

Agricultural Committee

The Agricultural Committee Meeting was held on March 7th, 2017 at 1900

Members of Council: Councillor Kim Weedmark, Councillor Stephen Ireland

Resident Members Present: Ron Maitland, Ian Harvey, Gary Brown

No members of the public were in attendance

Appointment of AAC Committee Chair – Gary Brown

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: NONE

Additions to Agenda:

7.6 Farm Business List

Motioned by Ron Maitland, Seconded by Ian Harvey

Agenda Approved by All

AAC Committee Terms of Reference and Membership: The focus of this Advisory Committee is agricultural and rural affairs connected with agriculture within the Merrickville-Wolford community making it possible to identify primary agriculture issues and take them to Council.

Membership is two members of Council and five volunteer members of the public who have a background in agricultural issues or an interest in these matters.

Revised Draft Open-Air Burn By-Law: Reviewed by-law and edits as updated and felt it meets the Agricultural Committees needs.

Fence Viewer: Possible to have the by-law officer involved when issues arise. Staff to comment.

Noxious Weeds: County Weed Inspector currently handling the inspecting – leave this as is for now.

MPAC Farm Assessment: Public Info sessions with MPAC tentative for April 5, 2017 in Eastons Corners. This will need to be advertised. Website, flyers, Phoenix, Bulletin Boards. Kathy to get information about this info session from John and update website.

Strategic/Operational Plan: Supporting the Fair Board fits with our strat plan and it's our Agricultural voice and a celebration of our community.

Motioned by Ron Maitland, Seconded by Ian Harvey

Farm Business List: John to get a list from MPAC for cross referencing. Work on identifying what you can on the list for next meeting.

For the next meeting – think about this to add to the Strat Plan.

Next meeting set for March 28th, 2017 at 1900.

Chair Adjourns meeting at 2025.