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Agricultural Advisory Board
The Corporation of Norfolk County

Tuesday February 23, 2021
9 a.m.
Microsoft Teams

Present: Dusty Zamecnik, Mike Columbus, Sandy DeHooghe, Marc Wall, Hayden Dooney, Remi Van De Slyke, Jason Ryder, Ann Vermeersch, Anita Buehner,

Absent with regrets: Trish Fournier

Also Present: Chris Garwood, Kristal Chopp, Chris Van Paassen, Jacob Robinson, Zvi Lifshiz, Kees and Hetty Meijaard

Ceremonial Activities (item 1)

A) Welcome newcomers Marc Wall, Sandy DeHooghe, Jason Ryder

Approval of Agenda/Changes to the Agenda

A) Presentation by Kees & Hetty Meijaard
Re: Norfolk Tree By-Law

K. and H. Meijaard made a presentation regarding the Norfolk County Tree By-Law and answered questions from the board. The presentation was accepted as information.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest (item 2)

Presentations (Item 3)

Approval of Meeting Minutes (Item 4)

A) AAB Minutes – Dec 11, 2020

Intention to have council approval to have letter forwarded, ask was to have two letters of support, one from AAB and another from Mayor and Council. Letter will go through Clerks department before being sent to Ministry of Agriculture among other officials.

The Agricultural Advisory Board meeting minutes of Dec. 11, 2020, having been circulated and no errors or omissions noted, were declared as adopted.

Communications (Item 5)

A) Chair appointment

Councillor Columbus and H. Dooney nominate D. Zamecnik for chair. A unanimous vote declares Zamecnik AAB Chair for 2021.

A. Buehner nominated H. Dooney for Vice Chair. A unanimous vote declares Dooney vice chair for 2021.

B) Norfolk County Forest Conservation By-law Draft

MOTION (Vermeersch/Dooney)

WHEREAS the Agricultural Advisory Board has reviewed the Norfolk County Draft Forestry By-Law and has raised significant concerns.

WHEREAS the Agricultural Advisory Board believes that public should be given the opportunity to comment on the existing forestry by-law before a new by-law is drafted.

WHEREAS the Agricultural Advisory Board believes that an independent third party should facilitate this process.

BE IT resolved that the Agricultural advisory board would request Jack Winkler a retired professional forester be engaged to facilitate this process

AND that the agricultural advisory board be consulted.

C) Haldimand Site Alteration By-law

MOTION (Dooney/Buehner)

WHEREAS this has an effect on agriculture and Norfolk County should have procedures in place for proper soil requirements for all people wishing to perform this practice in Norfolk County and add transparency for all those wishing to perform these actions in Norfolk County

THAT the AAB present the document to appropriate staff

D) Healair – Brochure

The board discussed this and other air filtration systems that could help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in bunkhouses. The ad was received as information and the AAB will explore its benefits further with a local expert.

E) Future Meeting Times

Poll will be sent out for last week in March, first week in April.

F) AAB Action Items

G) AODA Compliance Forms

Jacob reminded newcomers to complete forms and send to him.

Other Business (Item 7)

A) NCERTF

Zvi asked if anyone on the Board would be interested in joining an Economic Recovery Task Force subcommittee – D. Zamecnik will join the group.

B) Wireless Internet Install

Members discussed details, background and if they would support a proposal by Rogers to install high speed internet infrastructure to thousands of previously underserved homes in Norfolk County. Dusty will craft a letter supporting the program and how beneficial high speed internet would be for local farmers.

Adjournment (Item 8)

12:23 p.m.

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