

**MINUTES**  
**COUNTY OF LAMBTON AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**March 05, 2026**

A meeting was held at Committee Room #1 in the County of Lambton Administration Building at 10:00 a.m. on the above date.

**Present**

Chair Mr. G. Atkinson, Councillor, County of Lambton and Members, Ms. J. Rombouts, Mr. J. Zekveld. Ms. J. Ball, Mr. R. Core, Mr. M. Rombouts, Mr. B. Podolinsky, Mr. B. Williamson. Staff members were present, including Mr. K. Marriott, Warden, County of Lambton, Mr. J. Cole, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, Ms. C. Nauta, Manager, Development Services, Mr. W. Nywening, Senior Planning Official, Development Services, Ms. L. Klompstra, Executive Assistant, Office of the CAO. Mr. B. Boyle, Facilitator was also in attendance.

**Regrets**

Mr. C. Anderson, Ms. J. Maw, Mr. H. van Wieren, Mr. D. Bryson and Mr. E. Willemse.

**Guests**

Ms. J. Van Zwol, Healthy Watershed Coordinator, St. Clair Conservation Authority.

**Welcome**

Mr. G. Atkinson welcomed the group to the meeting. congratulations extended to Blair Williamson on his appointment as Chair of the Agriculture Hall of Fame.

CLAAC members can communicate with staff by emailing [claac@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:claac@county-lambton.on.ca).

**Approval of Minutes**

The County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated November 27, 2025 were presented.

**#1:** J.Rombouts/M. Rombouts: That the County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated November 27, 2025 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

## **Approval of Agenda**

The County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee agenda dated March 05, 2026 be accepted as presented.

#2: J. Ball/M. Rombouts: That the County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee agenda dated November 27, 2025 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

## **Additions**

There were no additions to the agenda.

## **Items for Discussion**

### **A) International Plowing Match**

Mr. J. Cole shared updates, provided by the organizing committee, on the 2027 International Plowing Match, including recent advocacy efforts and promotion activities, along with details of the upcoming Volunteer Information Night on March 26, 2026, and the continued need for volunteers, particularly those with emergency management experience.

### **B) Cargill Request for Minister's Zoning Order**

Members discussed Cargill's request for a Minister's Zoning Order, reviewing potential impacts on government authority, development pressures, agricultural exports, rural/urban land use conflicts, environmental and safety considerations, and long-term implications for farmers and local municipalities.

CLAAC noted a unified position in support Cargill's request for Minister's Zoning Order and considered possible advocacy actions for CLAAC, County Council, farm groups, and Cargill.

### **C) Land Stewardship Program Update**

Mr. J. Cole and Ms. J. Van Zwol shared an update on the Lambton County Stewardship Program highlighted 2025 achievements, including well decommissioning, livestock fencing projects, successful grant leverage, and the importance of stable long-term funding.

Future priorities discussed included the need for windbreaks, educational outreach on soil and drainage impacts, and challenges related to woodlot preservation under development pressure.

Warden Marriott joined the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

**D) Lambton County Official Plan and Planning Issues**

Mr. W. Nywening provided an overview of planning matters, including requirements under the County Official Plan review, updated Land Needs Assessments based on projected population growth, new Provincial Policy Statement obligations such as Agricultural Impact Assessments, and changes permitting additional accessory dwelling units on farms, with discussions focusing on balancing growth with the preservation of prime agricultural land.

**E) Agricultural Hall of Fame**

Mr. B. Williamson share that the Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame accepts nominations for individuals or organizations that have contributed to and beyond the agricultural community until March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Nominations can be submitted at any time of the year, and before that date to [www.lambtonfederation.ca](http://www.lambtonfederation.ca).

**Adjournment**

#3: B. Podolinsky/J. Ball: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned.

Carried.

Time: 12:10 p.m.