



AGENDA
Agricultural Advisory Committee
AAC-02-19
Tuesday November 26, 2019
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Jose Building, South Lab

1. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Recommendation:

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:

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

4. PRESENTATION

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

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- Agricultural hedge rows
- Planting trees on agricultural land
- Tree clearing
- Recent changes to the *Conversation Authority Act*

6. NEXT MEETING

7. ADJOURN

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-02-19 adjourn at _____.



MINUTES
Agricultural Advisory Committee
AAC-01-19
Wednesday March 27, 2019
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Jose Building, South Lab

Present:

Vice Chair, Ted Van den Hurk, Christian Farmers Association
Jim Partridge, Simcoe County FA
Chair Colin Elliott, Simcoe County FA
Councillor Gail Little, NVCA Member (Dufferin County FA representative)
Councillor Dane Neilsen, NVCA Member
Hugh Simpson, Grey County FA
John Morrison, Simcoe County FA

Regrets:

Bernard Pope, Ontario Farmland Preservation
Danny deBoer, Simcoe County FA
Councillor Donna Jebb, NVCA Member
Andy van Niekerk, North Simcoe Soil and Crop Assoc.

Staff Attendance:

Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer
Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services
Byron Wesson, Director, Land, Education and Stewardship Services
Shannon Stephens, Healthy Waters Program Coordinator
Naomi Saunders, Education Facilitator
Haleigh Ferguson, Administrative Assistant

Chair Elliot called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RES: 01-19-ACC

Moved by: Hugh Simpson Seconded by: Jim Partridge

RESOLVED THAT: the Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-02-18 dated September 6, 2018 be approved.

Carried;

3. DEPUTATION

- a. Naomi Saunders, Education Facilitator, NVCA regarding Simcoe County Envirothon, with emphasis on Agroecology.
- b. Shannon Stephens, Healthy Waters Coordinator, NVCA regarding potential grant programs.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Discuss Committee attendance**

RES: 02-19-ACC

Moved by: H. Simpson

Seconded by: G. Little

Colin brought forth a Motion to ask one member from the National Farmers Union, and one Member from the Dufferin OFA group to become members of the AAC.

Carried;

Hugh Simpson mentioned he would like to look into our neighbouring conservation authorities to see if a staff member from their organization will attend AAC meetings.

- **Discuss future concerns and topics for 2019**

Colin Eliot explained that Severn Sound is conducting a study on the Wye River with help from the Federation to test for phosphorus.

Jim Partridge mentioned having a presentation on the potential harmful effects with phragmites in our watershed.

- **Discuss the possibility of having the Agricultural Committee Chair sit as a non-voting member of the NVCA Board of Directors**

Gail Little raised concerns as this Committee is well represented on the NVCA Board, with three members of the AAC on the NVCA Board of Directors. Gail also stated that if there was a pressing issue they would bring it to the Board as well as a member of the AAC is welcome to request a deputation to speak in front of the Board.

Dane Neilsen mentioned that many members on the Board have agricultural backgrounds, including himself, and that gives the AAC a great advantage with representation on the Board.

Colin Elliot proclaimed that as we progress we have to know as farmers what the Board's base thinking is on projects before they begin.

Chris Hibberd explained that the Board and NVCA staff have reached out to the Agricultural Advisory Committee on the IWMP and many other plans and projects, and that we have done a good thorough reaching out to this Committee.

Hugh Simpson concluded that the Agricultural Advisory Committee needs to be present where decisions are being made and raise awareness to people on how political decisions affect farmers without their input.

5. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 20th, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURN

RES: 03-19-ACC

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-01-19 adjourn at 4:14 pm to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried;