



THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Thursday, February 23, 2017
7:15 PM
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM

2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were present:

Brad Smockum, Chair

Councillor Dave Harding

Brenda Rae

Linda Harrison

James (Jim) Lockie (arrived at 8:07 PM)

The following Committee members were absent with regrets:

Glenda Hamilton

Bart Johnson, Vice Chair

The following staff member was in attendance:

Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS

(1) Wildlife Management units (WMU) Boundaries Map

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Linda Harrison, Seconded by Councillor Dave Harding

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2017-0001

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee approve the February 23, 2017, agenda with the following addendum item:

1. Wildlife Management Units (WMU) Boundaries Map

Carried.

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

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(1) Meeting minutes from September 22, 2016.

The Committee discussed the outcome of the Building Fee Revisions. The Committee asked if there were any refunds issued for people who had bought permits under the old system. The Committee requested Sarah Brislin, Committee Service Coordinator, find out.

Moved by Brenda Rae, Seconded by Linda Harrison

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2017-0002

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes of September 22, 2016, meeting be adopted.

Carried.

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS - *None*

8. PRESENTATIONS - *None*

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA

(1) Agricultural marketing training seminar, Linda Harrison oral report.

Glenda Hamilton, Brenda Rae, and Linda Harrison attended the agricultural marketing training seminar. Linda advised the seminar highlighted the importance of being online to promote your business. It was suggested farmers pick social media outlet(s) such as Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter.

It was also suggested that farmers set up a mailing list (email) and offer products or discounts for "preferred customers" who are on the mailing list. farmers were reminded that they must remove subscribers if they don't email them within 2 years.

Attendees, of the agricultural training seminar, were informed that getting a like on Facebook does not keep people informed if they do not check out your page regularly they will stop seeing your Facebook posts.

Moved by Jim Lockie, Seconded by Councillor Dave Harding

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2017-0003

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the agricultural marketing training seminar verbal report given by Linda Harrison.

Carried.

(2) Livestock Kills report.

	DATE: YY/MM/DD	STREET NAME ONLY	LIVESTOCK/ POULTRY	WILDLIFE SPECIES	VALUE
1	2016.01.02	Mt. Pleasant Trail	2 ewe	coyote	\$1,200.00
2	2016.03.02	Ravencrest Rd	Cow	coyote	\$522.50
3	2016.04.20	Old Homestead Rd	2 crossbred ram lambs, 1 breeding ewe	coyote	\$605.00
4	2016.05.30	Glenwoods Ave	2 day old Male Belgian Blue Charolias Cross	coyote	\$579.50
5	2016.07.07	Mt. Pleasant Trail	Sheep Purebreed Rideau, Ewe Lamb	coyote	\$300.00
6	2016.07.08	Mt. Pleasant Trail	Sheep Purebreed Rideau, Ewe Lamb	coyote	\$300.00
7	2016.07.25	Concession 4	Calf	Coyote	\$766.50
8	2016.08.23	Concession 2	Suffolk Lamb sheep	Coyote	172.00
9	2016.08.30	Concession 4	Sheep	Coyote	207.90
10	2016.09.22	No Information available	Goat	No Information available	No Information available
11	2016.10.05	Smith Blvd	Lamb	Coyotes	157.50
12	2016.10.20	No Information available	Calf	No Information available	No Information available
	Subtotal				\$4,653.40

The Committee reviewed and discussed the figures. The Committee was advised the some spaces were blank because there was no information at this time.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) '2017 budget adoption', email correspondence.

Moved by Councillor Dave Harding, Seconded by Linda Harrison

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2017-0004

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the 2017 budget adoption correspondence.

Carried.

(2) Livestock Emergency Trailers

The Committee was informed York Region offers a course for livestock trailers in emergency situations. The Fire Chief had suggested to Councillor Harding he would look into having staff attend. The Town will have to come up with their own protocols. Council asked for the Chief to report back to Council in a couple months. It was clarified that the course has been adapted from a course involving specialists (people who handle livestock).

Brad Smockum advised that other municipalities in Western Ontario have started training. Brad Smockum informed the Committee he will call the Fire Chief to get an update for the next meeting.

Moved by Linda Harrison, Seconded by Councillor Dave Harding

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2017-0005

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the communication item, Livestock Emergency Trailers.

