

Date: July 24, 2024
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Committee Meeting Room, Town Hall

Attendance: Councillor Kevin Ker
Dan DeVries
Doug Wilson, Vice Chair
John Langendoen
Joyce Sonneveld
Louis Damm, Chair
Sherry Rusin
Sandra Frayne

Staff: Lindsay Richardson, Policy Planner
Sarah Leach, Deputy Clerk
Jennifer Stirton, Town Solicitor

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Noting that quorum was present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

2. Land Recognition Statement

The Chair recited the land recognition statement.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Doug Wilson
Seconded by: Sherry Rusin

THAT the agenda for the July 24, 2024, regular meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee be adopted.

Carried

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature

There were no pecuniary interests disclosed by any of the members present.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 31, 2024

Moved By: Sandra Frayne
Seconded By: Sherry Rusin

THAT the meeting minutes from January 31, 2024, regular meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

6. Regular Business

6.1. Presentation and Discussion – Proposed Special Events By-law (Legal and Clerks Department)

The Towns Solicitor provided an overview of the proposed special events by-law including where it would apply and what the application process would entail.

The Committee discussed the by-law and posed a number of questions for clarification including what types of uses could be excluded (i.e. weddings) and would large events that were part of the main business operations still be required to obtain a permit. Other comments included:

- Overall supportive of the need for the by-law and satisfied with the work of the Town to prepare something for review;
- Need for safety requirements and parking information to ensure there are no conflicts with neighbouring properties;
- Considerations for washrooms, vendors and food sold from tents (vs. traditional food trucks) should be given and included into the by-law;
- The size of the overall event should dictate the need for a permit;
- Committee does not want to discourage agri-tourism uses by being overly restrictive, but also recognize the need to regulate uses that may occur on a “one-time only” basis, or on a yearly basis (i.e. the pick your own tulip events, with food trucks and washrooms and vendors etc);
- Noted there should be some clause in the by-law that ensures the site is restored to its normal operation as part of the permit process;
- Concerns with the number of potential visitors and damage to public and private property – can this be addressed through the by-law?

6.2 Other Business

Official Plan

Staff provided a brief update on the status of the Official Plan. Once available, the Committee will be invited to review and provide feedback at a later date.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on October 23, 2024, in Council Chambers at Town Hall at 2:00 pm.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Louis Damm
Seconded by Doug Wilson

THAT this Regular Meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee be adjourned at 2:39 pm.

Carried



Chair, Louis Damm



Lindsay Richardson, Policy Planner