THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY & ACTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES

APAC 02-2019
Friday, April 26, 2019
Committee Room 4
Niagara Region Headquarters
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold ON

Committee:	Councillors Easton, Jordan, Steele, Witteveen (Committee Chair); G. Janes, C. Mullet Koop, B. Schenck (Committee Vice Chair), J. Schonberger, L. Troup, A. Vaughn, K. Wiens
Absent/Regrets:	Bradley (Regional Chair), Councillors Butters, Disero; J. Kikkert, A. White
Staff:	E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, K. Provost, Economic Development Officer
Others Present:	Councillor Junkin, C. Hamilton, Niagara South Federation of Agriculture, S. Marshall, Ontario Tender Fruit, H. Swierenga, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Witteveen, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Phragmites Overview

Adam Bouden, Planning Ecologist, Planning and Development Services, provided Committee members with information respecting Phragmites Overview. Topics of the presentation included:

- Phragmites Characteristics
- Biodiversity and Habitat Loss
- Habitat Preference
- Historical/Predicted Distribution
- Control Methods

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Phragmites Presentation

Phragmites australis - Canada' s Most Invasive Plant:
Concerns and Control Options
Presentation to Niagara-on-the-Lake Council, April 1, 2019

Moved by J. Schonberger
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That the presentation, respecting the Phragmites australis-Canada's Most Invasive Plan presentation to Niagara-on-the-Lake Council, dated April 1, 2019, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.2 Niagara Economic Development Strategy 2019 - 2024

Kelly Provost, Economic Development Officer, provided Committee members with a brief overview of the Niagara Economic Development Strategy 2019-2024.

Moved by B. Schenck
Seconded by K. Wiens

That the Agricultural Policy and Action Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Planning and Economic Development Committee:

1. That Regional Council **CONSIDER** funding an Agricultural Ambassador to move the Niagara Irrigation Plan forward and address water infrastructure needs in rural areas.

Carried

Moved by J. Schonberger
Seconded by K. Wiens

That the presentation, respecting Niagara Economic Development Strategy 2019 – 2014, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.3 Asset Mapping

Asset Mapping - Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance

Kelly Provost, Economic Development Officer, provided Committee members with a brief overview of the Asset Mapping provided by the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance.

Moved by B. Schenk
Seconded by Councillor Jordan

That the Asset Mapping - Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance presentation, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.4 APAC 1-2019

Agricultural Policy and Action Committee Minutes

February 22, 2019

Moved by J. Schonberger
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That APAC 1-2019, being the Agricultural Policy and Action Committee Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, February 22, 2019, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.5 APAC-C 4-2019

Motion from the Planning and Economic Development meeting of Wednesday, April 17, 2019, regarding regulations, policies and enforcement of Cannabis and Greenhouse Industry.

Moved by K. Wiens
Seconded by Councillor Easton

That Memorandum APAC-C 4-2019, dated April 26, 2019, respecting a motion from the Planning and Economic Development meeting of Wednesday, April 17, 2019, regarding Regulations, Policies and Enforcement of Cannabis and Greenhouse Industry, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Niagara Region Water Course Mapping Committee

Kai Wiens, Committee member, enquired if the Water Course Mapping Committee was still in existence. Erik Acs, Manager, Community Planning, informed Committee members that the Water Course Mapping Project that was funded by Niagara Region and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority was completed approximately two years ago. Mr. Wiens requested that staff contact the Niagara-on-the-Lake representative to ensure that all information pertaining to the Water Course Mapping Project had been received.

7.2 Niagara Farm Day

Henry Swierenga, Member Service Representative, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, advised members of the Niagara North Federation of Agriculture's Niagara Farm Day event, taking place on Saturday May 11, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the West Niagara Agricultural Centre and Fairgrounds in West Lincoln.

7.3 Regional Farm Tour

Henry Swierenga, Member Service Representative, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, advised Committee members of the Niagara North Federation of Agriculture's Niagara Region Farm Tour Day taking place on Thursday, June 20, 2019. The bus will be leaving Niagara Region Headquarters at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

7.4 Regional Building Development Fees

Sarah Marshall, Ontario Tender Fruit, enquired if there are building development fees for agricultural purposes, including help houses.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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Councillor Witteveen
Committee Chair

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Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk