot was declared as Chair.

Vice-Chair

John Morrison nominated Hugh Simpson for position of Vice-Chair.
Hugh Simpson accepted.

Cllr. Gail Little nominated Cllr. Dane Nielsen for position of Vice-Chair.
Cllr. Dane Nielsen accepted.

Hugh Simpson was declared as Vice-Chair.

Moved by: Jim Partridge Seconded by: John Morison
Jim Partridge put forth a motion to have Ontario Farmland Trust and North
Simcoe Soil and Crop Association as represented organizations:

Bernard Pope was re-elected by majority vote to represent Ontario Farmland
Trust for the year 2020.

Colin Elliot was re-elected by majority vote to represent Simcoe County Soils
and Crop Improvement Association for the year 2020.

Carried;

RES: 05-20

Moved by: Hugh Simpson

Seconded by: Cllr. Donna Jebb

Hugh Simpson put forth a motion to move to agenda item number 7.

Amendment put forth by Bernard Pope to have Doug Hevenor, CAO and Cllr.

Keith White, NVCA Chair to present item number 7.

Carried;

7. ADMINISTRATION

Discussion:

Jim Partridge – Mentioned that the Simcoe County Federation of Agricultural also approved the AAC Terms of Reference, alongside the NVCA Board of Directors.

Doug Hevenor – The Administrative Bylaws were created for all 36 conservation authorities to practice consistent governance across all meetings, and the AAC Terms of Reference was created following these procedural guidelines.

Keith White – Explained that a motion was brought forth to the most recent Board of Directors meeting and stated that it was deferred in order to discuss the Terms of Reference at this current meeting before a decision was made in regards to the approval process of AAC minutes.

Donna Jebb – In our AAC meetings, if we make a recommendation and we all approve it, it would then go onto our minutes and then to the Board?

Keith White - If this committee requests an action item, the Chair has to request it through the draft minutes to the Board.

Colin Elliot – Have the draft minutes circulated before the next Board of Directors meeting to all AAC members in a timely fashion.

Provide at least 48 hours to members to review the minutes.

Bernard Pope – If members do not respond to the draft minutes we will consider this their approval.

Bernard Pope – There should be four structured AAC meetings per year. They should be solid dates and if a member cannot attend, then they can send their comments ahead of the meeting.

Colin Elliot– Some farmers find it very difficult to set a schedule and make commitments so far in advance.

Doug Hevenor – The dates will be pending in your calendar, it's a static date that gives you a target. We have also in the past given three dates and chose the most suited date among all.

Hugh Simpson – I am not sure why we are asking for more than 4 meetings, when I think about the purpose of this committee, which is about sharing ideas and taking concerns, it occurs to me that we should be able to do that well structured four times a year. However, there may be some urgent matter that comes along that we can't wait and there should be an immediate meeting. So my point is, it didn't occur to me that there is a lot in the Terms of Reference that need to change based on my understandings. I advocate for four meetings a year with real good objectives.

Keith White –We are pleased to have this AAC and we welcome all members to please refer to your affiliated organizations for matters of concern and bring them forth to this committee. The NVCA in the past has also come to your associations to better help understand the role of the NVCA and all that we do and we encourage that going forward.

Chair Elliot to Chair the remainder the meeting.

8. PRESENTATION

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

Deferred;

Discussion:

Bernard Pope – I would like to see these presentations be made as part of the agenda package and eliminate presentations to focus on agricultural matters.

Donna Jebb – I personally like the presentations with the ability to ask questions during. The presentation materials can be included in the agenda so they can be reviewed by members ahead of the meeting.

9. TENTATIVE 2020 MEETING DATES

RES: 06-20

Moved by: Bernard Pope

Seconded by: Donna Jebb

2nd Quarter Date: April 16, 2020

3rd Quarter Date: July 16, 2020

4th Quarter Date: October 15, 2020

*Subject to change by majority vote if required.

Carried;

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None declared.

11. ADJOURN

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-01-20 adjourn at 12:35 p.m. to meet again on April 16, 2020 or at the call of the Chair.