



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
IN THE
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK**

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, September 17, 2015
8:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were present:

Bart Johnson	Brenda Rae
Glenda Hamilton	Brad Smockum

The following Committee members were absent with regrets:

Councilor Dave Harding
James (Jim) Lockie
Pete Bunnik

The following staff members were in attendance:

Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator

The following staff members were absent with regrets:

Adrian Cammaert, Senior Planner – Policy

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS

2014 July Livestock totals.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Glenda Hamilton Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2015-0013

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee approve the agenda as presented

Carried

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - *None*

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- Meeting minutes from July, 16 2015

Moved by Glenda Hamilton Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2015-0014

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee adopt the meeting minutes from July 16, 2015 as presented

Carried

7. PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Farmers market update from Kelan Jylha, Economic Development Officer.

Brief update provided by Committee Services Coordinator, Sarah Brislin. Committee members were advised of a survey available, interested members were advised to contact Sarah Brislin the morning of September 18, 2015.

Moved by Brad Smockum Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2015-0015

That the presentation be received, and that the Committee request an update to be presented by the Economic Development and Tourism Office during the October meeting.

Carried.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) General Information Items

(a) Finding local food has never been easier!

Moved by Glenda Hamilton, Seconded by Bart Johnson

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2015-0016

That the Committee defer this article to the next Committee meeting.

Carried.

(2) Disposition Items

(a) Budget for 2015 and discussion for 2016.

2015 = \$3400.00
Honorariums - \$1700
Publications and Subscriptions - \$200
Miscellaneous - \$1500.00

Moved by Glenda Hamilton, Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2015-0017

That the Committee Services Coordinator request the funding for the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee from publications and subscriptions be merged into the Miscellaneous fund for the 2016 budget.

Carried.

(b) Request from Sutton BIA for cornstalks for Halloween Haunt and decorating downtown area for the month of October.

Moved by Glenda Hamilton, Seconded by Bart Johnson

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2015-0018

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the request from Sutton BIA for cornstalks for Halloween Haunt and decorating downtown area for the month of October.

Carried.

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(c) 2015/2016 Work Plan – review and discuss.

Moved by Glenda Hamilton, Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2015-0019

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee's work plan be made to reflect the following changes.

1. That the Chair for November joint meeting with the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee be the Regular Chair of the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee.

2. That the Work plan for each year be separated and the title reflect the year the plan corresponds to.

Carried.

(d) Agriculture Week, October 5th – 11th.
<http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/98o10>

Update – informal invite (save the date) has been sent to Council.
Formal invite attached.

Moved by Bart Johnson, Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2015-0020

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee

1. Approve the invitation as presented by Committee Services Coordinator, Sarah Brislin.
2. Request staff send invite to the Local MP and MPP.
3. That Committee Services Coordinator invite the hosting farmers on the tour to eat lunch with Council at Homestead Orchards.
4. That Committee Services Coordinator request to purchase pies and apple cider from Homestead Orchards as part of the lunch served on the tour.
5. Request Sarah Brislin hand out the copies of *The Real Dirt on Farming* to members of Council during the tour.
6. Request Sarah Brislin prepare an Itinerary for Council for the farm tour. With and introduction as presented on page 12 of the agenda.

Carried.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) Clarification regarding Line Fences Act.

(a) Line Fences Act can be viewed at
<http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90l17>.

- (b) Municipal Act can be viewed at
<http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01m25>

The province is not making changes to the *Line Fences Act* at this time. Under the *Municipal Act* the Council may choose to enact a by-law to exempt the municipality or part of the municipality from the *Line Fences Act*. Many municipalities have chosen to enact such a by-law. There is no by-law at this time.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee discussed possibility that Council could decide in the future to pass a by-law that would exempt the Town from the *Line Fences Act*. The Committee discussed potential impacts of such a by-law.

Moved by Glenda Hamilton, Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2015-0021

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee would request the opportunity to be involved if Council revisits the possibility of passing a by-law to exempt the Town from the *Line Fences Act*.

- (c) Meeting dates for 2016 - Thursdays no longer work.

The Committee discussed the scheduling conflict as a result of the Georgina Public Library Boards meetings also being held on the third Thursday of the month, which is often the same night as the Agricultural Committee's meeting which is held on the second last Thursday of the month. The Committee is requested to consider an alternative meeting schedule to commence in 2016.

Moved by Glenda Hamilton, Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2015-0022

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee defer this article to the next Committee meeting.

Carried.

- (2) Livestock Kills. Update.

Moved by Glenda Hamilton, Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2015-0023

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive this information and request 2014 kill totals for the subsequent meeting.

Carried.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Bart Johnson, Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2015-0024

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee be adjourned at 9:16 pm Thursday September 17, 2015

Carried



Brad Smockum, Acting Chair



C. Sarah A. Brislin
Committee Services Coordinator