



Township of Cramahe Agricultural Advisory Committee

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Date: March 18, 2025

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Council Chambers

Members Present: Steve Lipsett
Matt McComb
Lisa Meekes
Victoria Heffernan

Members Absent: Joe Banbury
Sandra Arthur
Ed Van Egmond

Staff Present: Nicole Newtonv

1. MEETING DETAILS

In Person Only -9am March 18

Council Chambers - 1 Toronto St. Colborne ON K0K 1S0

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matt McComb called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By Lisa Meekes

Seconded By Steve Lipsett

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agricultural Committee approve the agenda as amended to include 7.3. Verbal update.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By Steve Lipsett

Seconded By Lisa Meekes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agricultural Committee approve the minutes from January 15, 2025 as presented.

Carried

5. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved By Lisa Meekes

Seconded By Steve Lipsett

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agricultural committee receive item 6.1 for information.

Carried

6.1 Planning Application Discussion

Manager of Planning V. Heffernan to discuss planning applications received.

Manager of Planning, V. Heffernan outlined the two severance applications coming forward:

D10-HAR-03-2025

Certificate of Deletion to remove severance and revert back to original property format. Was completed in the 70's. Members confirmed if this is prime agricultural land and actively farmed? Answer is yes. Manager of Planning confirmed that there would be no future severances permitted. Members confirmed if once lot the is eliminated, would the owner still be able to build according to the agricultural zoning. The answer was yes.

D10-CLA-08-2025

Farm house separation and retained land to remain being farmed. There would be no eligibility for future severances or residential development.

Moved By Steve Lipsett

Seconded By Lisa Meekes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agricultural committee is in support of the application D10-HAR-03-25 for Mitchell Road and that there are no concerns.

Carried

Moved By Lisa Meekes

Seconded By Steve Lipsett

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agricultural committee is in support of application D10-CLA-08-2025 for Pinegrove Road and have no concerns.

Carried

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Website Update

**** Old Business**** Township staff to provide verbal update on migration to new platform.

Committee discussion on having a dedicated page on the new website platform for agricultural initiatives. Reference to a farm gate guide. Potential for working together with EcDev Committee on an agricultural page for farm business contacts. Ag Business Spotlights on the landing page with information, such as agri-food venture center.

Committee to prepare lists of all website ideas for farming page and committee to discuss at next meeting.

7.2 Event Ideas and updates

**** Old Business**** Staff to provide updates on:

- Apple Blossom
- Touch a Truck

Apple Blossom cancelled - touch a truck will be continuing. Deputy Clerk N. Newton to confirm with Parks and Recreation Committee on final date so that the Agricultural committee can begin to recruit vehicles.

7.3 Verbal Update

Manager of Planning V. Heffernan provided a verbal update on an upcoming local support event for entrepreneurs and employers for Township of Cramahe, on ~~April 28, 2025~~ May 5, 2025, hosted by the Planning Department. An invitation is extended to this committee for a table, or individually - free of charge.

8. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday June 17, 2025 at 9am.**

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Steve Lipsett

Seconded By Lisa Meekes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agricultural Committee adjourn the meeting at 10:16a.m.

Carried

Chair; Board Secretary