



Township of Cramahe Agricultural Advisory Committee

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Date: June 17, 2025

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Council Chambers

Members Present: Joe Banbury
Steve Lipsett
Matt McComb
Lisa Meekes
Sandra Arthur

Members Absent: Victoria Heffernan
Ed Van Egmond

Staff Present: Janet Newall

Others Present: Regrets N Newton

1. MEETING DETAILS

In Person

Colborne Municipal Office - 3rd floor

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair M. McComb called the meeting to order at 9:11am.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By Steve Lipsett

Seconded By Lisa Meekes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agricultural Committee approve the June 17, 2025 agenda as presented.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By Steve Lipsett

Seconded By Lisa Meekes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agricultural Committee approve the minutes from March 18, 2025 as presented.

Carried

5. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

NONE

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved By Lisa Meekes

Seconded By Sandra Arthur

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receive items 6.1. through 6.3. for information

Carried

6.1 Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness

Correspondence related to Agricultural System Implementation.

Committee discussion around the inventory of Agricultural land in production at current date and importance of this prior to completing OP review. Committee wondering if there is flexibility to have provisions included for Council consideration?

6.2 Grant Opportunity

[Agriculture Economic Development program | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/agriculture-economic-development-program)

L. Meekes reviewed resource and discussed briefly.

6.3 2025 Poli Ag Tour

Northumberland federation of Agriculture (NFA) will be having their Poli Ag tour Aug 7th, 2025. Discussion on committee attendance.

L. Meekes gave further details of event. Invitations will be sent out shortly directed towards council members, municipal staff, MP, MPP and those involved in decision making that affects rural Agriculture.

Goal of the day is to give overview and highlight of current best practices, concerns and development in local farming and Ag resources to those involved in levels of government that may not be otherwise familiar.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Roads Safety and Tour

Concern received regarding farm equipment and road safety.

Committee to discuss the Operations Department's brushing status for farm equipment visibility.

Committee to discuss a roads tour.

The Committee had a discussion around road safety including Ontario Federation of Agriculture resources, slow moving signs on farm equipment and share the road signage. J. Newall suggested if committee had key areas of concern, could bring forward to "Report a Concern" portal on the Township's website, or staff to have investigated and resources could potentially be allocated.

Slow your Roll Campaign and Transition Safety Zones via County initiatives were also discussed.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Touch a Truck

Committee to touch base on the upcoming Touch a Truck event on August 23, 2025.

L. Meekes confirmed the grain table and sensory bin will be available and have been booked. Looking to order box of farm digest for materials to hand out at event. Committee to use the Agricultural budget for educational materials as approved during the 2025 budget process.

M. McComb, S. Lipsett and L. Meekes are available for Touch-a-Truck event on August 23rd, 2025. Staff to correspond details closer to event.

Committee members will send staff list of potential invitees that could also attend event with equipment or swag within the following week to ensure they are included within the list.

8.2 Website Update

Committee update on website migration status and Agricultural Committee page.

J. Newall gave update that within 2 weeks staff will have the hand off of the new platform to start building new pages with the anticipated "go-live" date being an early September 2025 launch.

S. Lipsett to send J. Newall notes of links would like included on Agricultural Committee landing page. J. Newall confirmed the hope to send draft pages to those departments and committees that have requested pages by early July 2025, and to have final edits and drafts completed by early August 2025. Committee will be sent a copy to review prior to publishing.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

10. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on September 16th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Sandra Arthur

Seconded By Lisa Meekes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agricultural Committee adjourn the meeting at 10:11am

Carried

Chair; Board Secretary