

MINUTES
COUNTY OF LAMBTON AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 14, 2024

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

Present

Chair Mr. G Atkinson and Members Mr. C. Anderson, Mr. H. van Wieren, Mr. M. Rombouts, Ms. J. Ball, Mr. J. Zekveld, Mr. R. Core. Staff members were present, including Mr. K. Marriott, Warden, County of Lambton, Mr. J. Cole, General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services, Ms. O. Leger, General Manager, Corporate Services, Ms. C Nauta, Manager, Planning and Development Services (temporary), Mr. K. Bulgin, Planner, Planning & Development Services, Ms. L. Bydeley, Executive Assistant, Infrastructure and Development Services. Mr. B. Boyle, Facilitator was also in attendance.

Absent

Mr. S. Leystra, Ms. J Maw.

Welcome (Gary Atkinson)

Gary Atkinson welcomed the group to the inaugural meeting.

Membership Introductions

Members introduced themselves to the group.

Items for Discussion

A) Code of Conduct and Procedural Rules (Olivia Leger)

Olivia discussed procedural matters and provided a high-level overview of the County's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct and Procedural By-Law was provided to members.

B) History of CLAAC (Bryan Boyle)

The history of CLAAC from 2009-2016 was presented. Revitalization of the group was driven by a desire to collaborate and build relationships with community partners and for the agricultural community to provide advice to Council on matters affecting the sector.

C) Terms of Reference (Bryan Boyle)

The updated Terms of Reference were reviewed with members. Each member is able to serve a maximum of two 3-year terms. In order to ensure continuity, one-

third of the membership will turn over each year. Members randomly drew their initial term:

3 year term

"Feathers" Livestock Industry - Mackie Rombouts
Producer with Woodlot and/or Wildlife Interests - Ron Core
Lambton Soil & Crop Improvement - Jill Ball

2 year term

Lambton Cattlemen's - Chad Anderson
Lambton Dairy Producers - Harry van Wieren
Grain Farmers of Lambton - Julie Maw

1 year term

Lambton Pork Producers - Scott Leystra
Vegetable & Specialty Crop - John Zekveld
Chair – The Chair is elected annually by County Council.

D) Meeting Schedule

Members agreed to meet three times per year in late March/early April, mid-August and early December.

E) Next Steps

Options for the December 2024 meeting date will be sent out for consideration. A Vice-Chair will be elected at the December meeting. Members will send agenda items for upcoming meetings to the Chair.

Other Business

Members held a roundtable discussion about the current state in their sector. Members participated in a brainstorming exercise and shared important characteristics for members to have including being respectful, committed, open minded, knowledgeable in their sector, prepared for meetings, and willing to consider the needs of the entire sector in decision making.

Adjournment

#1 van Wieren/Rombouts: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned and that the next meeting be held at a time as coordinated by Staff in early December.

Carried.

Time: 11:20 a.m.