Carried.

(2) Livestock Transportation proposed laws

Brad Smockum, Committee Chair, advised the article indicates consideration is being given to amending laws to take into account the weight of livestock and the maximum amount of time they can be in the vehicles. The age of the animals would also taken into account; young livestock may be restricted with total distance. The Committee discussed a W5 report which reported that Canada is one of the worst countries for animal transportation. The Committee discussed the stress on animals when loading and unloading versus the stress of longer

travel times. The Committee discussed the impact the new regulations might have on the cost of transportation and correlating impact on the cost of meat.

(3) New cases of Tuberculosis (TB)

It was noted if the Canadian farmers can't claim TB-free cattle it will affect the market value of meat.

Moved by Linda Harrison, Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2017-0006

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the following Communication items:

1. 2017 budget adoption
2. *New cases of Tuberculosis*

Carried.

(4) New-poll-shows-support for Wind Turbines in Rural Areas

Moved by Councillor Dave Harding, Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2017-0007

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the communication item, *new-poll-shows-support for Wind Turbines in Rural Areas*.

Carried.

(5) Premier Celebrates the Contributions of Farmers and Producers

Moved by Linda Harrison, Seconded by Councillor Dave Harding

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2017-0008

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the communication item, *Premier Celebrates the Contributions of Farmers and Producers*.

Carried.

(6) Supporting Local Food and Beverage Businesses

Moved by Brenda Rae, Seconded by Linda Harrison

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2017-0009

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the communication item, *Supporting Local Food and Beverage Businesses*.

Carried.

(2) Wildlife Damage Compensation

Moved by Councillor Dave Harding, Seconded by Linda Harrison

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2017-0010

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee defer this article for further discussion to the next meeting and request Teri Hardy and Livestock Valuers attend and discuss the article, *Wildlife Damage Compensation*, and the recent changes to the policies regarding compensation.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

(1) 2016 Premiers award for Agri-food innovation excellence program

(2) Recognition of Danny Wheeler

The Committee reviewed the request and came up with the following suggestions:

- Something with usefulness rather than just his name somewhere.
- Something to do with accessibility
- The accessible trailer

Moved by Jim Lockie, Seconded by Linda Harrison

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2017-0011

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the following items:

1. 2016 Premiers award for Agri-food innovation excellence program
2. Recognition of Danny Wheeler

Carried.

(3) Wildlife Management Units WMU Boundaries Map.

Committee members were advised that North or East of the yellow line on the Map are areas that currently a bear hunting season. The Committee suggested

petitioning the province to allow a bear hunting season for municipalities south of Stouffville and east of King.

The Committee also discussed a recent Coyote attack in Alliston. Committee reviewed the map and discussed whether the allowance of hunting had to do with human populations noting those that don't allow bear hunting are more populated (people). The Committee considered that these areas do allow hunting for other animals.

The Committee requested, Sarah Brislin, Committee Service Coordinator, contact the municipalities of Brock, Uxbridge, East Gwillimbury and King to find out what their kill rates are and the total refunds were for 2016.

The Committee discussed the possibility of publicizing the Livestock Kills

Moved by Councillor Dave Harding, Seconded by Jim Lockie

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2017-0012

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the Wildlife Management Units WMU Boundaries Map and bring back to a subsequent meeting for further discussion.

Carried.

(4) Accessibility Trailer

Councillor Harding advised that Council was considering a request from the Accessibility Committee to enter into an agreement with other municipalities to purchase an accessibility trailer. The agreement would guarantee the the date of one event annually to reserve the trailer for. The trailer could be booked for other events if it is available. Each time the trailer is used there would be a \$500.00 fee which the event organizer would pay (unless they had someone sponsor the trailer). The fee would cover transporting the trailer, set up and clean up at the end of the event. Council wants to ensure that it will be used and would like to know if the Sutton Fair Board would be interested in it.

Committee member Jim Lockie advised he would ask the Sutton Fair Board. Councillor Harding offered to find out if the date for Sutton fair is available.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED - *None*

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting: March 23, 2017

Moved by Jim Lockie, Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2017-0013

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee February 23, 2017, meeting be adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Carried.

Brad Smockum, Chair

C. Sarah A. Brislin
Committee Services
Coordinator