



**Meeting Notes**  
**Agricultural Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting AAC-04-15**  
**December 10, 2015**  
**10:00 am to 12:00 noon**  
**John Hix Building – Boardroom**

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**Present:**

Chair, Jim Partridge Simcoe County FA  
Vice Chair, Ted Van den Hurk, Christian Farmers Association  
Danny deBoer, Simcoe County FA

**Regrets:**

Elliott, Simcoe County FA  
Roham Davoodian, Simcoe County Farm Fresh  
Councillor Ron Orr, NVCA Member  
Councillor Donna Jebb, NVCA Member  
Deputy Mayor Gail Ardiel, NVCA Vice-Chair  
Mayor Paul McQueen, Grey County FA  
Heather Foster, Dufferin County FA

**Guest**

John Elder, Simcoe County FA on behalf of Colin Elliott

**Staff Attendance:**

D. Gayle Wood, Chief Administrative Officer,  
Chris Hibberd, Director, Planning Services  
Laurie Barron, Coordinator, CAO and Corporate Services

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**Quorum was not met.**  
**The meeting was held with the members present**

**The meeting started at 10:20 a.m.**

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**The following items were deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.**

- 1. Approval of Agenda**  
Recommendation:  
RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-04-15 dated December 10, 2015 be approved.
- 2. Declarations of conflict and pecuniary interest**
- 3. Adoption of Minutes**  
Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-03-15 dated September 17, 2015.

Recommendation:

**RESOLVED THAT:** the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-02-15 dated June 12, 2015 be approved.

**4. Review of potential new members for the Advisory Committee**

Chair, Partridge, Vice Chair, Ted Van den Hurk and member Danny deBoer discussed the applicants who expressed interest in sitting on the AAC in the new year (2016). The 3 members present supported the inclusion of both applicants to the AAC, as follows

**(a) Ontario Farmland Preservation**

Bernard Pope, Ontario Farmland Trust Chair, Policy and Education Committee.

**(b) North Simcoe Soil and Crop Association**

Ed Pridham

As there was no quorum at the meeting, it was determined that Chair Partridge would circulate an email to the Committee members requesting their comments/approval for these individuals.

**5. Review of the 2015 Highlights of the work of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority**

At the request of the Chair, and with the approval of the Committee, the monthly meeting Highlights for the NVCA's Board of Directors' were attached to the agenda and reviewed by the Chief Administrative Officer. The CAO also advised that the full meeting minutes can be found on the NVCA website at <http://www.nvca.on.ca/Pages/AgendaMinutes.aspx>.

The CAO also reviewed the 2015 budget with the members. Further, the CAO indicated that she would be pleased to attend future SCFA meetings as well as other interested federations, to overview NVCA programs.

**6. Review of the NVCA's Fees Review Committee, including a discussion on when NVCA is involved with agricultural permits.**

Chris Hibberd, Director, Planning Services provided a review of NVCA's fees and where the Planning and Engineering Advisory Committee is in terms of revising the fee schedule.

**7. Opportunity for an agricultural member to serve/liaise with the NVCA Board of Directors.**

The Conservation Authority is aware of the request by agricultural representatives, during the review of *The Conservation Authorities Act*, for an agricultural appointee to be designated to all Conservation Authority Boards as a voting member.

The AAC Chair will continue to be invited to attend NVCA Board Meetings and present the minutes of the Committee for the Board's consideration. This proposal was thought to be a good step forward by those members of the committee present at the meeting.

**8. Other Business**

The AAC discussed the possibility of creating a new agricultural award for the NVCA's *Evening of Thanks*. NVCA staff are supportive of this idea. The AAC requested staff to bring forward the projects that NVCA had with the agricultural community in 2015 and the Committee would recommend which project would be worthy of the award.

**9. Future Meetings**

The Committee suggested the next meeting be held on Thursday April 7, 2016.

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**Jim Partridge, Chair**

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**Gayle Wood, Chief Administrative Officer**