

Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Council Chamber
City Hall, 1435 Water Street

Committee Members Present: John Janmatt (Chair), Keith Duhaime, Yvonne Herbison (Vice Chair), Domenic Rampone, Pete Spencer (Alternate), Jeff Ricketts (Alternate), Kevin Daniels (Alternate)

Committee Members Absent: Avi Gill, Aura Rose, Derek Brown (Alternate), Jill Worboys,

Staff Present: Planner Specialist, Alex Kondor; Legislative Coordinator (Confidential), Clint McKenzie, Utility Services Manager, Kevin Van Vliet

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Opening remarks by the Chair regarding conduct of the meeting were read.

2. Minutes

Moved by Domenic Rampone/Seconded by Keith Duhaime

THAT the Minutes of the February 13, 2020 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Carried

3. Applications for Consideration

3.1 2021 Agricultural Water Rates

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposed water rates for agriculture in 2021.

- Provided an overview of Council Direction.
- Provided an overview of some of the main drivers regarding the water utility rate.
- 25% increase being proposed from \$96.30 to \$120 per acre for Farm Agricultural Rate.
- Reviewed revenues generated from farms.
- Reviewed the overall allotment rates (rates per cubic metre)

- Reviewed the meter renewal and leak detection technology. Will be valuable for agricultural users.

Staff responded to questions from the Committee.

Moved by Jeff Ricketts seconded by Yvonne Herbison

THAT after consultation with staff the ACC supports the proposed agricultural water rate of \$120 acre;

AND THAT This rate should be implemented progressively over three years starting in 2021.

Carried

4. New Business

ALC decisions were reviewed by staff since meeting in February 2020.

5. Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting has been scheduled for August 13, 2020.

6. Termination of Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting terminated at 7:40pm.

Chair