



**THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Thursday May 30, 2019
7:30 PM
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

“We would like to begin today’s meeting by acknowledging that the Town of Georgina is located over lands originally used and occupied by the First Peoples of the Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples and thank them for sharing this land. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our close neighbour and friend, one with which we strive to build a cooperative and respectful relationship.”

2. ROLL CALL

The following committee members were in attendance:

Brad Smockum
Glenda Hamilton
Kevin Hutchings
Robert Johnston
Ross Wellman
Brenda Rae

The following Committee member was absent with regrets:
Councillor Dave Harding

The following staff were in attendance
Teri Frankland, Licensing Coordinator
Sarah Brislin, Committee Coordinator

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS – *None*

(1) Estate Planning

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Bob Johnston, Seconded by Ross Wellman

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2019-0007

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee agenda for May 30, 2019, be approved with the addition of estate planning under other business as item (8).

Carried.

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

(1) Meeting minutes from Thursday, April 25, 2019.

The Committee noted the name of the seconder for the motion to adjourn needed to be confirmed and corrected.

Moved by Kevin Hutchings, Seconded by Glenda Hamilton

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2019-0008

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory adopt the April 25, 2019, meeting minutes, as amended.

Carried.

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS - *None*
8. PRESENTATIONS

(1) Teri Frankland – Livestock Valuation and Fence Viewers

Moved by Glenda Hamilton, Seconded by Kevin Hutchings

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2019-0009

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the presentation given by Teri Frankland on Livestock Investigator and Fence Viewers.

Carried.

9. REPORTS

- (1) GAgAC Annual Reports (past 4 years)
- (2) Livestock Kills report – No updates

	DATE YY/MM/DD	STREET NAME ONLY	LIVESTOCK/ POULTRY	WILDLIFE SPECIES	VALUE
1	2019/04/16	Old Homestead	Pregnant Sheep	Coyote	Pending

Moved by Glenda Hamilton, Seconded by Brenda Rae

RESOLUTION NO. GaGac-2019-0010

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the GAgAC annual reports and Livestock Kills Report as information.

Carried.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Celebrating Ontario's Bees and Beekeepers on World Bee Day
- (2) Listening and Learning to Support Agri-food Businesses
- (3) Making it Easier for Farmers to do Business
- (4) Ontario Takes Next Step to Improve Animal Protection
- (5) Ontario Taking Action to Reuse Soil and Hold Polluters Accountable
- (6) Supporting Innovation to Help Ontario Farmers

Moved by Bob Johnston, Seconded by Ross Wellman

RESOLUTION NO. GaGac-2019-0011

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the following Communications:

1. Celebrating Ontario's Bees and Beekeepers on World Bee Day
2. Listening and Learning to Support Agri-food Businesses

3. Making it Easier for Farmers to do Business
4. Ontario Takes Next Step to Improve Animal Protection
5. Ontario Taking Action to Reuse Soil and Hold Polluters Accountable
6. Supporting Innovation to Help Ontario Farmers

Carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) "Share the Road Signs", update if available (ongoing item)
- (2) Green signs for vacant lands (ongoing item)

Moved by Kevin Hutchings, Seconded by Glenda Hamilton

RESOLUTION NO. GaGac-2019-0012

1. Whereas the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee recognizes agricultural properties may have multiple entranceways on one property and some agricultural properties have no structures, and;
2. Whereas emergency services rely on the official number sign (green '911' sign) to locate properties when attending emergency situations on rural and agricultural properties, and;
3. Whereas such emergency situations may be critical to life,
4. Therefore recommends Council direct staff to work in consultation with emergency service providers and York Region, investigate numbering secondary entranceways and entranceways to vacant agricultural and rural properties with official number sign and,
5. That the municipal addressing by-law be updated to reflect the requirement of any owner to affix or cause to be affixed the official number sign within 5 meters of any secondary entranceways on any agricultural or rural property.
6. That the municipal addressing by-law be updated to reflect the requirement of any owner to affix or cause to be affixed the official number sign within 5 meters of any agricultural or rural property without structures.

Carried.

- (3) Animal Welfare (ongoing item)

The Committee requested Ryan Cronsberry be invited to the next meeting to discuss further, and that staff inquire with the Mayor and Regional Councillor as to whether the topic had been raised at the Regional Council.

- (4) York Region Farm Tour (ongoing item)

The Committee requested staff inquire with the Economic Development Division as to the status of the York Region Farm Tour.

- (5) Council Farm Tour – scenario walk through.

The Committee requested a Council farm tour discussion be added to the next meeting.

- (6) Bear hunting (ongoing) –

The Committee will discuss this at their fall meeting.

- (7) Bio security (ongoing) - deferred

- (8) Estate Planning

The Committee discussed inviting a Financial Planner to discuss for farmers and the possibility of hosting an event for farmers to provide information on estate and succession planning

- 12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED - *None*

- 13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Brenda, Seconded by Kevin Hutchings

RESOLUTION NO. GAgAC-2019-0013

That the Georgina Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting of May 30, 2019, be adjourned at 9:22 PM

Carried.



Brad Smockum, Chair



Sarah Brislin
Committee Services Coordinator