



AGENDA
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 5, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.
Committee Room #1, Wyoming

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

Committee Members: Chair Mr. G. Atkinson and Members Mr. B. Williamson, Mr. H. van Wieren, Mr. B Podolinski, Ms. J. Ball, Mr. J. Zekveld, Mr. R. Core, Ms. J. Rombouts, Mr. M. Rombouts

2. **Welcome - Gary Atkinson**

3. **Approval of Minutes from November 27, 2025**

- a) Approval of the County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes dated November 27, 2025.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

5. **Additions to the Agenda**

6. **Items for Discussion**

- a) International Plowing Match 2027 Update
b) Crop Chats Presentation
c) Land Stewardship Program Update
d) Official Plan Update and Planning Issue
e) Agricultural Hall of Fame
f) Roundtable

7. **Other Business**

- a) Schedule Next Meeting Date

8. **Adjournment**

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COUNTY OF LAMBTON AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 27, 2025

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, Ms. J. Maw, Ms. J. Rombouts, Mr. J. Zekveld. 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. K. Bulgin, Planner, Development Services, Ms. L. Bydeley, Executive Assistant, Infrastructure and Development Services. Mr. B. Boyle, Facilitator was also in attendance.

Regrets

Ms. J. Ball, Mr. R. Core, Mr. M. Rombouts, Mr. H. van Wieren.

Guests

Ms. Christine Greydanus, Enniskillen Produce, Ms. J. Van Zwol and Mr. J. Sharp, St. Clair Region and Conservation Authority, Mr. D. Bryson and Ms. D. Coke, Lambton Plowing Match 2027 Planning Committee. Staff member Mr. W. Nywening, Senior Planning Official was also in attendance.

Welcome

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

CLAAC members can communicate with staff by emailing claac@county-lambton.on.ca.

Approval of Minutes

The County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated March 26, 2025 were presented.

#1: Zekveld/Maw: That the County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated March 26, 2025 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

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Approval of Agenda

The County of Lambton Agricultural Advisory Committee agenda dated November 27, 2025 be accepted as presented.

#2: Anderson/J. 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) Greenhouse Discussion

Ms. C. Greydanus shared information about the operation of Enniskillen Produce to educate the members on the benefits of LED lights for production and expansion of the greenhouse to compete in the produce market. CLAAC members discussed the value of providing education to the community and promoting local farming for food security.

B) International Plowing Match, 2027

Mr. D. Bryson and Ms. D. Coke shared information about the International Plowing Match & Rural Expo scheduled for September 21-25, 2027 at the Brigden Fairgrounds. The committee is looking for 800-1000 volunteers to make this event a success. Applications to volunteer can be found at www.lambtonipm.ca.

C) Communication About Upcoming Events

Members shared upcoming events from their commodity groups.

D) Land Stewardship Program Update

Mr. J. Cole, Ms. J. Van Zwol and Mr. J. Sharp shared the successes of the 2025 Land Stewardship Program. Program funding of \$85,000 provided grants to 9 project types including erosion control, wetlands, native tree planting, forest management plans, community planting events, invasive species management, well decommissioning, cover crops and livestock fencing.

E) Lambton County Official Plan

Mr. W. Nywening provided an update on the status of the County of Lambton Official Plan Review. Details can be found on the County of Lambton website page for Official Plan Review: <https://www.lambtononline.ca/en/business-and-development/official-plan-review.aspx>.

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F) Revolving CLAAC Membership Terms

Initial membership terms of one, two and three years were drawn at random by members to stagger the turn over of memberships. In 2025, Vegetable & Specialty Crop member Mr. J. Zekveld was chosen to continue participation in the group for the 2026-2028 term. Lambton Pork Producers chose Ms. J. Rombouts for the 2026-2028 term.

G) Emergency Management Ontario Update

Mr. J. Cole shared correspondence from Emergency Management Ontario regarding provision of resources to manage water during drought conditions including information from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness.

H) 9-1-1 Website Update

Ms. C. Nauta provided planning@county-lambton.on.ca as a contact option for questions or comments pertaining to 9-1-1 address signs. More information can be found online at: <https://www.lambtononline.ca/en/resident-services/911-address-signs.aspx>.

I) Agricultural Hall of Fame

The Lambton Agricultural Hall of Fame is currently accepting nominations for individuals or organizations that have contributed to and beyond the agricultural community. Nominations can be submitted at www.lambtonfederation.ca.

Adjournment

#3: Zekveld/J. Rombouts: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned.

Carried.

Time: 11:49 a.m.