



AGENDA
Agricultural Advisory Committee
Meeting AAC-01-17
January 18, 2017
10:00 am to 12:00 noon
John Hix Building – Boardroom

Attendance:

Chair, Jim Partridge Simcoe County FA
Vice Chair, Ted Van den Hurk, Christian Farmers Association
Danny deBoer, Simcoe County FA
Colin Elliott, Simcoe County FA
Heather Foster Dufferin County FA
Bernard Pope, Ontario Farmland Preservation
Ed Pridham, North Simcoe Soil and Crop Association
Hugh Simpson, Grey County FA
Deputy Mayor Gail Ardiel, NVCA Board Member
Councillor Ron Orr, NVCA Member
Councillor Donna Jebb, NVCA Member

Staff Attendance:

D. Gayle Wood, Chief Administrative Officer,
Fred Dobbs, Manager, Stewardship Services
Shannon Stephens, Healthy Waters Program Coordinator

1. Approval of Agenda

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-01-17 dated January 18, 2017 be approved, as printed.

2. Declarations of conflict and pecuniary interest

3. Minutes – December 1, 2106 (attached)

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-04-16 be approved as printed.

4. Agricultural Award – List of 2016 Projects

An Agricultural Award was introduced in 2016 as part of the NVCA's annual ***Evening of Thanks*** which recognizes community stakeholders and partners for their conservation efforts.

The AAC agreed that this is a worthwhile award which should be continued in 2017, for recognition of 2016 agricultural projects. The award guidelines dated January 21, 2016 are attached for the members' information.

Although the date has not been set for this year's **Evening of Thanks** the event is generally held in April at the Tiffin Conservation Centre – Jose Building from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. More information will be forwarded in the future and it is hoped that all members of the AAC can attend the event.

NVCA will table a list of 2016 agricultural projects at the meeting for review and discussion at the meeting. Staff will review each project including information on:

- Project type
- Location of project
- Watercourse closest to the project
- Project costs
- Project metrics
- Staff rating.

The Committee members will be requested at the meeting to review the projects against the following criteria and prepare a final short list of 5 projects for further consideration:

- was the project legally required, and if so, what percentage of the project was a legal requirement?
- Has the project gone beyond any legal requirements?
- The ultimate winner should be a valid farmer
- The project needs to demonstrate a nutrient load decrease
- The project needs to demonstrate a sediment load decrease
- The farm on which the project occurs should have a valid farm registration number
- The farmers name should be available, if possible.

5. Other Business

6. Next Meetings

7. Adjourn

RESOLVED THAT: the meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee AAC-01-17 adjourn at _____ .