



AGENDA
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.
Committee Room #3, Wyoming

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1. **Call to Order - Agricultural Advisory Committee**

Committee Members: Chair Mr. G. Atkinson and Members Mr. C. Anderson, Mr. H. van Wieren, Ms. J. Maw, Ms. J. Ball, Mr. J. Zekveld, Mr. R. Core, Mr. S. Leystra (Mr. M. Rombouts sent regrets).

2. **Welcome - Chair, Gary Atkinson**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

a) Approval of Minutes dated December 11, 2024.

4. **Additions to the Agenda**

5. **Action Items from Previous Minutes**

A) **Drainage Action Plan**

B) **Stewardship Follow-Up and Action Plan**

6. **Items for Discussion**

A) **Road Responsibility in Lambton County**

B) **Planning Process in Lambton County**

7. **Other Business**

8. **Adjournment**

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COUNTY OF LAMBTON AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 11, 2024

A meeting was held at Committee Room #3 in the County of Lambton Administration 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, Mr. B Podolinsky. 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, 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.

Guests

Staff members including Mr. W. Nywening, Senior Planner and Ms. M Cossa-Rossi, Senior Planner, Mr. A. Meyer, General Manager, Cultural Services. Ms. J. Van Zwol, St. Clair Region and Conservation Authority was also in attendance.

Welcome

Mr. G. Atkinson welcomed the group to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated August 14, 2024 were presented.

#1: van Wieren/Rombouts: That the County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated August 14, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Items for Discussion

A) Drainage Discussion

The group discussed current drainage issues affecting farmers in Lambton County and potential actions that could be taken to improve the systems.

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B) Agricultural Producers' Planning and Building Permit and Inspection Issues

Ms. C Nauta introduced the new Development Services department effective January 1, 2025. Any building or planning needs for all municipalities except Sarnia, plumbing or septic inspections county wide, property standards or by-law enforcement for all municipalities except Sarnia and Lambton Shores and any weed and weedlot by-law administration is carried out by this department.

C) 2024 Provincial Planning Statement

Ms. M. Cossa-Rossi and Mr. W. Nywening presented changes that came into effect on October 20, 2024. The group discussed the implications these changes could have for farmers in Lambton County.

D) County of Lambton Land Stewardship Program

Mr. A Meyer and Ms. J. Van Zwol shared information about the development of a Lambton County Land Stewardship Program. CLAAC members provided input on projects they would like to see included in the program. Consultation has also taken place with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and the Ausable Bayfield Conversation Authority.

E) Responsibility for Various Roads in Lambton County

This was deferred to the next meeting.

F) Selection of Vice Chair from CLAAC Members

The nominations for the position of Vice Chair were opened and closed. It was announced by the Chair, Mr. G. Atkinson, that Mr. M. Rombouts was chosen as the Vice Chair.

#2: Anderson/Core: That Mr. M. Rombouts be acclaimed as Vice Chair of the County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Carried.

G) Tool for CLAAC Communication with County Staff

Discussion will be held at the next meeting about how CLAAC members prefer to connect with County staff.

Other Business

The next meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Members congratulated Mr. K. Marriott on being elected to a 3rd term as Warden of Lambton County Council.

Adjournment

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#3: van Wieren/Rombouts: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the County of Lambton Administration Building, Wyoming, Ontario.

Carried.

Time: 12:00 p.m.