



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

COMBINED MEETING AGENDA



November 12, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.
2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

The following Environmental Advisory Committee members were in attendance:
Mary Mallany
Bill Horrocks
Amanda Bacci
Tricia Richens

The following Agricultural Advisory Committee members were in attendance:
Brenda Rae
Brad Smockum
Bart Johnson
James (Jim) Lockie

The following Committee members were absent with regrets:
Katie Davis
Sean O'Malley
Councillor Dave Neeson
Councillor Dave Harding
Glenda Hamilton

The following staff member was in attendance:
Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Tricia Richens, Seconded by Amanda Bacci

GEACGAgAC - 2015-0001

That the November 12, 2015 agenda for the annual joint Georgina Agricultural Advisory and Environmental Advisory Committees meeting be approved as presented.

Carried.

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - *none*
5. COMMUNICATIONS:
 - (1) General Information:
 - (A) Invasive Species Legislation Receives Royal Assent
 - (B) Protecting the Lake Simcoe Watershed: Environmental Practices are a Win-Win for Farmers and the Land
<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/environment/facts/jewell.htm>
 - (C) Organic Foods
<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/organic/faq.htm>
<http://www.drweil.com/drw/u/ART02984/Foods-You-Dont-Have-to-Buy-Organic.html>
<http://www.drweil.com/drw/u/VDR00022/Dr-Weil-EWG-Shoppers-Guide-to-Pesticides.html>
<http://www.drweil.com/drw/u/ART02985/Foods-You-Should-Always-Buy-Organic.html>
 - (D) Neonicotinoid and bee hive management
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pubs/pest/fact-fiche/neonicotinoid/neonicotinoid-eng.php>
<http://www.ontario.ca/page/neonicotinoid-regulations>
 - (E) Farmers as stewards of the land.
<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/environment/facts/jewell.htm>

Moved by Mary Mallany, Seconded by Amanda Bacci

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That items 5(1)(A) to (E) be received as information and that Committee Services Coordinator Follow up with Operations regarding town processes for handling invasive

species and report back to both Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee and Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Carried.

(2) Matters for Disposition

(a) Invasive Species, Mary Mallany to present.

On October 13 and 14, GEAC member Mary Mallany attended an invasive species workshop hosted in Hamilton. Mary discussed with members of GEAC and GAgAC various methods being used for various types of invasive species; the early detection mapping system; and Royal Botanical Garden's invasive plant Strategy.

6. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

(1) GAgAC and GEAC Combined Annual Report to Council.

Members suggested the report include

- Recommendations to Clip weeds in June not August
- Education and awareness of invasive species including identification, prevention, and treatments is a priority to both committees.
- Recommendations to Council to establish best practices for dealing with invasive species.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. 2016 MEETING

(1) Date to be determined.

Moved by Tricia Richens, Seconded by Bart Johnson

GEACGAgAC - 2015-0003

That the 2016 Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee and Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be held on November 24, 2016.

Carried.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Tricia Richens, Seconded by Bart Johnson

GEACGAgAC - 2015-0003

That the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee and Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting of November 12, 2015 be adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Carried.