



Agenda

The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: October 17, 2019 REVISED
Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Prepared by: Sarah Merrifield, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

A. Call to Order

- **Approval of Agenda**

Recommended (Moved by, Seconded by)

THAT the Agenda of October 17, 2019 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20, Agricultural Advisory Committee Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

- **Previous Minutes (September 19, 2019)**

Recommended (Moved by, Seconded by)

THAT the Minutes of September 19, 2019 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

B.1 Deputations, if any

None

B.2 Public Comment Period (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20, fifteen minutes is allotted at the Meeting to receive public comments regarding Agricultural Advisory Committee matters included on the Agenda. The speaker shall provide their name and address, and shall address their comments to the Chair. Comments shall not refer to personnel, litigation or potential litigation matters.

B.3 Staff Reports, if any

B.3.1 2020 to 2022 Budget Follow-up, FAF.19.213

Recommended (Moved by, seconded by)

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receive Staff Report FAF.19.213 entitled "2020 to 2022 Budget Follow-up";

AND THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee endorses the 2020 to 2022 budget as included as Attachment #1 for Council consideration during the 2020 budget deliberations.

C. Matters for Discussion

C.1 Follow-up from Questions Posed during August 15, 2019 Public Comment Period regarding Truvisit – Councillor Matrosovs

Note: At the August 15, 2019 Committee meeting, the following questions were posed to the Committee.

Questions from August 15, 2019 Committee meeting:

1. Why would this committee recommend to Town Council that they continue the road allowance spraying of the toxic pesticide Truvisit, when the problem is no longer the road allowance but unmanaged wild chervil that is allowed to grow and go to seed on farmland and private property?
2. Why support the unnecessary spraying of the road allowance when it is known that Truvisit is toxic to aquatic organisms and most road allowances have ditches that drain into our local streams and rivers.
3. Why support the unnecessary spraying of the road allowances when Truvisit can leach into ground waters and contaminate our wells.
4. Why support the unnecessary spraying of the road allowances when Truvisit kills everything but grass. It kills trees, shrubs, wildflowers that feed our pollinators, and any other vegetation it comes in contact with, both on the surface and where it leaches into the ground and reaches the roots. It kills crops such as but not limited to peas, potatoes, soybeans, alfalfa, grapes, and vegetables. Remember it kills everything but grass.
5. Why support the unnecessary spraying of the road allowances, the spraying that poisons the space where I walk, where my children and grandchildren walk, where I walk my dog. In rural residential TBM, we don't have sidewalks.
6. Why support the unnecessary spraying of the road allowances when local farmers don't seem to care about the wild chervil where they're planting. I have a picture taken June 9, this year, on the 10th Line of a cultivated field right next to a huge strip of wild chervil. What reason is there to support the unnecessary spraying of the road allowances when farmers cut and bale hay that is full of wild chervil gone to seed?

C.2 Follow-up regarding Wild Chervil Question & Answer Resource – Councillor Matrosovs

C.3 Planning Department

Re: Resources related to Agricultural Land Use Planning for Farmers

Note: included for Committee reference and resource are the following:

- Provincial Policy Statement s.2.3 Agriculture -
- Town's Official Plan s.B.4 Rural Countryside Designations
- Town's Zoning By-law Provisions pp. 53-57, and 82-85
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs Permitted Use Guide (online) - <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/facts/permitteduseguide.pdf>
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Guidelines Overview (online) - <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/mds.htm#1>
- Government of Ontario Resource Applying for Changes to Land Use (online) - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/applying-changes-land-use>

C.4 Township of Warwick Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms Follow-up

Note: The following motion was passed at the September 30, 2019 Council meeting:

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee recommendation of August 15, 2019 recommending endorsement of the Township of Warwick June 17, 2019 motion;

AND THAT as recommended by The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains endorses the June 17, 2019 resolution of the Township of Warwick regarding enforcement for safety on family farms;

AND THAT Mayor Soever and Deputy Mayor Bartnicki request the Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to attend a future Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting, Carried.

C.5 Follow-up from September 19, 2019 Agricultural Advisory Meeting with Cyclist Group and Discussion regarding Bicycle Licensing Program

Note: the following motion was passed at the October 8, 2019 Transportation Committee meeting. The motion requires Council consideration **after** the Committee minutes are formally adopted at the November 12, 2019 Transportation Committee meeting.

THAT with respect to staff report FAF.19.205 Follow-up for the 2020 to 2022 Budget, the Transportation Committee recommend Council direct staff to collaborate with Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan staff to determine the feasibility of a bicycle licensing program for Town of The Blue Mountains, Carried.

D. Correspondence

D.1 Marlene Lawrence, Resident Re: Truvist Spraying of Wild Chervil

For Committee consideration.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to the Agenda

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

November 21, 2019
Town Hall, Council Chambers

G. Adjournment

Recommended (Moved by, Seconded by)

THAT The Agricultural Advisory Committee does now adjourn at (TIME) p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.