

Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021
Location: Council Chamber
City Hall, 1435 Water Street

Members Present John Janmaat (Chair)*, Yvonne Herbison (Vice Chair), Aura Rose, Domenic Rampone, Derek Brown

Members Absent Avi Gill, Jill Worboys

Staff Present Wesley Miles, Planner Specialist; Tyler Caswell, Planner I; Clint McKenzie, Legislative Coordinator (Confidential)

(* Denotes partial attendance.)

1. Call to Order

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Opening remarks by the Vice Chair regarding conduct of the meeting were read and the criteria for evaluating applications.

2. Minutes

Moved By Domenic Rampone/Seconded By Derek Brown

THAT the Minutes of the October 14, 2021 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Carried

The Chair arrived and presided over the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

3. Applications for Consideration

3.1 3850 Swamp Rd, A21-0008 - Christine and Kevin Schmidt

Staff displayed a PowerPoint presentation outlining the application and responded to questions from the Committee.

Staff:

- Confirmed the setback distance from Mission Creek.
- Spoke to the clean fill monitoring.
- Provided an overview of the ministry non-farm use application process.

Applicant Karl Withler

- Provided an overview of the application.
- Spoke to the drop sampling to confirm non contaminants in the field with stage one testing.
- Confident that the fill is clean and ready for agricultural purposes.
- Spoke to the dyke setback from Mission Creek.
- Confirmed the majority of the fill is coming from the Truswell area and the Swamp road traffic circle construction project.

Owner, Kevin Schmidt:

-Owner provided an overview of experience with applications and reasons why they were not applied for ahead of time.

Confirmed they have not been paid for the fill onsite.

Staff provided information on how compliance is ensured.

Moved By Domenic Rampone/Seconded By Yvonne Herbison

THAT the Committee recommends that Council request permission from the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) to allow for a Non-Farm Use to place up to 23,500 cubic meters of fill on the property to reclaim for agriculture, under Section 20(3) of the Agricultural Land Commission Act.

Carried

Anecdotal comments:

-Request that measures be taken to ensure the fill meets agricultural requirements.

4. ALC Decisions - Update

Site visits were conducted but no resolutions have been forwarded to date.

5. New Business

The staff report to Council requesting nonvoting representation from the Ministry of Agriculture is in progress.

The update to the Committee regarding housing on ALR land is currently being reviewed by other departments for further input prior to presenting to the Committee.

The City application to the ALC for the transit exchange in Rutland has been submitted. ALC staff have requested more technical detail. A site visit is anticipated in the near future.

The Culinary Institute at Summerhill Winery has not received a resolution yet from ALC.

6. Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting has been scheduled for December 9, 2021.

7. Termination of Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting terminated at 6:39 p.m.

 Chair